

# WEST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

### GATHERING AND PRAISE

Pre-Service	Tanna Boshart and Girls
Welcome and Call to Worship	Lowell Yoder
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Diane Zaerr Brenneman
	<i>Sing to the God of Harvest</i> VT 122
	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i> VT 412
	<i>There Are Many Gifts</i> VT 374
Offering	Hillcrest Academy

### HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Readings	Matthew 26:47-56, Mark 14:43-52
Sermon	Peaceful Surrender John David Kenney

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response	<i>Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee</i> VT 573
Congregational Prayer	
Announcements	
Sending Song	<i>The Lord Lift You Up</i> VT 832
Benediction	

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*We welcome all guests and visitors to our Worship Service today. We trust you will be enriched by Jesus as you worship and fellowship with us. Please, visit us again.*

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#### Those assisting in the service:

**Ushers:** Sandy Gingerich, Ryan Trotta

**Sound:** Toba Bender

**Zoom Host:** Gretchen Yoder

**Greeters:** Gilbert and Sandy Gingerich

**Nursery:** Girl's Club

**Flowers:** Joni Yoder

**Coffee:** Helen Yoder

## Mission Statement

The sisters and brothers at West Union,  
united by the gospel of peace,  
gather in worship to meet the living God,  
plant and nurture the seed of God's word and  
spread the love of Jesus to others so that all people are  
welcomed to new life in Jesus Christ.

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### TODAY: Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School

### Wednesday, September 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. Pray-ers meet at Anna Mary Yoder's

### Next Sunday September 24, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:45 a.m. Adult and Youth Sunday School

### John David's Office Hours:

8:00 a.m.-Noon Tuesday

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wednesday

8:00 a.m.-Noon Friday

Day off - Saturday

**NEXT SUNDAY** Join us for a Hymn Sing. Lowell Yoder will be our worship leader and Kate Slater, Bruce Hochstetler and Holly Blosser Yoder will lead singing. Come hear pre-service music by Julie Marshall at 9:15am.

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Last offering – September 10, 2023

Attendance at CCCC - 75

Offering: Annual Relief \$716 CCCC \$400

Offering next Sunday: Home Fund

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## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

### Our Church Family:

- Pray for our farmers as harvest time gets closer.
- Continue to pray for our students as they adjust to a new school year.
- Keep those in our family who can't be with us today in your prayers. This week we especially remember Kathryn Slaubaugh, Eleanor Yoder, and our young adults Garrett Durlinger and Sarann Durlinger.

### Beyond the Congregation:

- Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Kate Widmer, who is serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and La Prairie (The Prairie) Mennonite congregation in France, as they build relationships with immigrants in their neighborhood. Kate's sewing classes have become popular. Pray that Kate will be able to share God's love as she helps women make clothes for their families.
- Central Plains Mennonite Conference: We pray for our sister congregations in North and Central Iowa: Cedar Falls MC, Cedar Falls, IA; Christ Community, Des Moines, IA; and Des Moines MC, Des Moines, IA.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mennonite Central Committee** - Listen as Jacob Yoder translates on MCC's most recent podcast, about working with internally displaced people in DR Congo, available at <https://mcc.org/our-stories/welcoming-idps-water-dr-congo-reverend-kimbila>

**Wellman Mennonite Sunday School help requested.** From October 1 to December 17, Wellman Mennonite will be holding a Bible study class regarding LGBTQIA+ concerns. They have asked East Union and West Union for help covering their Jr. MYF and children's Sunday school classes, which run from 11:00 AM - noon, so that all their adults can participate. You would be able to worship with us then would need to be at Wellman by 11 am. There are about 3-5 students in each of their class groups, K- 2nd, 3rd-5th, and Jr. MYF. If you can help or have any questions, please see John David, or sign up at [Subs for Wellman Mennonite](#).

**Please help Mennonite Women** give a generous financial donation to the Kalona and Wellman food pantries at the end of September. Cash in an envelope or your check written to "WU Mennonite Women" can be placed in Rosie Miller's mailbox by September 24. Thank you!

**Now is your chance to learn more about Civil Rights.** Travel with others from Central Plains Conference and hear first-hand reflections from people who were part of the struggle for justice and equality. See the flyer in your mailbox. If you want to go and need financial help, talk to Anita or Jane from Mission and Service Commission. Sign up or get [More Info HERE](#)

**Thank you to friends from West Union** who joined a group of 29 volunteers for a fun and productive night of service at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop. Thanks to your help, the ministry of Crowded Closet grows and thrives. Want weekly updates from the Closet to keep up with shop life? Email [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) and request to join weekly mailing!

