

# 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 – Carla Slaubaugh

Worship Leaders – Josh Lundberg, Worship Team & Ed V. Miller

**Call to Worship** – Nate Miller

**Lighting of Advent Candle**

**Congregational Song**

**Announcements**

**Offering/Offertory** – Justin Leichy

**Children’s Story** – Ted Redding

**Worship in Song** – Worship Team

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

**Hearing God’s Word**

“All I Want for Christmas is Happiness & Joy”

Isaiah 43:16-19

by Scott Swartzendruber

**Song of Response**

**Congregational Sharing**

**Closing Prayer & Song**

### Attendance

November 26<sup>th</sup>                      209

### Offering

November 26<sup>th</sup>                      General \$6,538.86; Building Fund \$50.00

**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

Otis Yoder has been a patient at Washington County Hospital.

We extend sympathy and prayers to John & Jane Schlabaugh and their family. John’s mother, Imogene, passed away on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Her memorial service was on Friday at Lower Deer Creek Church.

**WMSC** will meet Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Devotional is **AFFIRM**. Reading is Luke 7:1-10. Mission & Cash Project is bath & hand towels (dark and bright colors-medium weight). Meal: bring a can of soup, relishes, cheese plates & desserts.

**Christmas Choir:** This year we are planning on having a Christmas choir. If you would like to join us we will be practicing every Sunday in December right after Sunday school. We will also be practicing on Thursday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 both nights. This choir is open to all ages! If you have any questions please contact Haley Bontrager.

**Meal signup** for Kyle & Quinlan Miller is: [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), last name Miller, password Morgan. Bless them with meals yet this week.

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

**Families with children:** Advent At Home begins today! Download the free guide for Advent family worship at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). “Yes! Let It Be!” will help you slow down with your children to ponder and prepare for what it means to receive Jesus.

**HOMEMADE CHEESE BALLS!** Members of Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church are selling our popular homemade cheese balls as a way to raise funds for missions of the church. The cheese balls are available in 4 flavors: pineapple, ham, veggie and back by popular demand - pesto! They will be made and ready for pickup at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$9.50 each or 3 for \$27.00. To place an order call, the church at 656-2076 or email [ldc@kctc.net](mailto:ldc@kctc.net) by December 10.

**Fundraiser Meal:** Today you are invited to come and enjoy a traditional Mexican meal at Wellman Mennonite church. We'll be serving pork or chicken tacos, rice & beans (with pico de gallo & guacamole salsa), cheese quesadillas (for the kids), chips and salsa, and strawberry cake for dessert. Lunch will be served from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; proceeds will provide for the ongoing medical expenses of Melitza Jimenez.

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Kathy Kelly address the topic, "Yemen, Afghanistan, and the War against the Poor" Kathy Kelly is the coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. Join us on Sunday evening, December 10, 2017, at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th Street, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Kathy Kelly. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

**Dear members of Central Plains,** your conference needs your financial support. Our recent brochure tells the stories of how we all benefit from sharing together in the mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Together, we can do things that we cannot do by ourselves. Please consider a year-end gift and donate at [www.centralplainsmc.org/donate](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/donate) or P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029. We are so grateful for the strong support of our members! There are extra brochures on the foyer table.

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

- **Thank you** for the many ways you as a church community continue to support the ministry of Crooked Creek! Recently the shop was restored from a fire with more than 200 hours of volunteer help. The annual meeting was celebrated by 128 people raising \$10,185! Thank you for supporting camp ministry!
- Welcome Center funding is making progress on our dash with \$83,900 left to raise in cash or pledges. Thank you for your gifts! You can also give online at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation)
- Crooked Creek seeks a part-time Housekeeping Manager. Job description and application available at [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

**Pathway** is having a chicken dinner fundraiser on December 8, 2017. We will be serving from 5-8pm. The proceeds go towards tuition assistance/ scholarships.

**SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP** - You are invited to join us on Monday, December 11th, at 7:00PM in the East Union Mennonite Church foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The acoustics are lively, the people are warm, and the harmonies are extraordinary. This a cappella, 4-part early American sacred music stirs your soul. All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy Yoder at [greenearth@kctc.net](mailto:greenearth@kctc.net) or Warren Yoder at [dubyoder@gmail.com](mailto:dubyoder@gmail.com).

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

- **THANK YOU | To all who participated in #GivingTuesday by making a gift to IMS on 11/28/17.** It's our generous, supportive community that makes us great.
- **Alumni Night | Saturday December 16** Games start at 3:00PM (JVB, VB, VG). Prizes will be given away throughout the afternoon/evening including 3 overnight stays. There will also be alumni and student activities during the halftimes of each game as well as an alumni reception following the last game.
- **Christmas Concert | December 17** 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.
- **Prospective Student Christmas Party | December 17** following the Christmas Concert for all students in grades 6-8.
- **Basketball Scrimmages | December 5 boys in grades 5-6 and December 12 boys in grades 7-8** are invited to play at halftime during the girls varsity and boys varsity basketball games at IMS. The girls game starts at 6:00PM.

**Upcoming webinar answers questions about Medicare:** Most people approaching retirement age have questions about Medicare. An upcoming webinar presented by Everence Financial will provide answers. *Medicare made easy* will be presented on Monday, Dec. 11, at 3 and 8:30 p.m. Specific topics will include Medicare plans, eligibility, deadlines and costs plus enrollment details. The webinar will be presented by Jim Smith, Everence Financial Services Representative. To register, visit [everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy](http://everence.com/MedicareMadeEasy) or contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054, ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com).

**Welcome Guests!**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like information on:**

\_\_\_ **How to become a Christian**

\_\_\_ **How to become a member**

\_\_\_ **Kalona Mennonite Church**

\_\_\_ **Being baptized**

\_\_\_ **Christian Counseling**

\_\_\_ **I would like prayer for:**

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**(Please put this information in the offering basket)**

**Become a Christian: Start Here**

God, I have sinned by turning away from you and trying to run my own life.  
I am sorry and confess my sins.  
(Take a few moments to ask Christ for His forgiveness and for anything  
in particular that is on your mind.)  
Forgive my sins and let me start anew.

Thank you God, for your Son, Jesus who defeated Satan.  
Thank you for your death on the cross for me so that I can be forgiven,  
saved from my past, and set free to live in Christ.

God, I ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit to give me the power to live like Jesus: loving others,  
forgiving others, sharing possessions, worshipping, and witnessing for Jesus.

I give my allegiance to Jesus Christ above every other loyalty.  
I commit myself to Christ and His church.

Thank you Jesus, for saving me and living with me forever by Your Spirit. Amen

Doyle Roth is organizing a **work team to go to Quito, Ecuador**, in late February or early March. Now that the church has moved to their own building, there are projects to be done: construction, painting, etc. If you would like to go on the work team, contact Doyle Roth at [doyleroth@hotmail.com](mailto:doyleroth@hotmail.com) or 402-761-2847. To donate to the project, go to [www.centralplainsmc.org/donate](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/donate) and use the Quito Property Fund button.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

9:00 AM Intentional Prayer Time  
6-9:00 PM MYF at Larry's  
7-8:00 PM Bible Study

**Tuesday**

9-11:00 AM MOMSnext

**Wednesday**

WMSC  
8:30 AM Men's Prayer Meeting  
6:45 PM All Things New Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

**Thursday**

Worship Team Practice

**Friday**

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

**LOOKING AHEAD**

December 24 5:30 PM No Sunday School  
Christmas Eve Service