

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

Pre-service Music – Emma Beachy

Worship Leaders – Worship Team & Leanne Bender

Welcome

Announcements

Congregational Song

Offering/Offertory – Taryn Leichthy

Worship in Song – Worship Team

Hearing God's Word

“A Surprising Faith”

2 Kings 5:1-19

by Josh Lundberg

Song of Response

Baptism Service – Phalen Hostetler

Closing Prayer & Song

Attendance

January 7th 201

Offering

January 7th General \$14,781.50; Missions \$50.00; Alms \$50.00

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

MCC Sale Custom Quilt is being quilted and they want all of the churches involved. Starting the week of January 22nd, Monday 9:00 AM to ???. The quilting will go all week until it's done. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Carolyn Miller, 656-2883. The quilting will take place at Fairview Mennonite Church.

2017 Annual Financial Reports are on the foyer table for you to pick up to review before our annual meeting on January 28th.

Mustard Seed articles are due to Shirley on Friday, January 19th.

January All Church WMSC project is Newborn Kits for Haiti. There are lists of items for the kits on the foyer table.

Topic for this Wednesday, January 17th, 6:30-7:30 PM: Carla Slaubaugh will be leading the children's activities. One of their activities will be a demonstration on raising bees that will be given by Jim Miller. The adult topic will be on “How we as Christians should respond to the Opioid Crisis”. Input will be given by Pharmacist, Todd Thompson and Physical Therapist, Jeff Swartzendruber.

Updating the KMC picture directory will begin soon. 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 soon.

WMSC All Church Work Day & Evening: February 7th. Come anytime in the afternoon and/or evening. Meal will be at 6:00 PM. Soup will be provided. Bring relishes and cookies. There are approximately 15 college students to fill boxes for. Bring items for college boxes. Cash project will be postage for the boxes.

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.

Thank you so much for your continued support in making and donating comforters for MCC. This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5th-7th, 2018, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, [mcc.org/comforter-blitz!](http://mcc.org/comforter-blitz)

Your Medicare questions answered: Everence® will present an informative Medicare seminar on Monday, Jan. 22 (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover, plans that supplement Medicare and enrollment details. Important Social Security information also will be included. The seminar will be presented by Kent Blossom, CFP®, Financial Advisor 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

Crooked Creek Christian Camp: Do you know of someone who would like a part-time job? Crooked Creek Camp has a position available for a lead housekeeper. This is a flexible position (except for Mondays which are required) and would work well for someone who cleans and is looking to add some hours or for anyone looking for part-time income. Someone who can run the show when it comes to housekeeping and can oversee a small staff and volunteers to get the job done. Beautiful setting and a true family environment with a passionate team. Occasional weekends may be needed, but only for a couple of hours. For more information, please contact Jill jill@crookedcreekcamp.org or call [319-653-3611](tel:319-653-3611). Position is only available due to a retirement after 17 years!

Pleasantview Home:

- 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.
- Pleasantview Home looking for Chaplain. 30 hour/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. Applications will be accepted online www.pvhome.org or in Pleasantview lobby, 811 3rd Street, Kalona until January 22, 2018.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **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.
- **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.

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 doyle Roth@hotmail.com or by phone at [402-641-0266](tel:402-641-0266).

Registration is now open for the academic conference “Mennonites and the Holocaust,” to be held on the Bethel College campus **March 16-17**, with speakers and scholars from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. See mla.bethelks.edu/MennosandHolocaust for more information or to register online.

THIS WEEK

Today

4:30-6:00 PM Bible Memory

Monday

7:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday

5:30 PM Meal

6:30 PM Activities for adults & children

6:30 PM Sermon on the Mount Women’s Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 PM Elders Meeting

7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

January 28

Annual Business Meeting following a potluck meal

February 7th

WMSC All Church Work Day & Evening (see announcement)

February 24

Girls Venture Club sponsored Roller Skating Party