

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 – Katelyn Lehman

Worship Leaders – Worship Team & Heather Herschberger

Call to Worship – Nate Miller

Congregational Song

Announcements

Offering/Offertory – Rachel Lehman

Children's Story – Ted Redding

Worship in Song – Worship Team

Children ages 3-3rd grade may be dismissed for Children's Church

Hearing God's Word

“What Would Seekers Find in Kalona?”

Matthew 2:1-12

by Scott Swartzendruber

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing

Closing Prayer & Song

Attendance

December 31st 184

Offering

December 31st General \$9,646.50; Building Improvement Fund \$10,300.00

Online Giving is available at kalonamennonitechurch.com.

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

Professional Counseling Available. Please contact the church office or the ministers for more information.

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

Thank you Kalona Mennonite Church for the extra giving towards the budget in December. We are very close (\$655.13) to meeting our Priority I, II, III and IV expenses for the year. Certainly an answer to prayer. May God bless each of you. ~Stewardship & Finance Commission

Topic for 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.

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 this week will be taken to Crowded Closet.

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.

East Union Mennonite Church will be hosting a fundraiser meal TODAY at noon on behalf of Emily Miller (daughter of Dennis and Sally Miller) to help support her as she continues to undergo chemotherapy. Due to her recent move to Colorado, Emily has not accrued sick or vacation leave, which is an issue as she receives ongoing chemo treatments. All funds will go directly to ongoing living expenses. A main dish of scalloped potatoes/ham and green beans will be provided.

Adult Sunday School – Classes are listed on the back of the bulletin.

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's Board of Directors unanimously appointed Nick Jedlicka as its next Executive Administrator. Nick has been Administrator at Pleasantview for the past four years and will succeed David Heusinkveld, who is leaving Pleasantview on February 28 after more than seven years as Executive Director. Nick's appointment is effective March 1. Please keep the residents, families, staff and administration in your prayers throughout this time of transition.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- WINTERFEST camp is next weekend January 12-14...and WE HAVE SNOW! If you haven't registered yet please register TODAY! (Register online or by asking your youth sponsor.)
- *Coins for Camp* January will go towards a new play structure near the Pavilion.
- SAVE THE DATE: May 5, 2018, is *Crooked Creek Wild* mud run-obstacle course. Registration coming soon!
- THANK YOU for the ways you bless the ongoing ministry at Crooked Creek Christian Camp! Your involvement is the reason camp is a successful ministry providing opportunities for children and adults to experience Christ in new and different ways through retreats and the great outdoors!

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:

- **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.

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:**

(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

THIS WEEK

Today

9:00 AM Intentional Prayer Time

Tuesday

9-11:00 AM MOMSnext

Wednesday

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Group

5:30 PM Meal

6:30 PM Activities for adults & children

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

Thursday

9-11:00 AM MOPS

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)