

KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday, 8-12 AM

We have invaluable resources that the Lord has blessed us with in Pastors Scott and Josh. They are both open and willing to meet with anyone from the congregation at any time. Call them or the church office to make an appointment.

Our Vision is to be a life-giving church: Presenting the life-giving message of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to the people of the Kalona area and the world, challenging them to accept Christ, worship Him, and serve Him.

Our Mission is to fulfill the Great Commission: Leading people to Christ; discipling them in the faith; equipping them to witness; and sending them out to serve.

Find us on the web at kalonamennonitechurch.com

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Congregational Worship

Pre-service Music – Melanie Leichty

Worship Leaders – Josh Lundberg, Ed V. Miller & Worship Team

Call to Worship

Congregational Song

Announcements

Offering/Offertory – Katelyn Lehman

Congregational Singing – Worship Team

Hearing God's Word

“Ant Power”

Proverbs 30:25

by Curt Wyse

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing

Closing Prayer & Song

Welcome visitors! As leadership we want you to know that every Monday we have a special prayer time for the concerns of the church. Please let us know if you have things you want us to pray for. Also, if you have questions about receiving Christ as Savior, becoming a member, being baptized, rededicating your life to Christ, or baby dedication, please feel free to contact our ministers.

Fellowship Time in Foyer – Visitors and others who do not regularly attend a class are welcome to stay for the informal Open Circle Class that meets in the open area of the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School – Classes are listed on the back of the bulletin.

Professional Counseling Available. Please contact the church office or the ministers for more information.

Attendance

April 23rd 201

Offering

April 23rd General \$6,089.45

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

If you have any questions regarding online giving contact Janice or Ed.

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

Erica Hostetler's new address is P.O. Box 374, 811 4th St., Wellman, 52356 and phone number is 646-2526.

Baptism: Elizabeth Fanatia will be baptized today at 3:00 PM at Gary & Sylvia Erb's home (3173 Y Ave., Wellman). All are welcome to attend. Bring your own lawn chairs.

WMSC will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd. Devotional is Waiting for God. Reading is Exodus 24:12-18; 34:29-35. Cash project: **all church for Mennonite Relief Sale Expenses.** The MCC committee would like to have enough to cover expenses **BEFORE** the sale, so all monies from the sale will be able to donate directly to MCC; \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 is needed. Send donations to: MCC Sale Expenses, PO Box 234, Kalona Iowa 52247. The meal will be a brunch. Quiche will be provided. Bring side dishes for brunch.

Lauryn Weiss' Senior Recital: You are welcome to join us for Lauryn Weiss' Senior Recital, Sunday, May 7th, 2pm at Mid-prairie High School.

Rudi has been offered an internship in Albania. His professor from Albania contacted him and asked him if he would like to be involved. The European Union gave his professor a grant to study about the Roman Empire and (other stuff I don't understand). His professor does not speak English. Rudi knows Latin so he will be doing lots of translating. This is a large project and a great opportunity for Rudi.

Vacation Bible School is coming soon! June 5-9th will be a big week at KMC. Prayerfully consider how you can be involved! There are signup sheets at the back of the sanctuary for all kinds of help needed. Registration is available on our church website under youth ministries. If you have any questions you can talk to Nicki Miller or Jill Lundberg.

From the Elders: Every 4 years the elders conduct a review of each pastor, as stated in the constitution. This year we will be doing Scott's review. On May 7th you will find the survey in your mailboxes or online. We would like the survey to be completed by Sunday, May 21st.

Our congregation will be participating in the **"Coins Count/ Penny Power"** for MCC again this year, and so the children will be collecting coins during the Sunday morning services during May. This year the "Coins Count" money will be used for clean water projects like drilling and maintaining wells along with harvesting water from sand in Mozambique. The search for clean and reliable water is urgent and constant in this area. Every penny counts, so save those loose coins and help the children fill their containers at home or bring them to church in May!

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is coming up soon!

- Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC by marking your calendar and attending the 2017 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 2 and 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.
- There is still time to offer a meal in your home for sale at the IA MCC Sale. To list your meal please contact Jane Widmer Yoder at 656-3647.
- **Iowa MCC Relief Sale Tractorcade** - Registration deadline is May 8 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Please register by May 22nd if you are planning to participate so we can plan for parking space at the Fairgrounds. We will meet at Fairview Church on Friday, June 2 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. We will be leaving for the Fairgrounds at 1:30 pm SHARP. The route will be about 20 miles long one way. We will be collecting the donations at check in before leaving for the Tractorcade. (suggested donation of at least \$25). Please contact LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032, Kurt Kemp 319-930-1443 or Monroe Miller 319-936-8501 if you have questions. Registration forms are on the table in the foyer.

