

KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

656-2736

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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

Pre-service Music – Joyce Ropp

Worship Leaders – Worship Team & Leanne Bender

Welcome

Congregational Song

Announcements

Offering/Offertory – Rachel Lehman

Worship in Song – Worship Team

Hearing God's Word

“Fruit of the Spirit: Joy”

Galatians 5:22-23

by Josh Lundberg

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing

Closing Prayer & Song

Attendance

February 4th 182

Offering

February 4th General \$7, 799.00; Missions \$50.00; College Aid \$25.00; Alms \$50.00; Service & Outreach \$160.00

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

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

Adult Sunday 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

Dorothy Gingerich and Otis Yoder have both returned home this week.

Otis Yoder's 85th birthday: Help Otis celebrate his 85th birthday on Tuesday, February 13th with a card shower. Cards can be sent to Otis at 2305 540th St. SW, Kalona.

Mustard Seed articles are due to Shirley, this Friday, February 16th.

Ordination Discernment Survey for Josh: Please fill out the survey and return as soon as possible.

A Gift Discernment form has been placed in your mailbox. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to participate in this process. Please return the form to the box on the foyer table by February 18th. There are extra copies on the foyer table. ~Gift Discernment Committee

Meals for Quinten & Dolores Miller: During Dolores' outpatient medical treatment we as a church family want to help provide meals. If you are able to and would like to take a meal to Quinten & Dolores, please contact the church office.

Service & Outreach Opportunity: There are 3-4 persons from KMC joining the Central Plains work team and heading to Ecuador on Feb 23rd. If anyone is interested in contributing to the workers expenses they can make checks out to KMC and designate to Service and Outreach (Ecuador project). **See the bulletin announcement from Central Plains regarding this trip.**

Updating the KMC picture directory: If you have had a change in your family unit we would like for you to update your page and if you are **new** to KMC we would like for you to fill out a form and return to Janice. You can fill out the form via our website. Go to our website, My KMC and click on photo directory and then fill out the form. New pictures can be emailed to Janice at kmcjanice@ketc.net. If you would like us to take a picture for you, let Janice know (656-2736 Tuesday-Friday mornings). There are also forms on the foyer table.

Skating party! Please join the Girls' Venture Club for an afternoon of roller skating at the Wellman Skating Rink on February 24 from 1-3 P.M. Cost is \$1 per skater. You're welcome to come and watch for free.

West Union Mennonite Church will be having an **Ash Wednesday Service** on Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Apply for 2018-19 Everence college scholarships. If your family uses Everence faith-based financial services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. Submit your application by Feb. 28, 2018. Learn more at everence.com/scholarships or see Fred Yoder for a copy of the application.

We'd love to partner with you for the **6th annual Restore girl's conference**, coming up on March 2-3, 2018, at East Iowa Bible Camp in Deep River, IA, for girls grades 6-12. Restore is a mentor-driven, 24 hour girl's conference that focuses on teaching girls about their worth and identity in Jesus. Restore operates under the umbrella of Informed Choices of Iowa City.

Ways you can help: prayer support, financial support, snack/drink donations, send girls. Check us out at www.restoreconferences.com If you have questions, email us at: restoreconferences@gmail.com or call Wanda Stutzman at 319-936-0892.

Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of Mennonite Central Committee and mark your calendars to attend the **2018 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 1 and 2** at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. If you would like more information on the sale, have items to donate, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Jim Yoder at [319-430-3761](tel:319-430-3761) or Rebecca Beachy Miller at (319) 631-2461.

Families with children: This Wednesday is the first day of Lent and the beginning of "Between Me & You," a free, downloadable guide for family worship from February 14 through April 1, Easter Sunday. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

More workers are needed to join the Central Plains work team heading to Ecuador February 23 - March 5, 2018! This is a great opportunity to escape the cold here in the upper Mid-West and travel to a warmer climate to work with our brothers and sisters in Quito to help with the renovation of their recently acquired building. Couples and individuals are welcome to come work on light construction, painting and other renovation tasks, all while developing friendships with the folks in Ecuador who are eager to host this group. If there are not enough members to form a work team, this trip will not happen. If you are interested in participating, or helping with the costs of this work, contact Doyle Roth as soon as possible at doyleroth@hotmail.com or by phone at [402-641-0266](tel:402-641-0266).

