

# WEST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

### GATHERING AND PRAISE

Pre-Service		Gloria Yoder
	Organ music from <i>Life Songs</i> hymnal	
Welcome and Call to Worship		Lon Marshall
Opening Prayer		
Congregational Singing		Bruce Hochstetler
	<i>We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer</i>	VT 34
	<i>I Sought the Lord</i>	VT 161
	<i>O Thou, in Whose Presence</i>	VT 600
Offering		Hillcrest Academy

### HEARING GOD'S STORY

Scripture Readings	Luke 4:1-13	
Sermon	Led to Temptation	John David Kenney

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response	<i>See the Children Here before Us</i>	VT 509
Baby Dedication		
Congregational Prayer		Ron Brenneman
Announcements		
Sending Song	<i>Go, my friends, in grace</i>	STS 57
Benediction		

*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.*

#### Those assisting in the service:

**Ushers:** Galen Yoder, Karen Bender

**Sound:** Keith Slater

**Zoom Host:** Kent Blossom

**Greeters:** John and Joni Yoder

**Nursery:** Jr. MYF

**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, October 22, 2023

9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Alms Offering

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

5:00 p.m. JR MYF Hayride-Weiner Roast, Shawn & Cara's house

### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

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

### Next Sunday October 29, 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** Diane Zaerr Brenneman will bring us the message. Lon Marshall will be our worship leader and Holly Blosser Yoder will lead singing. Come hear pre-service music by Diane Miller at 9:15am.

Last offering – October 15, 2023

Attendance at West Union - 96

Attendance on Zoom - 8

Offering: Mission & Conference \$2667 Shared \$1585 Home Fund \$500

Offering next Sunday: Shared

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

### Our Church Family:

- Pray for Galen and Gloria Yoder, and their family, as she continues her battle with cancer, especially in light of the recent discouraging news. Pray that the treatment will be effective and that they will feel God's peace and strength on this journey.
- Continue to pray for those recovering from surgeries or accidents.
- We give thanks for all those who serve our congregation in a variety of ways.
- Keep those in our family who can't be with us today in your prayers. This week we especially remember Kenny Yoder, Mary Lou Yoder, and our young adults Jesse Slater and Jacob Smith Derksen.

### Beyond the Congregation:

- Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission and its partners, from eight countries, are beginning their annual International Central Council meetings in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Mennonite Mission Network, one of these partners, asks you to join in prayer for God's Spirit to guide the five days of worship, prayer, discernment and decision making for the coming year.

- Central Plains Mennonite Conference: We pray for those in our conference who are taking classes in seminary and/or exploring calls to ministry. We give thanks for the nudgings of the Spirit and pray for fortitude and courage for those who are studying, praying, and discerning the ministries to which God has called them.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Shalom Sunday School class** welcomes everyone to enjoy a treat during coffee time, TODAY, in honor of Dabenshy and Dahenshy's dedication.

**You're Invited:** Please join us as we celebrate with a baby shower for Maureen Stoddard on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 4:30pm in the West Union Fellowship Hall. Kindly RSVP to Joni Yoder at 319.325.5219 or [office@westunionmennonite.org](mailto:office@westunionmennonite.org) Mo is registered at [www.babylist.com/list/mo-stoddard](http://www.babylist.com/list/mo-stoddard). Formal invitations will be in church mailboxes.

**You are invited** to the drop in 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Anna Mary Yoder at West Union Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 1:30 – 3:30pm. Cake and ice cream will be served. Cards are welcome. No gifts, please. Hosted by Roberta, Suzanne, Karla, and Kevin Yoder.

**The Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery** invites Mennonite churches to join in prayer for Indigenous justice at Oak Flat. You will find more information in your mailbox.

**All are welcome for a Thanksgiving service**, Thursday, November 23, 10:00-11:00 a.m., at West Union Mennonite Church. Dave Boshart will bring the message. Dave pastored for more than 25 years in Iowa and Virginia and served as conference minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference 2010-2019. Since January 2020, he has served as president of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You are invited** to the Pleasantview Benefit Sale November 3 and 4 at Hillcrest Academy. Friday: Turkey tenderloin meal (by donation) served 4:30 – 7:00 pm. A silent auction will be from 4:30 – 6:30 pm, followed by a live auction. A bake sale and concession stand with pie and ice cream will be open throughout the weekend. Come hear Auction Acapella from 6:00 - 6:35 pm on Friday evening. On Saturday, an all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and eggs breakfast (by donation) will be served from 7:00 – 9:30 am; the live auction will resume at 8:30 am until all items are sold...approximately by 12:00 noon. The bake sale will be open from 8:30 until all items are sold. For more information, please go to [www.pvkalona.com/benefit-sale](http://www.pvkalona.com/benefit-sale) or call 656-2421.

**Bakers are needed** for the upcoming Benefit Sale! White bread, wheat bread, cinnamon rolls, pies, cookies, party mix, packaged to sell are welcome. Please label items with the ingredients so all are alerted to potential allergies. Bring your items to Hillcrest gym after 1:00 on Friday or by 8:00 Saturday morning. Thank you!

**Friends of Old St. Michael's** invites you to a hymn sing **TODAY** Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm at St. Michael's Church, Holbrook, Iowa. Join Bob & Kristie Black, Paul & Julie Roberts, and other fine Bluegrass Musicians as they lead a community hymn sing. Free Admissions Everyone is welcome.

**Kalona MOPS** annual Haystacks fundraiser – **TODAY**, Sunday, October 22, Noon – 1:30pm at **Cornerstone Community Church, 229 14<sup>th</sup> St., Kalona, IA.** Dine in or carry out. Free Will Donation. Call 641.777.0488 to order ahead.

**Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned**, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th Street. Sponsored by Kalona Mennonite WMSC

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop** is delighted to announce the selection of Susan K. Scott as the new director of Crowded Closet. Susan says, "I am honored and humbled to begin in the role of director, and I fully support the mission and goals of Crowded Closet. The organization is already successful and has a fantastic reputation. I'm very excited to work with the amazing staff, volunteers, and board whose hard work, time, and talents make this possible as we assist our neighbors locally and globally." Meet Susan at the Volunteer Appreciation event at Terry Trueblood Park Lodge in Iowa City on Friday, October 27, 4:30-7:30pm. Susan begins her official duties November 1st. Learn more about Crowded Closet at [www.crowdedcloset.org](http://www.crowdedcloset.org).

**Come to Sharon Hill Cemetery** in Kalona on Oct 28 (4:30-6:30 pm) or Oct 29 (2- 4 pm) to hear the interesting life stories of John Henry Hochstetler, Simon Mullet, Rollin Peterseim, Bart Yotty, and Daniel & Ida Fisher and their daughter, Ruth, shared by their descendants or related family members. Hosted by the Kalona and Mennonite Historical Societies, tours will be given every 15 minutes with the last tour at 6 on Saturday or 3:30 on Sunday. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 7-12.

**You are invited to join us for a hymn sing** on November 6th at 7 pm at Kalona Mennonite Church featuring Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs and the stories that inspired the authors, hosted by the Mennonite Historical Society. A soup supper will be available from 5:30 - 6:30 pm for a donation.

**Living Praise, a mixed singing group** from Sharon Bethel Church, will give their final program on October 29th at Fairview Mennonite Church, at 7PM. All are invited.

**All are invited** to a free screening of *My Ascension*, a documentary film to spread hope and fight suicide on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Washington High School Auditorium, 1111 S. Ave. B, Washington, Iowa. 5:00pm: free food, free t-shirts, meet local mental health providers. 6:00pm: screening of *My Ascension*. See poster in the fellowship hall for more details.

**Central Plains:** Go to [www.centralplainsmc.org/cpmc-civil-rights-pilgrimage](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/cpmc-civil-rights-pilgrimage) for important updates on the CPMC Civil Rights Pilgrimage event, now March 2-9, 2024, at a reduced cost.

## Upcoming Events

**October 29** – West Union directory forms & family photos due today

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

**November 5** – Baby Shower for Mo Stoddard at West Union, 4:30pm

**November 18 & 19** – Spiritual Emphasis Weekend with Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MC USA

**November 23** – Thanksgiving Service at West Union 10:00am – 11:00am

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Join us for these upcoming events:

- **Wood Cutting Day** – November 4 at 8:30am. Meet at the barn area by the activity center. Sack lunches will be provided. Call the office at 319-653-3611 to RSVP!
- **Craft Retreat** – November 10-12 – Registration is now open on our website: <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/craft-retreat.html>
- **Annual Meeting** – November 14. Dinner at 6:15 at the retreat lodge, followed by the business meeting at 7:00pm.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Online Auction** – November 28-December 3. We are currently taking items (baked goods, meals in homes, handmade items, themed gift baskets). Contact Heather [heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org) or Amanda, [amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:amanda@crookedcreekcamp.org) if you have items to donate.

**Hillcrest Academy:**

- **Fall Music Concert** - The Fall Music Concert will be held **TODAY**, October 22 at 3:00 PM in Celebration Hall, under the direction of Mikayla Tackaberry. The Concert Choir will be performing a variety of music genres including jazz, soul, sacred, and contemporary Christian. The concert will also feature duets and quartets made up of students from our Instrumental Music class performing songs from familiar movies.
- **Chapel Speaker, Iowa Wrestling's Terry Brands** - Each year our PTO brings in speakers during the nationally recognized Red Ribbon Week to talk about subjects like drugs, alcohol, mental health, choices we make in our lives and how they affect us and those around us. It is also a great opportunity for our students to hear about how Jesus has been part of our speaker's stories. Our theme this year is 'God is greater than the mountains and valleys in our lives' from God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalms 46:1-3). Our first speaker is Terry Brands on Oct 23, followed by Chance Miller on Oct 26, and Sam Reighard on Nov 2. All chapels take place in Celebration Hall at 10:00 AM and the public is invited.
- **Fall Drama** - The fall drama production, Our Miss Brooks, will be presented at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM on Saturday, November 4 and 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 5. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and \$5 for senior citizens (65+). All tickets will be general admission and can be purchased at the door or by calling the school office (319-656-2073). Doors will open half an hour before each show. Also, we need your help! For this fall drama production, we need help with costume alterations. If you are willing and able, please contact the main office at 319-656-2073 or [office@hillcresttravens.org](mailto:office@hillcresttravens.org).
- **Have you heard the news? Hillcrest Academy will be adding 7th & 8th grades for the 2024-25 school year!** Join us on Monday, November 6 at 6:30 PM in Celebration Hall for the **Middle School Exploratory Night**. This evening is for parents with a child in 7th grade, who have interest in exploring the option of sending them to Hillcrest for their 8th grade year. We will have time to share information, answer questions and get input from families about 8th grade. Attending the event will not commit your child to coming to Hillcrest. We hope this evening will give parents an idea of our plans for the 2024-25 school year, as well as gather information from parents! A Middle School Informational Night for incoming 6th - 8th grade families will be in January 2024. More information to come.