

# WEST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

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## Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

### GATHERING AND PRAISE

Pre-Service Diane Miller

Welcome and Call to Worship Lon Marshall

Leader: Be sincere in your love for others.

**People: Hate all that is evil and hold tight to all that is good.**

Leader: Love each other, and honor others more than yourself.

**People: Bless everyone who mistreats you. Bless them and do not curse them.**

Leader: When others are happy, be happy with them;  
when they are sad, be sad.

**People: Make friends with ordinary people. Do not mistreat someone who has mistreated you.**

Leader: But try to earn the respect of others, and do your best to live  
at peace with everyone.

**People: Do not let evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.**

Opening Prayer

Congregational Singing Holly Blosser Yoder

*All Creatures, Worship God Most High* VT 81

*Jesus Christ Is Waiting* VT 287

*The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock*  
*In Christ Alone* VT 332

Offering Shared

### HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story Sandy Gingerich

*Let the Children Come to Me* VT 512

Scripture Readings Luke 6:17-31, 46-49

Sermon Diane Zaerr Brenneman

Preacher Jesus and the Anabaptists

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response *Blessed are they* STS 41

Congregational Prayer Helen Yoder

## Announcements

Sending Song *We, Your People, Sing Your Praises* VT 849

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:** Jesse Blossom, Kent Blossom

**Sound:** Tobyn Bender

**Zoom Host:** Kent Blossom

**Greeters:** Ron and Nancy Brenneman

**Nursery:** Tanna and Brynna Boshart

**Coffee:** Galen Yoder

**Fall Harvest Display:** Mary 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 29, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship Service

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

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.** Pray-ers meet at West Union

**9:30 a.m.** Mennonite Women

**Next Sunday November 5, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.** Worship Service

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

**4:30 p.m.** Baby Shower for Mo Brenneman at West Union

**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** John David Kenney will bring us the message. Jane Yoder-Short will be our worship leader and Gloria Yoder's Worship Team will lead singing. Come hear pre-service music by Annette, Addison & Clara Miller at 9:15am.

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Last offering – October 22, 2023

Attendance at West Union - 100

Attendance on Zoom - 11

Offering: Hillcrest Academy \$2846 Shared \$460 Mutual Aid \$200

Offering next Sunday: Home Fund

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## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

### Our Church Family:

- Pray for all those in our congregation struggling with sleeplessness.
- We give thanks again for the honor of dedicating Dahenshy and Dabenshy last Sunday.
- Pray for all those who have to work outside as the temperatures start to drop.
- Keep those in our family who can't be with us today in your prayers. This week we especially remember Brian Ambrosio, Ada Mae Eash, and our young adults Aidan Yoder and Suzanna Yoder.

### Beyond the Congregation:

- Mennonite Mission Network: Today brings closure to a five-day gathering of Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service leaders and participants in Tucson, Arizona. Pray that this gathering inspired each participant to grow in their faith and in their practice of discipleship throughout the coming year.
- Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Council of Committees meeting next weekend as members of each of the committees from around the conference gather in Freeman, SD to fellowship, study the bible, dream and plan together.
- This year's theme is KINDNESS, taken from Ephesians 4:32. Pray that the Hillcrest Academy community of students and staff embrace what it means to be kind and forgive others regardless of how they treat you.

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

**Mennonite Women** will be meeting on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. Ariel Kenney will have devotions and the project is cash for MC USA Mennonite Women projects. The meal will be a potluck. Wellman Mennonite has been invited as our guests, but you are welcome to invite others as well.

**This is a reminder** of the invitation to join in prayer for Indigenous justice at Oak Flat on November 4. If you have questions, feel free to talk to Mission and Service members: Levi Geyer, Anita Miller, John Blosser Yoder, and Jane Yoder-Short.

**It is time to complete the congregational, pastoral survey.** The survey is made of three parts: A children's survey, a congregational survey, and a pastoral survey. The survey committee encourages every person who is an active participant of West Union Mennonite Church to complete this evaluation process. If you have children who are unable to complete a survey independently, we ask you as a parent to assist them. The survey will be

available in paper form and online. The online version of the survey will be sent by email next week. If you can complete the survey online, that will make compiling the results more efficient. For those who would like to complete the survey via paper, there are a few paper copies under the mailboxes. Once completed, there will be a box under the mailboxes to submit the paper survey. Please let the survey committee know if you have any questions. Survey Committee: Lowell Yoder, Dick Yoder-Short, Maria Durlinger, Helen Lindstrom

**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!

**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

**CANCELLATION:** The Cemetery Walk scheduled for October 28 and 29 by the Mennonite and Kalona Historical Societies has been canceled because of the forecast of cold weather and possible rain or snow. It will be rescheduled for next year sometime.

**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.

**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.

**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:**

- **Red Ribbon Week: Special Chapels** - - Each year the Hillcrest Academy 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 first speaker was Terry Brands on October 23. Besides Brands, we are honored to have Chance Miller speak to us on October 26 followed by Maya Kehr Yoder on October 30 and Sam Reighard on November 2. All chapels take place in Celebration Hall at 9:55 AM and the public is always 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. Plan to attend and show your support to West Union's youth, Addison Miller, Lydia Beachy and Jesse Blossom.
- **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.

### Upcoming Events

**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