

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

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Congregational Worship 9:30 AM

Pre-service Music – Carla Slaubaugh

Worship Leaders – Kent Lehman, Worship Team & Leanne Bender

Welcome

Congregational Song

Offering/Offertory

Worship in Song – Worship Team

Children ages 3-3rd grade may be dismissed for Children's Church

Hearing God's Word

“Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness”

Galatians 5:22-23

by Josh Lundberg

Song of Response

Announcements & 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 15th 197

Offering

April 15th General \$4,894.22; Missions \$100.00; Building Improvement Fund \$130.00; Take Away Hunger \$100.00

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

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

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

Dishes: Please pick up any dishes that belong to you in the kitchen.

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. You can sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/yad8p73y> or on the poster in the fellowship hall. Please pray about ways you can help during this fun week!

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!

CHOOSE JOY! is the theme for Youth Escape 2018. Life can be hard. Recent studies report an epidemic of anxiety and depression among American young people. This weekend retreat for Central Plains youth in grades 7-12 will focus on the good news that can free us: Living life with God is a good life, and every day we get to choose this goodness again! Registration is now open for the July 20-22 event at Hidden Acres near Dayton, Iowa. Details are available at www.centralplainsmc.org.

The **Kalona Blood Drive** will be on **Tuesday, April 24th** AND **Wednesday, April 25th** 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.

Rotary Breakfast Fundraiser is coming up on May 5, serving from 6:45 to 10:30am. Come one and all to eat some yummy breakfast. Pathway will receive the proceeds plus a matching grant.

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 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 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

- **Crooked Creek Wild** will be here earlier than you think....**May 5, 2018!** Register at your convenience at www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild 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>
- **Summer Camp registration BEST RATES are NOW!** Register online at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>
- Pray for the Spirit of God to impact our youth this summer. Pray for camp staff and counselors who prepare camp space for summer camp and family reunions!

Trinity United Methodist Church of Riverside invites the ladies of our church to join them at their Spring Brunch. The speaker will be from the Grace C Mae Advocate Center, Provider of Mental Health services for Washington County on April 28th-9:30 am. The address is 11 East 2nd street in Riverside. Sorry for the street mess on HWY 22 however it is possible to get there. Any questions ask Elsie Mast.

We give thanks and gratitude for all the prayers and monetary support given to Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We are coming down to the final days of our fiscal year and still have a hill to climb to end our 8th consecutive year in the Black. We are hopeful, but need your help. We need a total of \$29,000, by, Monday, April 30th. We would be thankful for any size of support and can be sent directly to Central Plains Mennonite Conference, PO BOX 101, Freeman, SD 57029 or visit the website at centralplainsmc.org/donate for more information. Thank you! – Stewardship Task Group

You are invited to join a community hymn sing **May 6, 3:00 p.m. at Pleasant View Church** at Joetown, using The Mennonite Hymnal (red) which will be provided.

Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale:

- **Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Tractorcade:** Meet at Fairview Church on Friday June 1, 2018 between noon to 1:00pm for check-in. The tractorcade will be leaving for the fairgrounds at 1:30pm SHARP. Suggested donation of \$35.00 will be collected at check-in. Registration deadline is May 9 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Register by May 21 to ensure a parking space at the fairgrounds. You can get a registration form from your MCC Sale church representative. Please contact LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032 if you have questions.
- **Volunteers are needed to help fill several areas at this year's Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale.** Areas needing volunteers include: parking, Relief Sale Trail Run, Welcome Centers, breakfast servers, Activities Barn and Book Corner. If you are interested in volunteering please visit www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering to sign up or contact the following persons: for parking, the trail run or welcome centers contact Rebecca Beachy Miller 319-631-2461, rabeachy@msn.com. For Breakfast Servers: Janet Geyer 319-321-0995, janetgeyer@gmail.com. For Book Corner: Shirley Yoder 319-331-3931, gsyoder@kctc.net. For Activities Barn: Tanna Boshart 319-936-2844, tannaboshart@gmail.com or Amy Landes 319-383-1890, amylandes16@gmail.com.
- 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 you 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, search for "Relief Sale Trail Run".

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.

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.

MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky. The assignments run from May 30 – approximately August 11. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at swap.mcc.org or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

- **Job Site Coordinators** – Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both homeowners and volunteers, youth and adults.
- **Meals Coordinators** – Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults.

Updates to MCC kits: after a recent evaluation of material resources, including input from our partners around the world, MCC has made updates to each kit. Please visit mcc.org/mrc/kits for all the updated lists and contact katemast@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720 with questions. New printed kit cards are available from the MCC Central States office in North Newton, Kansas. Thank you for your continued donations that bring dignity and hope to people around the world.

Stewards of the Earth: An Earth Day Conference. Iowa Wesleyan University invites you to attend the 2018 Manning Lecture and Earth Day Conference today at 1:30 pm in the Chapel Auditorium. Free and open to the public. For more information joy.lapp@iw.edu or 319-385-6403, www.iw.edu/earth-day.

THIS WEEK

Today

4:30-6:00 PM Bible Memory
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

9:00 AM Women's Prayer Group
7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday

9-11:00 AM MOPS
7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

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