

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 9:30 AM

Pre-service Music – Joya Schrock

Worship Leaders – Worship Team & Ed V. Miller

Welcome

Congregational Song

Announcements

Offering/Offertory – Cara Leichty

Worship in Song – Worship Team

Hearing God's Word

“Teach Them These Things Relentlessly”

Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Mark 12:30-31 by Josh Lundberg

Song of Response

Baby Dedication

Maple Slaubaugh, daughter of Justin & Shalee

Loralyn Bontrager, daughter of Ryan & Haley

Kaden Leichty, son of Michael & Melanie

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 1st 225

Offering

April 1st General \$8,218.00; Take Away Hunger \$100.00; Building Improvement Fund \$230.00

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

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

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Dolores Miller and her family. Quinten passed away on Wednesday and his celebration of life service was here on Saturday.

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!

Photo Directory Updates: Be sure to fill out the form online to make changes to your page for our photo directory. Corrie Schlabach will be taking pictures today between church and Sunday School and after Sunday School if you would like to have your picture taken. If you have a picture to submit for the directory, email it to Janice at kmcjanice@kctc.net. Be sure to update information for your page through our church website.

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!

Cookies & Bars Needed: On Monday, April 16th 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.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **The IMS Touring Choir** is performing at the MSC Choral Festival hosted by Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg VA **today**. Follow along on social media using the hashtag #MSCCHORALFESTIVAL and watch the performance live streamed starting at **2:00PM CT** online or at IMS in Celebration Hall.
- **The IMS FFA** hosts their annual Farmer's Feed on **Friday April 13 from 7:00-8:00AM**. Please come and bring your farmer friends! There will be plenty of food! Goodwill donations will be accepted.
- **Prospective Student Skating Party April 13 from 6:30-8:30PM** at the Wellman Skating Rink. Students in grades 6-8th and transfer students are invited to join our Compassion Club for a skating party. Pizza, fun, and games will be provided. Bring \$1 for skates. Drinks and snacks are available at \$1 each as well.
- **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.

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 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); or Renee Hershberger (ext. 155 or ReneeH@pvhome.org).

Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Announcements:

- **The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale** is in immediate need of 2 individuals (or 1 couple) to serve on the Food Committee. This is a 3 year term; primary responsibilities include overseeing the organization and implementation of food booths. Anyone interested please contact Lowell and Mary Yoder at [319-656-3715](tel:319-656-3715), or Joe and Carrie Schmidt at [319-471-0531](tel:319-471-0531).
- 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, search for "Relief Sale Trail Run".
- **The Iowa MCC Relief Sale** is in need of 1 beef for April 25 and 3 hogs for May 2. Please contact Roy Beachy at (319) 430-9086 to donate or for more information.

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 on Sunday evening, April 15, 2018, 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.

Stewards of the Earth: An Earth Day Conference. Iowa Wesleyan University invites you to attend the 2018 Manning Lecture and Earth Day Conference on Sunday, April 22 at 1:30 pm in the Chapel Auditorium. Professor Robert Grant will deliver the keynote address, "Eco-Librium: A New Stewardship of Creation." The lecture will be followed by two workshop sessions including: Composting in your Backyard; Planting for Pollinators; Recycling for Everyone; The Quilt Game for Climate Change; Organic Farming; Wind and Solar Energy; Water Quality in Iowa; Stewardship and the Bible; Reducing Your Ecological Footprint; Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic, and much more! Free and open to the public. For more information joy.lapp@iw.edu or 319-385-6403, www.iw.edu/earth-day.

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 or 620-327-8214. First come, first served!

Everence to offer financial seminar for young couples: Everence will present *Why young couples should see a financial advisor* on Monday, April 16 (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Couples will learn about the importance of financial planning (even if you think there isn't much money), how to get started organizing your financial lives, and establishing achievable goals for a strong financial future. The seminar will be held at Kalona Public Library, 510 C Ave. To reserve your spot, contact Joyce Gingerich at (319) 656-4242, (877) 656-4242 or joyce.gingerich@everence.com

Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions: Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2018-19 academic year is May 15, 2018. For details and application form, see www.mennohealth.org/student_term/, email info@mennohealth.org, or call 1-888-406-3643.

Healthcare Workers, Students, Retirees! You are invited to the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering 2018, June 22-24, 2018, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. Come join doctors, nurses, dieticians, therapists, chaplains, mental health workers, students, educators, and other healthcare workers and families for a weekend of worship, inspiration, learning, networking, and fellowship. The theme this year is "Stories of Healing." For more information and registration, visit www.mennohealth.org/gathering/, call 1-888-406-3643, or email info@mennohealth.org.

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 greenearth@kctc.net.

THIS WEEK

Today

4:00 PM Baptism for Cara Leichty
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

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group
6:45 PM The Quest Women's Bible Study

Thursday

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

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

June 4-8 Vacation Bible School