

## KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Elders – Dawn Schrock, Jenelle Bender, Lynn Hostetler, Kent Lehman  
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](http://kalonamennonitechurch.com)

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### Congregational Worship 9:30 AM

Pre-service Music – Joya Schrock

Worship Leaders – Erica Hostetler, Worship Team & Joel Schillerstrom

### Welcome

### Congregational Song

### Announcements

**Offering/Offertory** – Rachel Lehman

**Worship in Song** – Worship Team

**Children ages 3-3<sup>rd</sup> grade may be dismissed for Children's Church**

### Hearing God's Word

“What Makes Jesus Real to Me”

John 20:19-23

by Scott Swartzendruber

### Song of Response

### Congregational Sharing

### Closing Song & Prayer

### Coffee and Fellowship

### Sunday School 10:45-11:30 AM

**Adult Sunday Classes are listed on the back of the bulletin.**

**Children and Youth Sunday School Classes meet in the basement.**

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

### Attendance

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**                      221

### Offering

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**                      General \$8,904.00; Missions \$50.00; Alms \$50.00; College Aid \$25.00

**Online Giving is available at [kalonamennonitechurch.com](http://kalonamennonitechurch.com).**

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

**Phase 1 Building Remodel:** Children's Christian Education area and upstairs bathrooms. We won't start construction until all funds are raised.

*Thank You!*

Phase 1 Goal: \$128,000.00

Phase 1 Raised: \$74,630.76

### NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

**Take Away Hunger:** Today is the last day to donate to the Take Away Hunger project.

**Mustard Seed** articles are due Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Kalona Food Pantry:** KMC will be collecting items for the Kalona Food Pantry in April. Items needed are: canned meat, canned fruit, toilet tissue, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) and paper towels. **NO** corn or green beans please!

**Food for MYF:** Anyone willing to help Betsy Schillerstrom out by providing food for the youth group on a Sunday evening, give her a call or text at 319-631-0870. It doesn't have to be a big meal...even an appetizer and dessert (enough to feed 15 to 20 people) would be fantastic! There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Thanks to those that have helped so far!

It's almost time for Kalona Mennonite VBS 2018! Get ready to get on the **Rolling River Rampage on June 4-8!** We are going to be partnering with East Union Mennonite Church to create an opportunity for the kids of our community to learn about God's love! We will be looking for volunteers to help make this week possible. More information about sign-up coming next week. Please pray about ways you can help during this fun week!

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.

**Cookies & Bars Needed:** On Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Glenda Seward and Leanne Bender are putting on a session at Mid Prairie West Elementary for all parents of MP students. We are needing bars/cookies for this event. A signup sheet is on the table in the foyer. Any questions call Jenelle Bender 319-430-5574. Thank you for helping support the families and teachers in our community. You can bring the cookies or bars to KMC and Jenelle will pick them up.

**CHOOSE JOY! Youth and sponsors, make plans now to join us at Youth Escape 2018** July 20-22 at Hidden Acres Christian Center near Dayton, Iowa. This weekend retreat, running Friday evening to Sunday lunch, brings together Central Plains youth in grades 7-12 for active worship, breakout discussions and a lot of fun! Registration is open on the Youth Escape 2018 page at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

The **Kalona Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** AND **Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** from **3PM to 7PM** on both days and it will be held at the **Kalona Methodist Church**. To sign up for an appointment anyone can call the UI DeGowin Blood Center at (319) 356-2058 or sign up online at: [www.uihc.org/degowin](http://www.uihc.org/degowin).

#### **Iowa Mennonite School:**

- **The Children's Drama** will be performed on **Saturday April 28 at 7:00PM and Sunday April 29 at 3:00PM**. Featuring fresh tellings of the old stories of Hansel and Gretel, 3 Little Wolves (and the big bad pig) and Mushkil Gusha, students bring to life a few important life lessons. Performances will be in Celebration Hall, no admission will be charged, donations for the IMS Drama Dept are welcome. The Children's Drama is directed by Michael Swartzendruber.
- **Now accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year.** If you are an incoming freshman or transfer student, please turn in your application now. Financial aid applications for current and new families are due May 1. For questions and assistance, please contact Candi Schmieder at [cschmieder@iowamennonite.org](mailto:cschmieder@iowamennonite.org) or 319-656-2073.
- **Summer Camp offerings are now posted.** We are excited to add a ceramics camp, cooking camp and two writing camps to go along with our sports camps and drama camp! Registrations are available online at [www.iowamennonite.org/camps](http://www.iowamennonite.org/camps) starting April 2.
- **Save The Date | The Annual IMS Golf Tournament** will be held on **June 16** at the Kalona Golf Club. More details soon.