Join us for N.O.W. (Night Of Worship) on Sunday, February 25, 5:30 pm at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. This is a casual, relaxed time of praise, worship and testimony and all are welcome!

Kalona MOPS Fundraiser Meal: Join us for a delicious lunch featuring smoked pork loin, party potatoes, strawberry lettuce salad, green beans, fluff, and better than anything cake. Sunday, February 25th at KMC, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. Free will offering. Carry Out available. All proceeds support Kalona MOPS.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **Singing Valentines** | The IMS Chamber Choir will be delivering singing valentines in the local area on **Wednesday February 14**. For a donation of \$35 for individuals and \$60 for groups, the 6-voice acappella ensemble will make a surprise visit to homes or place of business, offering valentines greetings. The singers will perform two pieces or more and include a box of chocolates for that special someone(s). To schedule a Singing Valentine call the office at 319-656-2073.
- **Senior Recital** | At 3:00PM on **Sunday February 18** Emma Beachy will present her senior recital in Celebration Hall at IMS, performing a variety of classical and contemporary selections on piano, flute, and voice. The public is invited to join Emma for an afternoon of music and thank you for your support of the fine arts at IMS!
- **Visit Day** | 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for a day on **February 19**. This visit will have a different format than the fall visit days so feel free to come again. Parents are invited to a Q&A at the start of the day with the administrative team. Students are invited from 8:10AM-3:15PM 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.
- **IMS Cafe** | This years Culinary Arts Class restaurant dates are **February 28 and March 14, 28**. The restaurant opens at 8:30AM each day and the menu will include various entrees, sides, and desserts. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the school office 319-656-2073. Cost per person is \$8.

You are invited to an informational meeting/training for **Safe Families for Children**, a volunteer organization whose mission is "to keep children safe and families intact." The training will be held at Lower Deer Creek on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 9 - Noon. Safe Families volunteers temporarily host children and provide a network of support to families in crisis while they get back on their feet through the service of host families, family friends, and family coaches. The organization's goal is to bridge the gap for families before DHS services are necessary or to fulfill a need that is unmet by other social service agencies. Please RSVP to the Lower Deer Creek church office at 656-2076 if you are interested in attending. Come and learn more about this opportunity to offer Biblical hospitality to children and families in crisis.

Women of Central Plains: You are invited to "Sister Care: Equipping Women for Healing Ministries" at the Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska, on March 3-4, 2018. Sister Care seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more confidently to the needs of others. Sister Care is a ministry of Mennonite Women USA and will be led by Rhoda Keener, former director of Mennonite Women USA, and Carolyn Heggen, psychotherapist. For more information or to register online, visit: FMCLincoln.org/WomensRetreatSisterCare or contact First Mennonite Lincoln Church member Carol Knieriem at carolknieriem@hotmail.com or [402-366-6598](tel:402-366-6598).

Everence® to hold seminar on commodity giving: Everence will present an informative seminar on the topic of farm commodity giving on Monday, Feb. 12 (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). The presentation will explain how the gifting of commodities can provide support for church and charities while also reducing taxes. The recent tax reform may make commodity giving even more advantageous for farmers. The information will be presented by Lyle Miller, Everence Stewardship Consultant, and 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

THIS WEEK

Today

4:30-6:00 PM Bible Memory
6-9:00 PM MYF at Larry's
7-8:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group
6:30 PM Sermon on the Mount Women's Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
Mustard Seed articles are due

LOOKING AHEAD

February 24th 1-3:00 PM Girls Venture Club sponsored Roller Skating Party
February 25th 11:30-1:00 PM MOPS Fundraise Meal
March 18th Guest-Host Night (more information will be coming soon)