

KALONA MENNONITE CHURCH

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Office Hours Tuesday-Friday mornings, 8-12

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

8:30 AM-9:00 AM Worship Service (masks required)

9:30 AM

Pre-service Music – Worship Team

Worship Leaders – Worship Team

Worship in Word

by Josh Lundberg

Sunday School: An adult Sunday School will meet in the fellowship hall at 11:00 AM. Calvin Yoder will lead a discussion on Mark 6:1-6. Social distancing will be observed. There will not be a Zoom Sunday School Class this week.

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

Attendance	
July 12th	117
Offering	
July 12th	General \$5,739.99; Building Improvement Fund \$175.00
If you have any questions regarding online giving contact Janice or Nate.	

NEWS FROM THE CONGREGATION

Thank you to everyone who ordered freezer meals or made donations to benefit the MYF service trip. This coming Wednesday, July 22nd the orders will be ready. If you ordered from a youth then they will be responsible for arranging delivery with you that day. If you arranged for pick up at KMC please do so between the hours of 11 AM and 4 PM. Google form orders will be handled as noted on the form and all other orders will be arranged that day. Questions can be directed to Nate & Stacy Miller 656-3470.

On Wednesday, July 22 there will be fresh sweet corn for sale at the church from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. One dozen ears will cost \$6 with half of the proceeds going to the MYF. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser but need the corn on a different day or would like to order by the bushel, please call 319-530-7528 to make arrangements.

WMSC will be collecting school kits in August. School kits include: 4 Spiral Notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in, 70 sheets), 1 large eraser, 8 New unsharpened pencils, 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional), 12 colored pencils (in packaging), 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens and 1 small metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes).

The church will be unlocked on Wednesday from 8 AM to 8 PM.

This September 2020, a new hymnal, *Voices Together*, will be released by MC USA and MC Canada. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of *Voices Together*, there is a fund for your donation. You can designate a check or write Hymnal on the outside of an envelope. We look forward to joining our *Voices Together* and singing old and new songs, **in person**, soon.

Attention all women: Has God placed a desire in your heart to be a leader? Teach the Bible? Become a speaker? Become a writer? If so, check out the She Speaks Online Conference at <https://shespeaksconference.com/> This conference is live online July 30th-August 1 featuring Lysa Terkeurst, Jennie Allen, Meredith Brock, Lisa Allen and many more. There are a variety of options to choose, but if you choose the interactive experience pass you will be able to view all the teachings and workshops whenever you want to through April 30, 2021. If God is calling you to this conference don't let money keep you from doing it. There are funds available. Contact Dawn Wyse with any questions. Cell phone 319-936-0113.

Search Committee:

- The search committee has met and we have begun the process of gathering information. The Committee members include: Kent Lehman- Spokesperson, Lynn Hostetler-Conference contact, Stacy Ropp Miller-Administrative, Mim Nisly, Larry Pickard, Justin Slaubaugh, and Bailey Troyer.
- In January the congregation was asked to fill out a form called the “Twenty Pastoral Tasks.” Since then MCUSA has updated the form to include 24 tasks and is calling it “Pastoral Priorities.” In order for our forms to align with the candidates who will be applying for the position we felt it was important to have the congregation fill out the new form. These are in your mailboxes and are to be returned to the box in the foyer by **Sunday, August 9th**. Here is the link to the document if you would prefer to print it at home and then drop it off at church. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1f0_dJJ7oynKMSfe-quQDI0o2a_nPM9x8/view?usp=sharing These forms will help guide our process in determining the qualities our church is looking for in a pastor, so please take the time to fill it out.
- As we have information to share with you we hope to put announcements in the bulletin, articles in the Mustard Seed, and make announcements on Sunday mornings. In addition there is a poster on the bulletin board that you may reference to keep track of the progress.
- Please keep the committee in your prayers. Pray that we listen and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Also be in prayer for the person who is called to be our pastor.

Everence is hiring! We are looking for an energetic, sales-oriented person to join the Kalona office as a Client Services Representative, as we seek to help people integrate their faith with their finances. This position provides administrative assistance and marketing support for Financial/Stewardship Consultants, giving excellent service to clients and staff. It includes a particular focus on education and support for senior adult and those approaching retirement. For more information or to apply, visit <https://www.everence.com/about-everence/careers/current-positions> or call 656-4242.

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is open! Join over 100 volunteers who are serving this summer. Shop, donate, and volunteer locally to support Mennonite Central Committee. Volunteer team is needed to serve customers on Saturday, August 1st. Ready to join us? Call 319-337-5924 or email Christine at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Water For Life Golf Benefit will be on Friday, August 21st at the Kalona Golf Club. Tee times are at 8:30 AM and 1:30 PM with lunch provided. This is a way to support the mission and work of Water For Life and the Troy Miller family from our congregation who serves with WFL in Haiti. You can sign up to golf, sponsor a hole or contribute otherwise. There is a flyer on the bulletin board or you can contact Merlin Miller for more information at 319-936-7974.

Hillcrest Academy:

- **Shuttle Drivers Needed** | Hillcrest Academy is in need of shuttle drivers for the 2020-21 school year. There are two routes available: Washington route AM and PM on Mon and Wed and Iowa City route PM Mon-Fri. This shuttle is essential in providing transportation for students to and from school. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help in this mission. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller Rebecca Beachy Miller at rbeachymiller@hillcrestavens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 with questions or if interested.
- **Back to School** | As we discuss ways to engage our students and nurture our community in safe and meaningful ways, we ask for prayers of guidance as we work together to develop plans for returning to school this fall. And look for our Back to School plan to be marketed the coming week.

Pathway Christian School's registration will be Tuesday, July 21 from 4-7 PM at Pathway.

Confused on how to approach racism? Central Plains Staff have collected resources related to racism. If you need materials for a Sunday School class, for small group discussion or for you own reflecting, check out the list of resources at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/anti-racism-resources.html>. If your congregation is finding ways to respond to racism, the Peace and Justice Task Group continues to collect stories. Email stories and additional resource ideas to: wilmajane17@gmail.com.

The Iowa Mennonite Museum at the Kalona Historical Village is now open afternoons. Because of decreased museum attendance and the cancellation of the Kalona Fall Festival a significant amount of our typical fundraising has been lost. We do have several cases of apple butter made at last year's Fall Festival to sell. By the pint or by the case, our apple butter makes a nice gift for family and friends. Stop by the museum afternoons to review stories of our area Mennonite-Amish History and pick up some apple butter for friends.

Grounded in the words we read in Philippians 2: 3-4, “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others,” **MCC Central States offices and material resources center is closed to the public indefinitely.** The realities of COVID-19 continue to change but the dedication of MCC staff to work for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ continues on. Essential workers will continue to work at MCC, but the rest of the staff will work from home. Your material resource donations (school, hygiene or relief kits and comforters, details at mcc.org/kits) are needed at this time and can be shipped directly to MCC when ordering online or dropped off in the 24-hour donation room towards the east end of the building (121 E. 30th North Newton, KS 67117). In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, the global work of MCC continues. Your financial donations are needed to keep this work going. Give now at mcc.org/donate or by sending checks to MCC PO Box 500 Akron, PA 17501. To contact staff with questions please email us at centralstates@mcc.org or call the office 316.283.2720.

The July edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, you can read how MDS volunteers helped Minneapolis residents clean up following the protests in the wake of the death of George Floyd. You can learn how MDS volunteers are racing the clock to restore homes in Alaska and bring wildfire survivors home. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/2ChyxXQ>