

## **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](http://kalonamennonitechurch.com)

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### **Congregational Worship**

Pre-service Music – Melanie, Cara & Taryn Leichty  
Worship Leaders – Worship Team & Leanne Bender

### **Welcome**

### **Announcements**

### **Congregational Song**

**Offering/Offertory** – Lilly Miller

**Worship in Song** – Worship Team

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

### **Hearing God's Word**

“Fruit of the Spirit: Patience”

Galatians 5:22-23

by Josh Lundberg

### **Song of Response**

### **Congregational Sharing**

### **Closing Prayer & Song**

### **Attendance**

February 25<sup>th</sup>                                  182

### **Offering**

February 25<sup>th</sup>                                  General \$7,200.32

**Online Giving is available at [kalonamennonitechurch.com](http://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**

**WMSC** will meet Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Devotional is **RETREAT**. Reading is Matthew 14:22-23 & Mark 1:35-38. Cash project is Crooked Creek Christian Camp. This is also **an all church project**. Meal will be brunch casseroles provided. Bring fruit plates, pastries, etc.

**Hospitality Night** is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheets are on the foyer table. You can sign up to be guests or hosts.

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.

**Wellman Mennonite Church will hold its annual Mush Fry today** from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and bring your friends and family and enjoy a meal of fried mush, tomato gravy, sausage, liverwurst, scrambled eggs and applesauce. Donations accepted.

**West Union MYF invites you to a delicious haystack fundraiser meal** on Sunday, March 18th at noon. Bring your friends and enjoy a time of food and fellowship! Proceeds will go to cover expenses for this summer's service project and convention expenses next summer.

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> you will have an opportunity to help **share the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus**. In the foyer there will be a table with a small wooden cross with Easter cards spread around the base. If you are interested in donating Bibles, you may take an Easter Card Packet. Inside is a donation Form that you return in the Pre-addressed envelope. There will be a more detailed description of the program on the table. If you have any questions, please contact Wilbur and Elsie Mast.

**Pathway Christian School:** Pre-K and Kindergarten round up at Pathway Christian School, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30-11:30 AM.

*With mixed emotion the **IMS Operating Board** announces the departure of Steve Schrag as principal at IMS at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We appreciate the service Mr. Schrag has provided and wish him the best moving forward.*

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop celebrates our 40th anniversary!** Join us for the Anniversary Open House on Saturday, March 24, 4:30-6:30. Enjoy live music, refreshments, shopping in the workroom and retail floor, 40% off all thrift purchases, and more! Everyone is welcome. Questions, call the shop at [319-337-5924](tel:319-337-5924).

**Iowa Mennonite School:**

- **Touring Choir** | The IMS Touring Choir is on tour. The next concert is on **Sunday March 11** at 9:30AM at Wellman Mennonite Church. The public is welcome at all choir events.
- **IMS Cafe** | This years Culinary Arts Class restaurant dates are **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.
- **Turkey Steak Supper** | The IMS Alumni Association along with the TWP Optimists will host the annual Turkey Steak Supper on **Friday March 23** at IMS. The menu of turkey, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and pie & soft serve ice cream (that's right we'll have a soft serve ice cream machine) will be served from 4:30-6:30PM. A freewill donation will be taken at the gate.
- **Touring Choir** | **March 23** will perform with the **Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** following the Turkey Steak Supper in Celebration Hall. The show will begin at 7:00PM.
- **Senior Recital** | **Monet Slabach** daughter of Lance & Nichole Slabach, will present her senior recital in Celebration Hall at IMS at 7:00PM on **Saturday March 31**. She will be performing a variety of classical and contemporary selections of piano and voice accompanied by family and friends. Hors d'oeuvres will follow the recital.

**Your Medicare questions answered:** Everence will present an informative Medicare seminar on Monday, March 12 (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 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](mailto:joyce.gingerich@everence.com)

**Host Families** | **The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers** will be in concert in Celebration Hall at IMS on Friday March 23 at 7:00PM. The concert will also have some joint songs with our IMS Touring Choir. The IMS Music Boosters are looking for people to host the Bel Canto students overnight on Friday evening. This would entail picking up the students and taking the students home for overnight after the concert on Friday evening, feeding them breakfast the next morning, providing a sack lunch for Saturday, and having them back to IMS no later than 6:15AM on Saturday. We are still in need of people to host 7 females (2 groups of 2 females and 1 group of 3 females – one person will need handicapped accessible for a wheelchair) and 5 males (1 group of 2 males and 1 group of 3 males). If this is something you would be willing to help with, please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at [beachydw@sharontc.net](mailto:beachydw@sharontc.net) or 683-3983 by Saturday March 17.

**The Shiloh church invites you to experience a locally written and performed retelling of the biblical story of Esther.** The musical “For Such A Time As This” combines clever musical numbers and comedy with a story the whole family will enjoy. Performance is on March 10 at 3:30 pm at Shiloh. Admission is free. Refreshments will be available for purchase before and at intermission.

**Iowa MCC Sale:**

- 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](tel:319-631-2461).
- **The Amazon, Machu Picchu, Lima, the Andes, Cuzco: Peru.** Have you ever dreamt of visiting these places? This is your chance! Retired Iowa Mennonite School and Goshen College professor, Dean Rhodes has been leading trips into Peru and other places of the world for past 11 years. This year, as part of the **Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 1-2, 2018**, Dean is offering 2 tickets for this tour on the [online auction](#). The tour is scheduled for October 25-November 7, 2018. For more information on this trip visit [www.iamccreliefsale.org](http://www.iamccreliefsale.org).

**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

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

9:00 AM Intentional Prayer Time  
6:00 PM MYF Parent’s Appreciation Dinner

**Tuesday**

9-11:00 AM MOMSnext  
6:30 PM Jesus the One & Only Bible Study

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM Men’s Prayer Meeting  
WMSC  
6:45 PM The Quest Women’s Bible Study  
7:00 PM Church Council

**Thursday**

9-11:00 AM MOPS  
7:00 PM Worship Team Practice  
7:00 PM Elders Meeting

**Friday**

6-7:00 AM Men’s Bible Study

**Next Sunday**

9:00 AM Intentional Prayer Time

**LOOKING AHEAD**

March 18 Guest-Host Night  
March 25 Communion Service during morning  
service  
March 30 7:00 PM Community Good Friday service at  
IMS  
April 1 8:30 AM Easter Breakfast  
9:30 AM Easter Service  
No Sunday School