#### KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Scott Swartzendruber, Pastor –Home Phone 656-3945 Josh Lundberg, Associate Pastor – Cell Phone 319-360-6729 Elders – Cal Hochstedler, Dawn Schrock, Jenelle Bender, Frank Yoder 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 – Joya Schrock Worship Leaders – Joel Schillerstrom & Worship Team

Welcome & Announcements Congregational Singing Children's Musical Offering/Offertory – Cole Roth Meditation

"Born In a Manger"

by Josh Lundberg

**Congregational Singing** – Worship Team **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

December 18<sup>th</sup> 174

Offering

No. 52

**December 18**<sup>th</sup> General \$8,466.50; Alms \$105.00; College \$5.00;

Missions \$105.00

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

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

## NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

All Church WMSC Mission & Cash Project for December is **Domestic Violence Intervention Program.** There was a flyer in your mailbox with information and needs for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program. There are extra flyers on the table in the foyer.

**New Year's Day:** Next Sunday stay for a potluck meal at noon. Hot dogs & burgers will be grilled. Bring side dishes and snacks. You are welcome to stay for fellowship and games in the afternoon.

**Mark your calendars:** Fellowship, food and small groups every Wednesday in January. Meals provided. Child care and activities provided as well. Five different small groups. Extra flyers will be on the table in the foyer. Invite others to join in the fun. Hope to see you there.

**Help us celebrate 40 years of Marlin Miller's service** to the community as your family pharmacist at Miller's Medicine Cabinet. There will be an open house at Kalona Mennonite Church on Sunday afternoon, January 8, from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Customers, patients, friends and family are all welcome. ~The Miller Family

If anyone is interested in having their own copy of "A Confession of Faith in the Mennonite Perspective", they are available in the church office for a small donation. You can also read it online on the Mennonite Church USA website.

#### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

- Sign-up for **Winterfest** January 13-15 NOW! See your sponsor for more information or contact the camp office.
- Deck the halls with boards of sheetrock. Dash through the mud to tape and paint. This is the joy of construction this past week at the Welcome Center. Keep the fun(d) going with your gift this season. Thank you for your faithful support of Crooked Creek Christian Camp and the Welcome Center project!

#### **Iowa Mennonite School**

- **Merry Christmas** from Iowa Mennonite School. May the Christmas message of hope and love fill your life with joy and peace.
- The Annual Alumni Night basketball game is Friday January 6 when IMS plays Mediapolis. All IMS alumni (and wannabes) are invited to join us in Hillcrest Union for a night of basketball, prizes, and fellowship with the IMS community. After the game there will light refreshments for alumni and their families.

Mission Conference: Mark your calendars now for February 25 & 26, 2017, the dates of a community wide event, Fairview's Mission Conference to be held at Fairview Mennonite Church, Rural Kalona. This year's theme is "Connecting people nationally & internationally". Victor Selemani from Mozambique, Africa will be our main speaker along with several others who will be sharing about their involvement and call to missions. There will be several mission vendors (10,000 Villages & Timbali) as well as info booths and local mission options such as "Take Away Hunger" set up for you to browse and learn more about. Sunday will feature a potluck with international flair! You won't want to miss any part of this family friendly weekend! Questions? Contact Dorothy Miller 319-325-9357 or Pastor Conrad Hertzler 319-512-6186.

#### THIS WEEK

Wednesday

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

**Thursday** 

7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

**Friday** 

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Next Sunday** 

9:00 AM Intentional Prayer Time

Noon Potluck with games and snacking in

the afternoon

# **LOOKING AHEAD**

January 13-15 Jr. High Winterfest at CCCC

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