

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

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Congregational Worship

Pre-service Music – Melanie Leichty

Worship Leaders – Josh Lundberg & Keri Hochstetler

Call to Worship – Nate Miller

Lighting of Advent Candle

Congregational Singing

Announcements

Offering/Offertory – Cara Leichty

Worship in Song – Leichty family

Hearing God's Word

“Let It Be“

by Josh Lundberg

Congregational Sharing

Closing Prayer & Song

Attendance

December 24th 275

Offering

December 24th General \$11,565.00; Building Improvement Fund
\$5,050.00

Online Giving is available at 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

WMSC will be meet on Wednesday, January 3rd. Devotional is ENGAGE. Reading is Matthew 14:13-21. **Mission & Cash Project is Haiti Newborn Kits. This is an all church project.** Lists for the kits are on the foyer table. Meal is potato bar-bring toppings and desserts.

Lost & Found: There is a table in the foyer with lost and found items on it. Please take anything that belongs to you. Whatever is left in 2 weeks will be taken to Crowded Closet.

Updating the KMC picture directory will begin in January. If you have had additions or your family unit has changed we'd like to update your page. If you are new to KMC we would like to include you. We will set up a date for you to have your picture taken here at KMC or you can send us an updated picture. More information will be coming in January.

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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp:

- WinterFest camp for 6th-8th graders is January 12-14, 2018...THINK SNOW! To register as a youth group see your youth sponsor. To register individually go online <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/winterfest.html>. See you there!
- *Coins for Camp* in January fundraiser will go towards a new play structure near the Pavilion.

Pleasantview Home:

- Thank you to the area congregations and you as individuals for your continued support of Pleasantview Home! We appreciate your involvement in the lives of our residents and ask your continued support for 2018! We value your contributions – financially, giving of your time and energy, your prayers. There are exciting things on the horizon as we seek to help our residents in the process of “aging well.” Blessings to all in 2018.
- Pleasantview's monthly *Aging Well* program will feature resident Frank Yoder's slide show entitled “Do You Remember When?” It begins at 10:00 am on Tue., Jan. 9 in the Friendship Center on the Pleasantview campus. All are invited to attend; call 656-2421 for further information.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **THANK YOU** | As we begin 2018, IMS would like to thank you for your continued support. It costs over \$16,000 to educate a child at IMS, something that tuition alone does not cover. It is the faithful giving of our community that allows us to continue serving our students. We are thankful to those that choose to include IMS in their giving plans, your generosity is truly appreciated. And we look forward to having many more partner with us as we make the future of IMS bright.
- **Visit Days** | 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for a day on **January 15 or February 19**. This visit will have a different format than the fall visit days so feel free to come again. Parents are invited for a short meeting at the start of the day to visit with the administrative team. Students are invited from 8:10 am - 3:15 pm to tour facilities, visit classes with a host student, eat lunch, meet faculty & other future students, and hear from a panel of current students. Register to attend at www.iowamennonite.org/visit.
- **Special Chapels** | **January 17** [Glen Guyton](#) will speak during a special chapel time. Glen is the Chief Operating Officer for Mennonite Church USA. He is also an advocate for cultural competency and will be doing special sessions with teachers and each grade level of students. Watch our website for more information on the schedule for chapel that day. **January 18 & 19** [Michele Hershberger](#) will come to speak at chapel around the topic of shalom justice. Chapel those times will be from 9:47AM - 10:17AM. There will be time for coffee with area pastors following chapel on Thursday, January 18 and Michele will join Bible classes on Friday, January 19. The public is invited to join us for our chapel times.
- **Chili Supper** | The annual Chili Supper hosted by the IMS senior class is on **Saturday, February 10** serving from 4:30PM-7:00PM in Hillcrest Union. **This year will take a trip back in time to 1960, the year the Chili Supper was started by Elta Burkholder.** We have her handwritten, original chili and cheese sandwich recipes that we will be serving. And for those of you that remember watching the Audubon Society films after you ate, we will have a modern spin on those as well.

Pleasantview Home is 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.

Pleasantview Home is looking for a Chaplain. 30+ hours / week. Full time benefits. Duties include lead Bible studies & prayer groups, schedule services, counsel & support residents in Independent living and nursing care. Occasional preaching and worship leading. Mail or email resume to davidheus@pvhome.org by January 12, 2018 to Pleasantview Home, 811 Third St., Kalona IA 52247 (attn. David).

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