

KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Scott Swartzendruber, Pastor – Home Phone 656-3945
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 Elders – Jenelle Bender, Lynn Hostetler, Kent Lehman, Karen Schrock
 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 9:30 AM

Pre-service Music – Joyce Ropp

Worship Leaders – Leanne Bender & Youth Worship Team

Welcome

Announcements

Congregational Song

Offering/Offertory – Taryn Leichty

Worship in Song – Youth Worship Team

Scripture Reading – Revelation 2:1-2

Worship in Word

“The 7 Letters: Ephesus”

Revelation 2:1-2

by Josh Lundberg

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing

Closing Prayer & Song

Coffee and Fellowship

Sunday School 10:45-11:30 AM

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

Children and Youth Sunday School Classes meet in the basement.

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

Attendance

July 14th

217

Offering

July 14th

General \$7,356.00; Building Improvement Fund \$125.00;
 Missions \$100.00

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

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

This morning Scott Swartzendruber is giving the message and Ed V. & Carol Miller are leading singing at Pleasantview Home.

Lost & Found: Please check the table in the foyer for any dishes, coats, etc. that might belong to you.

Gifts Discernment: In your mailbox today is the congregational assignments for 2019-2020. Please prayerfully review the sheet, approve, sign and return the sheet to the box on the foyer table in 2 weeks, August 4th.

The Primary Sunday School Department is looking for teachers for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. If you have taught before and feel led to teach again, or if you are new to teaching but have interest, please contact Lindsay Swartzendruber as soon as possible at 319-331-1812 or jlswartzendruber11@gmail.com.

July Ladies Birthday Tea will be on July 27th, 8:30-10:00 AM at Emily Ferguson’s home. There is a signup sheet on the foyer table if you would like to attend.

Coffee Servers Needed: We need coffee servers for August 25th and Sundays in September, October and November. Please check signup sheet in kitchen and help when possible. Thank you!

WOMEN (Teens through 120 years) we would love for you to SIGN UP for an 8 week multi-generational women's Sunday school class during September and October. Our goal is for the 5 generations of KMC women to encourage each other to grow closer to God and to each other. The signup sheet is to give us an idea of what size room we will need. So please sign up soon. It'll be in the foyer. Got questions? Contact Erica Hostetler, 319-541-5062; Shirley Hochstedler, 656-2005 or Dawn Wyse, 656-4575. It's going to be too good to miss!

All are invited to the **2019 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting** on July 23 at 7pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. Hear reports from the 2019 sale and be a part of the continued conversation on how to improve our relief sale as we celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Central Committee in 2020.

Iowa Mennonite School:

- **OPEN HOUSE** | The time as finally arrived for us to re-introduce ourselves to the community! The IMS operating board and administrative team invite everyone to an open house on Tuesday, July 30 from 7:00-8:00 PM in Celebration Hall. Come to this informal gathering and get the first look at our school's new name, logos, and mascot. Come enjoy some light refreshments and maybe even win some school apparel. We love the look of our new identity and are excited to show it to you all!
- **WISH LIST** | IMS is always in need of simple items that we use on a daily basis. From time to time we will communicate a list of things giving people the opportunity to address our needs. Thanks for your consideration and support. Here is the first list: paper shredder, small printer, boxes of Kleenex, dry erase markers.

Pleasantview Home:

- Pleasantview's *Aging Well* program for July will feature a program by area resident Michael Lynch he will be speaking on the subject of clocks. Anyone is welcome to come to the program, to be held in the Friendship Center at 10:00 am on Tuesday, July 23. Please contact Pleasantview for more information.
- Please join us for the first of a 3-part series entitled "Thriving in Life: Aging Successfully." This Thursday (July 25) at 9:00 am, the *Best of Iowa* bakery in downtown Kalona will host "Reaping the Benefits of Being Retired." The program will last 90 minutes, and will focus on elder rights, daily assistance programs, travel and activity opportunities, social opportunities, housing options, *Meals on Wheels*, and in-home nursing care. Pleasantview is one of several local organizations providing input. Future programs will be August 8 and August 22, with more information to come. To register for the free seminars, please RSVP to Katie Miller at Hills Bank: 319.656.5801 or katie_miller@hillsbank.com.

United Christian and Baptist Church invites you to a Closing Worship Service on Sunday, August 11th, 2:00 PM. A time of fellowship will follow the service. All are welcome!

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop continues to experience growth at our new location. We are ready for you to join us! There are openings in volunteer and staff positions throughout operations. Come for a tour to learn how we turn gently used household items into relief, development, and peace through the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Mennonite Central Committee is now collecting Immigration detainee care kits. When people who have been placed in immigration detention centers are released, they often have nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Kits containing clothing and hygiene products can help to rebuild their dignity as they are taken to bus stations and airports to reconnect with their families in the U.S. Please visit mcc.org/immigrationkit for all the details of what goes into the kit and how the kits will be distributed. It is one small way we can share Christ's love with our neighbors. All kit supplies should be sent to MCC Central States 121 E. 30th, PO Box 235, North Newton, KS 67117. Questions? Please contact MCC at 316.283.2720.

School Kit Bags: Are you looking for a summer sewing project? Mennonite Central Committee is running low on school kit bags! You can review the guidelines and instructions at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag>. Please contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org or 316-283-2720 with any questions.

2019 Senior Citizen Dinner will be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 11:45 AM at KMC. All senior citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend the dinner. We need to supply 2 workers, 7 fruit salads and 3 dozen cookies. If you can help, there is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table.

Pleasantview retirement community is hiring a Maintenance Director. This is a full-time position with regular Monday through Friday hours and an on-call rotation. The desired candidate must support the missions of Pleasantview Home and possess organizational and problem solving skills to perform or oversee carpentry, painting, plumbing, electrical, heating/air, mechanics, and grounds keeping; the ability to lead the maintenance team and collaborate with all departments. This is a physically demanding job working in various elements inside and outside. Applications will be accepted in our lobby, 811 3rd Street, Kalona or at www.pvhome.org until July 29.

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

Wednesday

9-10:00 AM Women's Prayer Meeting

7:00 PM Elders Meeting

Thursday

7:00 PM Worship Team Practice

Friday

6-7:00 AM Men's Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

August 14 11:45 AM Senior Citizen Dinner

August 18 6:00 PM Songfest 2019 at Wellman Mennonite