

WEST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

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Worship Service 9:30 a.m.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Pre-Service	WU Winds
Welcome and Call to Worship	Rosie Miller
Opening Prayer	
Congregational Singing	Kate Slater
	<i>Jesus, Stand Among Us</i>
	<i>This Is God's Wondrous World</i> VT 180
	<i>In Thee Is Gladness</i> VT 666
Offering	Hillcrest Academy Coins for Camp

HEARING GOD'S STORY

Mission Moment	"Following Jesus as an Engineer"	John Arthur Yoder
Scripture Reading	Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15-17	
Sermon	Peace with Creation	John David Kenney

RESPONDING TO GOD'S STORY

Song of Response	<i>Creating God, Your Fingers Trace</i>	VT 427
Congregational Prayer and Sharing Time		
Announcements		
Sending Song	<i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives</i>	VT 347
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: Kent Blossom, Jesse Blossom

Sound: Ryan Merck

Zoom Host: Kent Blossom

Nursery: Diane Zaerr Brenneman & Addison Miller

Greeters: MYF

Visuals: Cara Slaubaugh

Coffee: Ramona Miller

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 14, 2024,

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

Next Sunday, April 21, 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 – Out of Office

Day off – Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY Mara Weaver Boshart will bring us the message. Corben Boshart will be our worship leader and Diane Zaerr Brenneman will lead singing. Come hear pre-service music by Pat Lamb at 9:15am.

Last offering – April 7, 2024

Attendance at West Union – 103

Attendance on Zoom –3

Offering: Shared \$3858 Home Fund \$300 Playground Fundraiser \$2605

Offering next Sunday: Home Fund

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Our Church Family:

- Be in prayer for Dave Meyerholz as he recovers from knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday.
- Be in prayer for all those involved in planting crops as the weather warms up.
- 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:** JCS International, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in Mongolia, requests continued prayer for herder families, as they struggle to survive this year's dzud (winter disaster), which has caused suffering across 90% of the country, with more than two million animal deaths. Pray that transportation routes will open, so aid can be delivered to remote areas.
- **Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for those gathering for the Annual Leaders Retreat next weekend. May it be a time of rest and renewal with ministry colleagues from around the conference.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mentor and Mentees will have a work night at the **Crowded Closet** on Monday, April 22 from 5-7pm. Please plan to attend even if your mentor or mentee is not available. Anyone can join the work night, regardless of being in the mentor/mentee group. The Crowded Closet needs as much help as possible and it's always a fun time at the Closet! Sign Up [HERE!](#) Please let Diane Zaerr Brenneman or Jean Gingerich know if you need a ride.

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 22 – Mentor & Mentees work night at the Crowded Closet – 5-7pm

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 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

May 23 – Puttin' fore Pleasantview – Four Person Best Shot

May 26-31: Restorative Justice Peace Camp for young adults (Chicago, Ill)

June 2024 – Summer Camp Kitchen Volunteers Needed

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