**This week please remember the following people in prayer:**  Troy, Cassie, Elyssa, Deedra, Jacob, and Jenna Graber

**Pray for those dealing** **with from medical** **issues:** Dick Yoder, Oliver Yutzy, Gerhard Luitjens (Nathan’s dad), Gerry Widmer, Victor Barrera (Victoria Perez’s father), Maddy Yeager, and Chad McMullin.

**Mennonite Mission Network** requests prayer for Benin where post-election violence has killed more than a dozen people. Pray for peace and for the well-being of all citizens as the economy worsens. Pray also for Mission Network partners – Benin Bible Institute, Bethesda Hospital, and La Casa Grande children’s village.

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference** Today we give thanks for the work of our current and former Central Plains Mennonite Conference pastors, including Rosie Epp, former pastor of Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who celebrates the 40th anniversary of her ordination this weekend.

**LAST SUNDAY**

**Attendance:**

**Offering:** Home Missions: $2,979 CCCC: 1,298.14

**Furnace/Air Conditioner Fellowship Hall Project total-to-date:** Furnace/Air Conditioner fund total to date is $7,035.00. Our goal is to raise $15,000.00.

**Today we offer anointing for:**

**Healing –**

 ▪Physical, emotional, or spiritual brokenness and pain

**Struggling with something in your life –**

▪Longing to be set free from something that seems to have you trapped

▪Dealing with a difficult decision

▪Dealing with relationships in your life that are causing you pain

▪Difficult situation that you don’t know how to deal with

**Looking forward to something new in your life –**

▪New opportunity or relationship that you are excited about

▪You feel God is calling you to try something and you need God’s

 strength and wisdom for the task.

**If you would like to be anointed, please go forward after the service.**

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**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”**

**August 25, 2019**

**SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH**

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**August 25, 2019**

We welcome all to this place

for worship of God and for Christian fellowship.

Let us worship God in spirit and truth,

reaching out to one another in Christ’s love.

8:45 am: Prayer in the Prayer Room

9:15 am: Sunday School

10:10 am: Fellowship Time

10:30 am: Worship

Worship Leader: Cole & Tim Meyer

Song Leader: Kathy Roth

Piano/Organ: Morgan Meyer/Gavin Slagel/Kylie Miller

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

*WB116 Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*WB343 My Hope is Built*

Children’s Story

Preschool Recognition

Special Music: Morgan Meyer

Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8 (NT p.193)

Message: Nathan “Revelation: The End of Time?”

*WB41 Come Thou Almighty King*

Offering: General Fund & Loose Change

Announcements, Sharing & Prayers

Benediction

*May the Lord, Mighty God*

Thank you to the Paul & Annette Boshart Von Tersch for serving in the nursery today during Sunday School and church. The nursery is available during Sunday school and church for children 2 years of age and younger.**The Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa** is seeking a part time director. The director oversees the Mennonite Museum at the Kalona Historical Village and leads the MHS board in telling and interpreting the story of Mennonites and Amish in Iowa. If you are interested in this part time position or would like to see a job description contact Nyle Kauffman, Board President at nkauff224@yahoo.com, or 319-354-3304. We would also like to hear suggestions for this position. Amanda Bleichty and Mary Lou Farmer have shared this position for several years and are concluding their work on October 31, 2019.

**Get involved with something BIG – record breaking BIG!** MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary and attempting to collect 6500 comforters to deliver to people in need all around the world. Get involved by tying a comforter on January 18, 2020 (mark your calendars now!). We are looking for people to host a comforter tying event in their community. Contact Kate Mast at 316.283.2720 or katemast@mcc.org for details, supplies and resources. It’s more than a warm blanket – it’s a message of love and compassion.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA**

"**Your donations should be and must be used to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ**, bring peace to our communities and facilitate the transforming work of the Holy Spirit." Executive Director Glen Guyton reflects on money matters within MC USA: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/money-matters-mc-usa](https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=9c8f8a8021&e=b0a26d3422).

Make plans to attend **the fall webinar series from MC USA for pastors and congregational leaders, Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics**, led by Scott Peterson, leadership pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona. It begins on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Learn more and register at [thegatheringplace.us](https://mennoniteusa.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=97f16d9c230780d6354d01572&id=7279d0fefb&e=b0a26d3422).

**TODAY**

**After Church:** Mission Trip meeting in the MYF Room

 Sundaes for Shalom in the Fellowship Hall

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, Sept 1, 10am:** Joint Service at Wayland Mennonite Church

**MYF News**

**August 25: MYF Council Meeting, 6pm,** in the MYF room. Council includes all seniors.

**August 28-September 2:** Old Threshers & Turkey Grill. Please honor your shifts!

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**MCC SCHOOL KITS** – Mennonite Women are asking the congregation to help make school kits that will be sent to MCC. We encourage you to begin donating the items now and we will be collecting the items through the month of August. **Each kit needs: 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 10 ½ in – 70 pages each), 8 new unsharpened #2 pencils, 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils in packaging, 1 large eraser, & 2 new black or blue ink pens. Mennonite Women will provide the metal pencil sharpeners.**

**The September *Prayer Vine*** calendar is available in the wooden rack in the foyer.

**Mennonite Women** will meet Wednesday, September 4th. Project: MCC Newborn Kits. Devotions: “A Dream in the Dark: Rigoberta and Mary of Nazareth.” Lunch: Sack lunch with dessert provided.

**Mission Trip 2020-** There will be a meeting for anyone interested in going to Guatemala on a mission trip March 13-21 today, August 25th after the church service in the MYF room. Anyone who is interested but can’t be there that day, please talk to Nathan as soon as possible.

**Children’s Sunday School needs you!** We need teachers for the Primary and Junior Departments. If you are interested, please talk to Rachelle, Jen Slagel, or Heather Freyenberger. The new year is getting close and we want to be able to offer Sunday School to the children.

**OLD THRESHERS and the Turkey** **Grill** are next weekend! Have you signed up yet? Tickets and wristbands will be handed out today for those who have volunteered. This is a great opportunity to work with folks in our congregation! Please sign up as soon as possible. Thank you! Contact Tim Graber with questions or to sign up.

**Next Sunday, September 1st Labor Day Joint Service** will be held at Wayland Mennonite this year. There will be fellowship time from 9-10 in the basement with coffee and rolls. The service will follow at 10am.

**Annual Reports:** Once again it’s time to reflect on the past year and the plan for the upcoming year. The annual report deadline is August 28th. If you are a church representative, committee chair, superintendent, or Sunday School president, we want to hear from you! When your report is finished, please forward a copy to sugarcreekmc@gmail.com or turn a copy in to the office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**The Library Committee** has sorted through the books in our church library. There are two tables of books in the foyer for you to look through and take as many as you want. Books not taken by the last Sunday in August will be disposed of.

**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sign up now for Women's Retreat** at Swan Lake Christian Camp Sept. 21-22. Together we will explore the book of Jonah using multiple senses and scriptural engagement practices. There will also be special interest sessions, good food, opportunity for being out in nature, fellowship, and so much more. You can register directly on the camp website ([www.myslcc.com/register](http://www.myslcc.com/register)) or call their office at (605) 326-5690. More information is also available on Facebook on the Central Plains Mennonite Women page. Please register by Sept. 9!

**Join us TODAY at Crooked Creek** for Sing & S’mores at the picnic shelter by the pond, starting at 5:00.

**If you enjoy providing generous hospitality through cooking,** we have an exciting opportunity for you at Crooked Creek! Applications are being taken for position of Food Service Manager at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Submit application, cover letter, and resume to Heather Bender heather@crookedcreekcamp.org For more information go to [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org).