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

- **Summer Camp registration BEST RATES are NOW!** Register online at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>
- Sooner than you think...**Crooked Creek Wild** will be here is **May 5, 2018!** Register at your convenience at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild) The goal is 100 participants. Come for a fun and muddy time!
- **Volunteer for a Spring Cleaning Day!** Help prepare Crooked Creek Camp for the summer April 24 or 28. Come clean, landscape and organize. Sign-up for a date and time that works for you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFA62EA7FB6-spring>

**Pleasantview Home:** Do you like to bring dignity, honor, and respect to people's lives? Then consider being a volunteer who assists residents at Pleasantview Home with attending Bible Studies, Worship Services, and Community Fun activities. If you have the desire to be a good neighbor and help support the congregations that provide ministry to their members and many others residing at Pleasantview Home, please contact Chaplain Jay Miiller (656-2421 ext. 157, or [jaymiiller@pvhome.org](mailto:jaymiiller@pvhome.org)); or Renee Hershberger (ext. 155 or [ReneeH@pvhome.org](mailto:ReneeH@pvhome.org)) .

**Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale:** A new addition to the 2018 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is the **Relief Sale Trail Run**. Beginning at the Johnson County Fairgrounds and continuing through neighboring Ryerson Woods, a 5K Trail Run will be just the thing to get ready for the all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast! A 1-mile walk for all ages will also take place at the fairgrounds. The Run/Walk begins at 8am on Saturday, June 2. Cost is \$20/person, includes T-shirt. Register for both the run and walk at [GetMeRegistered.com](http://GetMeRegistered.com), search for "Relief Sale Trail Run".

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear British actor and playwright Michael Mears dramatize the courage it took to be a conscientious objector 100 years ago during World War 1 in Great Britain. Michael Mears portrays a gallery of characters from war resisters to army generals in a highly original piece of storytelling that describes military conscription, which was called "This Evil Thing" by conscientious objectors. Join us at 7:00 pm today at Iowa Mennonite School, 1421 540th St. SW, Kalona, Iowa, for this dramatic presentation. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

**Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa:** Frank Yoder will speak at the Spring meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa. The focus of the evening will be, "The End of an Era: Closing One-Room Schools in Johnson and Washington Counties." This event will be at Kalona Mennonite Church on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Frank's presentation is based on research he has been doing for a soon to be published book on rural schools in Johnson and Washington County, Iowa.

**Join the road trip to Hesston College May 4 and 5.** This trip is open to prospective students and anyone interested in getting to Hesston for a day! The bus will leave **Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona**, at 6 a.m. on Friday, May 4, and make stops to pick up more passengers at **Shoemaker's Travel Plaza**, 151 SW 48th St., **Lincoln**, Neb.; **Shell**, 5810 S. Lincoln Ave., **York**, Neb.; and **Bruning Food Mart/Shell**, 6206 Spur 85C, **Bruning**, Neb. Upon arrival, prospective students will participate in a campus tour and other visit activities. The bus will leave Hesston for its return trip at noon on May 5. Cost is \$15 for high school students and \$30 for adults. Reserve your seat or get your questions answered by contacting [brandy.quinn@hesston.edu](mailto:brandy.quinn@hesston.edu) or 620-327-8214. First come, first served!

**FRENCH TOAST BENEFIT BREAKFAST** - You are invited to a hearty meal on Saturday, April 28th, to benefit Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)! We will be serving a delicious menu of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and homemade rolls from 7AM - 11AM at Kalona Mennonite Church. Come join us as we raise money to help rebuild lives after natural disasters such as floods, fires, and hurricanes in honor of the life of Ivy Jane Yoder. Food is by free will donation, and carryouts are available. Questions? Contact Trent and Tammy Yoder at [greeneearth@kctc.net](mailto:greeneearth@kctc.net).

Join the upcoming **MCC Haiti Learning Tour** from September 22 to 27. Learn from Haitian farmers, artisans, community organizers and human rights advocates about how they – with your support – are building a brighter future for their communities. Contact Jordan Penner at [jordanpenner@mcc.org](mailto:jordanpenner@mcc.org) or 316-727-6837 for more information.

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop** celebrates 40th anniversary! Hundreds of volunteers serve together at Crowded Closet in all areas of operations. Crowded Closet celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week April 16 - 21. Thanks to the support of volunteers, Crowded Closet has sent over 7.5 million dollars to support relief, development, and peace through the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Thank you for supporting this vibrant community ministry!

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

6-9:00 PM MYF at Larry's  
7-8:00 PM Bible Study

**Tuesday**

6:30 PM Jesus the One & Only Bible Study

**Wednesday**

6:45 PM The Quest Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

**Thursday**

7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

**Friday**

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study  
Mustard Seed articles due

**LOOKING AHEAD**

May 13 IMS Choir in morning service  
June 1-2 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale  
June 4-8 Vacation Bible School  
June 10<sup>th</sup> Ordination Service for Josh Lundberg in morning service  
No Sunday School  
4:00 PM VBS Program