

# KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Elders – Dawn Schrock, Jenelle Bender, Frank Yoder, 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

Pre-service Music – Joyce Ropp

Worship Leaders – Josh Lundberg & Leanne Bender

**Call to Worship** – Nate Miller

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**Congregational Song**

**Announcements**

**Offering/Offertory** – Lilly Miller

**Children's Story** – Ted Redding

**Christmas Choir**

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

**Hearing God's Word**

“Being a Nice Restored Community”

Psalm 80:17-19, Isaiah 40:1-2 by Scott Swartzendruber

**Song of Response**

**Congregational Sharing**

**Closing Prayer & Song**

## Attendance

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**                      207

## Offering

**December 10<sup>th</sup>**                      General \$5,477.68; Alms \$230.00

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

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

**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.

## NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 PM,** Nick Stoddard, pastor and former member of Kalona Mennonite Church will give the Christmas Eve meditation.

**Next Sunday** bring cookies for fellowship time following the morning service.

**January 2018 –Wednesday evening meal and activities** for children and adults. Sunday School classes will be providing the activities for children and adults. A meal will be provided starting at 5:30 PM with activities beginning at 6:30 PM. These four Wednesday events will be held on January 10, 17, 24 and 31.

**Meal signup** for Kendra & Calvin is: [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), last name Grosvenor, password Odin. Bless them with meals this week yet.

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.

**Pleasantview Home** hiring part time one-on-one companions for residents in houses. Assist as needed with non-medical tasks (cooking, cleaning, dressing, etc.). Also build friendship with resident. Flexible schedule between 8 am-noon weekdays. If interested call Elvesta or Karen at 656-2421.

**Serve MCC locally.** Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a full-time **Workroom Supervisor**. Applicant will lead workroom process and support volunteers. Must be able to lift and carry 30-50 pounds regularly. Qualified candidates should have strong organizational and interpersonal skills. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email the Executive Director at [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).*

**Serve MCC locally.** Come be a part of our **Saturday management team** at Crowded Closet. Your flexible schedule and leadership skills are needed. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email the Executive Director at [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).*

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

- We are on the way to completing funding the Welcome Center with \$77,200 to go! Thank you for considering a year-end gift!
- SAVE the DATE 6-8th graders and THINK SNOW! WinterFest is coming January 12-14.

**Iowa Mennonite School:**

- **TODAY December 17 | Christmas Concert** at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. To close the concert, the choirs and band would like to invite anyone who has sung the Hallelujah Chorus before to join them on stage. There will be two rehearsals before the performance. The rehearsals will be held on **Friday December 15 from 3:30-4:30PM and Saturday, December 16 from 9:00-10:00AM**. If you cannot make it to the rehearsals but would still like to participate, you can join us on Sunday at the concert.
- **TODAY December 17 | Prospective Student Christmas Party** following the Christmas Concert for all students in grades 6-8.
- Continue to remember the **Cardenas Family** in your prayers. And remember a memorial fund has been set up in her name. Gifts to the *Teresa Cardenas Memorial Fund* can be made to IMS or to Hills Bank in Kalona.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

6-9:00 PM MYF Christmas Party & Parent meeting at KMC, supper at 6:30 PM, come anytime after 6:00 PM

**Thursday**

7:00 PM Choir Practice

**Friday**

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**Next Sunday**

9:30 AM Morning Worship Service

No Sunday School

Fellowship Time following the morning service

5:30 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

**LOOKING AHEAD**

January 2018

Wednesday evening meal & activities for adults & children (see announcement)