Midweek Meetings with Jeff Polen - Jeff Polen will be leading worship and speaking at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church at 7pm on Wednesday May 10th and Thursday May 11th. More on Jeff Polen and his ministry can be found at <https://jeffpolenmusic.com/>.

Young people between 15 and 20: Are you interested in what is going on in the church beyond your congregation? Did you know that youth are invited to participate in Central Plains Annual Meeting delegate sessions? Consider coming to Sioux Falls June 15-18 to participate in the worship, business and workshops. Ask your pastor or council chair about this opportunity.

We would love to see you at **Central Plains Annual meeting**, June 15-18 in Sioux Falls. Get the early registration fee today at www.ccentralplainsmc.org. The fee goes up tomorrow.

Iowa Mennonite School

- **Children's Dramas/Activities TODAY** starting at 2:30PM this afternoon, the IMS FFA will have **Children's Activities** prior to the performance at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. The plays include *Jack and the Three Sillies*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, and *The Pretender Hen*. Afterwards a **Meet the Cast Event** where Grades 6-10 prospective students and their families are invited to a meet the cast event and enjoy refreshments following the performances. This is an entertaining, free event open everyone young at heart!
- **Academic & Fine Arts Night** Tuesday May 9 at 7:00PM in Celebration Hall
- **Spring Music Concert** Sunday May 14 at 2:30PM in Celebration Hall
- **Summer camps** We are still developing a few ideas for summer camps but here is what we have so far. Watch our website for more information and online registration forms. www.iowamennonite.org/camps.
- **The Annual IMS Golf Tournament** will be on Saturday June 17 at the Kalona Golf Course. More information and registration at <http://www.iowamennonite.org/golftournament/> or by emailing jours@iowamennonite.org.
- **SAVE THE DATE: IMS Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend Oct 13-15** will include many activities for IMS alumni, their families, and the community.

"A Sweet Night of Music," featuring local music talents *The Old Man Band* and *Allison Yoder & Matthew Yoder*, will be held Saturday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. The evening will include some delicious desserts along with the live music, on the lawn at the home of Carey & Joani Miller on *The Home Place Retreat*. Tickets for the event may be purchased by contacting Pleasantview Home at 656-2421; they are \$30 apiece, with proceeds benefiting Pleasantview.

Service Opportunity – The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lake Deer, Montana is looking for a volunteer, experienced plumber. This would be to install the rough out plumbing in their new building. Approximately 2 weeks of work, during the month of May. Lodging and meals provided. For further info contact Willis Busenitz @ 406-592-3643 or email: wnbusenitz@gmail.com

Volunteer staff needed at The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. with flexibility of two months to a full year (currently scheduling 2018-19) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers.

Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House and a monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance is paid for full year volunteers if needed. Rotating hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, gardening, and hosting breakfast & the evening tea. The service emphasis is on hospitality to guests and being a community to one another. The house is located in an established neighborhood with access to buses for exploring this historic city. For inquiries and an application contact: Sara Fretz-Goering (sarafretzgoering@gmail.com) or current staff at the International Guest House (igh.dc.us@gmail.com) (202-726-5808)

Help available for sorting out retirement options: People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, a series of seminars designed to help people make informed decisions about both federal programs. The seminars are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. May 15, July 10 and Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com for more information.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- This **SATURDAY May 6 at 10am** is **Crooked Creek Wild** ! You won't want to miss your chance to explore the wilds of camp, cross the creek and of course...get MUDDY! Register online to help support our summer camp fund. www.crookedcreekcamp.org
- **Summer camp registration** Early bird discount ends May 15. Sign up soon!
- **Camp Summer Staff:** We invite your continued prayers both for potential and committed summer staff who are joining the team! We are excited by the possibilities of God's leading and to share God's love with children and youth. If you know someone who could serve as lifeguard, kitchen crew or counselor encourage them to apply!

THIS WEEK

Today

3:00 PM	Baptism for Elizabeth Fanatia
4:30 PM	All Church Meeting
6-9:00 PM	MYF at Larry's
7-8:00 PM	Bible Study

Tuesday

9-11:00 AM	MOMSnext
6:30 PM	All Things New Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

	WMSC
8:30 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
6:45 PM	Entrusted Women's Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 PM	Worship Team Practice
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Friday

6-7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study
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Next Sunday

9:00 AM	Intentional Prayer Time
12:00 Noon	Meal for all those in retirement age- Firman Gingerich will speak on the topic: <i>My Treasure Chest</i> , following the meal. The main meal will be provided. Please bring a dessert.

LOOKING AHEAD

June 5-9	Vacation Bible School
June 15-18	Central Plains Annual Meeting