**Saturday, September 23rd is West Union's turn at Free Lunch.** We are having taco salad. We still need cooked beans, grated cheese, sour cream, and bars. We also need workers. Signup sheets are on the table by the coffee. You can bring things next Sunday or get them to Heidi or Jane by 8 a.m. on Saturday the 23rd. Please label the things you put in the freezer. Talk to Heidi or Jane if you have questions.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You are invited** to join Wayland Mennonite Church for an afternoon of fellowship and conversation featuring David B. Miller. David will be sharing about God's Shalom and the witness of the church. David specializes in challenging the church to a more holistic relationship with God, each other, and our world. Having served in many leadership roles within the church, David is a dynamic preacher and passionate advocate for the idea that God is actively at work and that we have a high calling to engage in that work.

**When: Saturday October 7th**

**Where: Crooked Creek Christian Camp - Pavilion**

**Time: 3pm with light refreshments to follow.**

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** So many exciting events are coming up this fall at CCCC! Save the date and join us:

- We Sing for Sundaes – TODAY, September 17 at 5:00 at Sunset Shelter. Join us for hymns and homemade ice cream.
- Lunch and Lecture (formerly Senior Day) – October 5 at 9:30 am at the Retreat Lodge. Dean Rhodes will be sharing about "The People I've Met Along the Way." A soup lunch will be served. For more information and to RSVP visit our website: [HERE](#)
- Craft Retreat – November 10-12 – Registration coming soon!
- 4th Annual Online Auction – November 28-December 3

### Hillcrest Academy:

- **Ice Cream Social** - Following the varsity volleyball game on Thursday, September 28 versus Highland, 5th-8th graders, and families are invited to an ice cream social hosted by the National Honor Society. Please RSVP at <https://www.hillcrestravens.org/admissions/5-8events/> by September 25. Also on Thursday, September 28 during the Ravens volleyball games, the 2023 1A State Golf Championship banner will be presented to the team.
- **Homecoming Weekend** - Join us on campus on **October 13-14, 2023, for Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend.** This year, we are planning for the Joetown Classic 5K (Saturday morning) and the annual Pork Supper (Saturday evening). After the Joetown Classic everyone will have the opportunity to view the SOLAR ECLIPSE with special glasses provided by Everence. And after the Pork Supper, join alumni and friends on the pitch for the Alumni Soccer Match with kickoff around 7:30 PM. Check out [hillcrestravens.org/homecoming](http://hillcrestravens.org/homecoming) for more details.
  - **Joetown Classic 5K** - Part of Homecoming is a 5K run/walk called the Joetown Classic. This year's event will be on Saturday, October 14. Make sure you sign-up by **September 23** to get a cool, eclipse themed t-shirt. Register now at [hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic](http://hillcrestravens.org/joetownclassic).
  - **Pork Supper** - The annual Pork Supper sponsored by the Hillcrest Academy junior class will be October 14, 2023. The meal will be served from 4:30-7:00 PM in Hillcrest Union (gymnasium). Cost per meal is Adults \$12, Seniors 65+ \$10, Children age 4-12 \$6, age 3 and under free. Tickets can be purchased from a junior Hillcrest student or at the door. The entire meal will also be available for takeout.
- **Hillcrest at the Kalona Fall Festival** - Our apple fritters have been a staple of the festival almost from the very beginning. Once again, our PTO will be operating their historic apple fritter booth at the Kalona Fall Festival on September 29 & 30. And while you're at the festival, be sure to check out the Hillcrest Academy musical groups who will be performing on Friday, September 29 at 11:00 AM. Also be sure to stop and say hello to the Hillcrest Academy FFA students who will be helping Jim Yoder '67 grind corn and wheat meal at the grain mill.

### Upcoming Events

**September 23** – Free Lunch in Iowa City

**October 1** – Fall Business Meeting after Noon Potluck

**October 1** – Mentors & Mentees meet at Rachel & Tyson Miller's 5-7pm

**October 22** – JR MYF Hayride-Weiner Roast at Shawn & Cara Slaubaugh's 5-7pm

**November 3 & 4** – Pleasantview Benefit Sale at Hillcrest Academy

**November 4 & 5** – Spiritual Emphasis Weekend with Glen Guyton at WUnion