

WEST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Pre-Service	Luetta Ropp
Welcome and Call to Worship	Rosie Miller
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Worship Team
	<i>Morning Has Broken</i> VT 495
	<i>How Great Is Our God</i> VT 116
	<i>Open the Eyes of My Heart</i> VT 401
Offering	Shared
	Coins for Camp

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Children's Story	Rachel Swartzendruber Miller
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 11:6-9, 1 Peter 2:11-17
Sermon	Peaceable Kingdom John David Kenney

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response	<i>God of the Bible</i> VT 410
Congregational Prayer	Ron Brenneman
Announcements	
Sending Song	<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i> VT 754
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: Tony Boshart

Zoom Host: Diane Zaerr Brenneman

Nursery: Ariel Kenney

Greeters: Lon and Julie Marshall

Worship Team: Luetta Ropp, Kate Merck, Annette Miller

Coffee: Heidi Gingerich

Visuals: Cara Slaubaugh

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, April 7, 2024,

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

12:00 p.m. Fundraiser Meal for Playground Equipment

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

Next Sunday, April 14, 2024

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 John David Kenney will bring us the message. Rosie Miller will be our worship leader and Kate Slater will lead singing. Come hear pre-service music by the West Union Winds at 9:15am.

Last offering – March 31, 2024

Attendance at West Union – 103

Attendance on Zoom –3

Offering: Home Fund \$3793 Shared \$410 Alms \$200

Offering next Sunday: Hillcrest Academy

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Our Church Family:

- Keep Haiti in your prayers as they are currently in a time of extreme unrest.
- Continue to keep all those in the congregation who volunteer to help the work of the church be accomplished.
- Keep VBS in your prayers as it comes closer.
- 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 Mitchell Schmieder and Vic Slater.

Beyond the Congregation:

- **Mennonite Mission Network:** The deadline to apply for Mennonite Mission Network's two-week Youth Venture programs is April 15. Pray that young people who would like to spend two-weeks this summer making friends in Benin, for ages 15-22, or South Korea, for ages 18-22, and people of all ages who are interested in learning more about injustice in the United States, will find a way to participate.

- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer, White Chapel, and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Churches.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

You're Invited: Please join us as we celebrate with a bridal shower for Olivia Marshall on Saturday, April 27, at 10:30am in the West Union Fellowship Hall. The couple is registered at Target, Amazon, and the Community Country Store Annex (5697 Gable Ave. SW, Kalona, IA) Kindly RSVP to Joni Yoder at 319-325-5219 or office@westunionmennonite.org. Olivia and Michael Martens will be married in a small ceremony later this spring.

Updated: Please feel free to join any of the **adult Sunday school classes.**

Conference Room: By Grace- Keith Slater will lead a Bible study of Acts.

Rooms 1 & 2: Corbin Boshart will lead a general study of the Bible.

Room 3: Living Faith – Rachel Swartzendruber Miller will be teaching and using the book, *Not Your Parents Offering Plate*.

Room 5: Shalom – Donovan Bender will lead a book study using the book, *It's all about the with*, written by Carolyn Schlabaugh.

Room 7: Sygysus – Bible studies by Anne Graham Lotz—starting April 7.

MYF Room: Study Michelle Hershberger's book, *God's Story, Our Story*.

Brian Nchow from Kenya, East Africa attended IMS (Hillcrest Academy) in 2018-2019. While at IMS Brian lived with Gloria and Galen Yoder. Brian needs \$740 for college expenses. If you would like to help Brian in this way, please contact Lon Marshall at lon.marshall@gmail.com or you can call or text Lon at 319-533-1744. Thank you!

The sign-up sheet for VBS volunteers has been posted in the Fellowship Hall! If you already know where you would like to help, feel free to sign up! If you would like to help and have questions about what a position is or would like to see the material, please talk with Tanna or Gretchen! Registration is now open for children Aged 4 - 8th Grade. Register here: [Bible School Registration](#) Feel free to pass this link along to family, friends & neighbors. VBS will be held Monday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 5 from 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM each day at West Union.

The Hillcrest Academy Touring Choir will be performing several concerts on campus and in local churches. Their theme, 'Lead with Love' encompasses the call for connection in a world much in need of Jesus' love. Their performances touch on themes of rising to God's calling and carrying His light in all situations. You will hear varied selections of spirituals, contemporary Christian, jazz, and maybe even a song about coffee! They will be traveling to Goshen, IN for the MSC Choir Festival on April 5-7 and will hold a performance at West Union Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 28th at 7:00pm. Check out the entire schedule at www.hillcrestravens.org/touringchoir2024. The public is welcome at all performances.

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

April 27 – Bridal Shower for Olivia Marshall, WU Fellowship Hall, 10:30am.

April 28 – Hillcrest Touring Choir at West Union 7:00pm.

June 3-5 – Vacation Bible School 8:30am – 1:30pm at West Union.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

April 2024 - CC Summer Camp Registration is OPEN

April 2024 – MCC invites you to take the challenge: A month of climate actions for peace!

April 9 -10 – Pre-Registration Night at Hillcrest Academy

April 12 – Annual Farmer Feed at Hillcrest Academy, 6:30 – 8:00am.

April 14 – UDC Connect Youth Group, Smoked Pulled Pork Fundraiser

April 15 – MCUSA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Climate Justice, Seeking Shalom" webinar.

April 19 – Deadline for MCUSA's *Bring the Peace* Award.

April 20 – Annual Turkey Steak Supper – Hillcrest Academy, 4:30-7:00pm

April 28 – Movie Night at Fairview Mennonite Church, 6:00pm

May 4 – Homers for Hartzlers Benefit for Chris Hartzler Family

May 4 - Wild Mud Run and Walk at CCCC

May 11, 13, 14 - CCCC Summer Camp Prep Days

June 2024 – Summer Camp Kitchen Volunteers Needed

*Please see the Community Announcements & Events document for details.