**MYF News**

• Sept. 4&5 – Turkey Grill at Old Threshers (plan to work two shifts).

**This week please remember the following people in prayer:** Nathan, Rachelle, Mattias, Keiran, and Tristan Luitjens.

**Pray for those dealing** **with medical** **issues:** Thomas Bennett, Gary Conrad, Tim Detweiler, Karen Garrett, Maribel Goytia, Larry Graber, Ben Johnston, Jenny Kaufman, Jean Letts, Martha Marsh, Jim Miller, Sheldon Miller, Lynnix McMullin (daughter of Jessy & Katie), Bob Speak, Arlene Wenger, Todd Widmer, Kathy Yoder and Orpha Yoder..

**LAST SUNDAY**

Offering: General Fund: $3,249; Home Missions: $2,190;

Missions: $200; Conference: $50; CCCC: $50.



**September 5, 2021**

**Joint Worship Service at Wayland Mennonite Church, 10am.**

**Message:** Nathan Luitjens

**Envelopes:** The envelopes provided are for the offering today.

**Offering:** Home Missions (9/12- Missions)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

* Rachelle Luitjens, Genesis 1:1-2:4a

**THIS WEEK**

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 9th

* Worship Planning Meeting: 10am in the MYF room.

**SUGAR CREEK NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Welcome back to Rachelle!** She will be back in the office on Tue. Sept 7th.

**Adult Sun. School:** We will begin the Builder lesson on Sept. 12.

**On September 12, Christian Ed will be hosting**: Teacher appreciation/kick off to a new Sunday school year. Fellowship time- between Sunday school and worship service. Come enjoy rolls and coffee/orange juice as we celebrate our teachers. We’re happy to be together for Sunday school! That’s a reason to celebrate!

**Fellowship time:** This is a great way to visit and connect with everyone! We are looking for volunteers to help bring 3-4 dozen cookies or treats. Water and coffee are available to serve. You can sign up by filling the sign up sheet on the north bulletin board located in the foyer or by accessing it through SignUp Genius link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E45AEAB2DA0FA7-cookie

If you would like to provide something else feel free!! Thank you for considering and being willing to serve the church in this way!

**AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CCCC:** Crooked Creek Christian Camp has so much happening this fall!

* September 12, 4:00 pm Annual Sing 'N S'mores at Sunset Shelter. Enjoy a hymn sing and s'mores over a campfire.
* October 9, 3:00 pm. New Event! Harvest Fest! An event for all ages with fall themed activities, food and live music.
* October 14 Lunch and Lecture (Senior Day) starting at 9:30am Tony Brown coming to present and a soup lunch to enjoy.
* October 15-17: Fall craft retreat at the Lodge.

Lots more information on our website at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org)

We are excited to announce we will be hosting another online auction, December 7-12. We are currently collecting NEW or LIKE NEW items as well as antiques. Food, experiences and meat bundles are some of the best sellers from last year. Please contact Saralyn (saralyn@crookedcreekcamp.org) or Heather (heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) or talk to your camp rep to donate an item. Thank you for supporting CCCC in this way.

**CPMC:** Central Plains Mennonite Women's Retreat is scheduled for September 18-19, 2021 at Swan Lake Christian Camp in Viborg, SD. We are delighted to have Kate Friesen from Sioux Falls, SD as our speaker and look forward to a weekend of reconnecting, relaxing and sharing some of the sweeter parts of life together. Register by September 13 at https://myslcc.com/register/ or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. Check out the Central Plains Mennonite Women Facebook page for updates.

Pray for our sister churches in Eastern Iowa: First Mennonite of Iowa City, East Union, West Union, Kalona, and Wellman Mennonite Churches.

**MCUSA:** During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new “Learn, Pray, Join” initiative – The Cost of Poverty. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/

Mennonite Church USA will offer two Faith Formation Roundtables each month from August to October. These roundtables are intended to encourage and support faith formation leaders through collaborative methods. Read more here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/faith-formation-roundtable/.

Luis Alvarado is a chaplain at an immigration detention center in Texas, where he ministers to Christians and non-Christians alike. Through his work, he has met many immigrants, who have shared their stories and made him a better person. Read more about Alvarado’s encounters here: https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/luis-alvarado-chaplain-at-south-texas-detention-complex/.

Unlikely encounters often lead to transformation. Read how Sue Park-Hur has experienced transformation through some of her recent unlikely encounters in her blog, “Be transformed.” https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/be-transformed/

Shareholders are partial owners of the companies in which they hold shares. How can shareholders use this power to make a difference? Read about the power of shareholder advocacy in Chris Meyer’s blog, “Shareholder advocacy: a positive use of power.” https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/shareholder-advocacy-a-positive-use-of-power/

**Mennonite Women:** Join together at the annual Mennonite Women's Retreat this September 18-19 for a time of reflection and leisure. Lodging and meals provided: $95 for the full weekend, or $40 for Saturday, $25 for Sunday. Register by September 13 at: https://myslcc.com/register/ or call Judy at the camp (605) 326-5690. See the Central Plains Mennonite Women facebook page for updates and more information on our speaker Kate Friesen.

**Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gatherin**g: Registration Open - Online: September 17-19, 2021 Mennonite Health Fellowship (MHF) is hosting its virtual Annual Gathering in September. All with an interest in healthcare from a faith perspective are welcome to attend, and all MHF members are encouraged to attend at least part of the weekend. Registration and information are on the MHF website at www.mennohealth.org. The theme for the weekend is Fostering Provider Resilience with a special 2-hour Introduction to Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) in partnership with Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute. MHF is open to those serving in all areas of healthcare, including mental health, public health, health administration, and more. Register today! We look forward to connecting with you!

**Mennonite Mission Network:** This week, Amanda and Tyler Yoder, and their two toddlers, began a year-long SOOP assignment, through Mennonite Mission Network at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado. Pray for them as they work alongside camp staff in hosting, maintenance and wherever else they are needed.