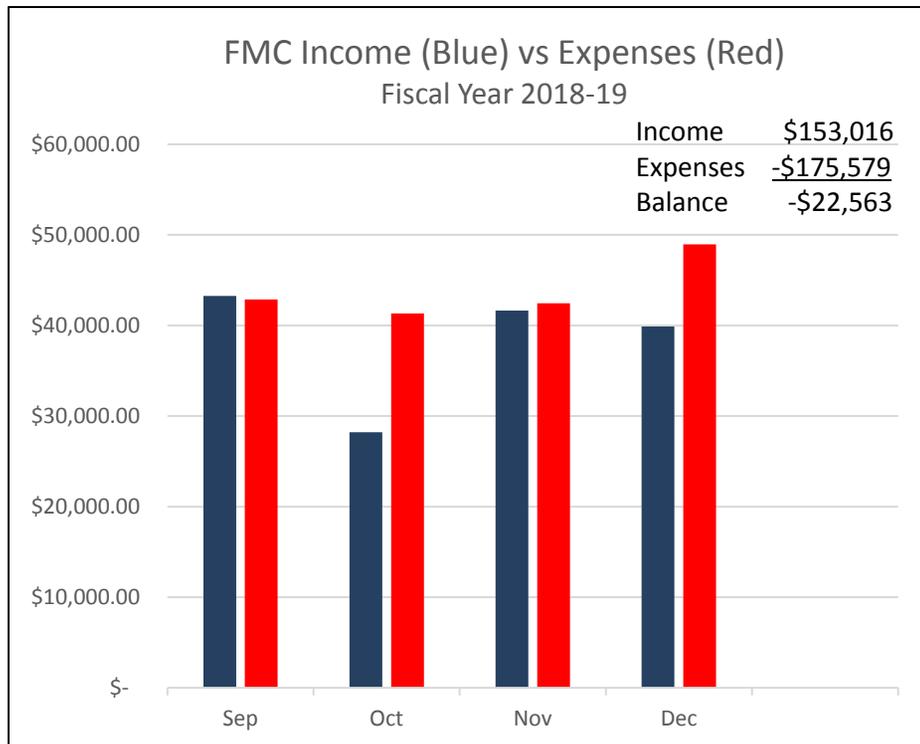


## CALENDAR

- Sunday** 9:30 AM Worship & Communion, Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, proclaimer  
 10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes resume  
 5 PM Torre Fuerte worship
- Tuesday** 6 PM Mission Commission  
 6:30 PM Christian Education Commission
- Wednesday** 6 PM MYF @ Rempel's  
 7 PM Ad. Cabinet
- Thursday** 11 AM-1:30 PM Young Adult Lunch TBD  
 6:15 PM Stewardship Commission  
 6:30 PM Trustees  
 7 PM Torre Fuerte worship
- Sunday** 9:30 AM Worship Lyle Miller, Everence, proclaimer  
 10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes  
 5 PM Torre Fuerte worship
- 6 PM ALL CHURCH COFFEEHOUSE featuring The Young Ramblers**

Attendance 12-30-17	149
Offering	\$3,546.00 General Fund



## OUR CHURCH FAMILY: January 6, 2019

### Birthdays

- Sunday** Ruth Brenneman Graber  
**Monday** Jonathan Hershberger, Ida Fern Miller, Tim Schumacher  
**Thursday** Zaden Issah  
**Saturday** Ellen Upton

In addition to 240 items of warm winter clothing delivered on Christmas Eve, \$1661 was sent to the Shelter House this week as a result of contributions received during our Advent Giving Project in support of the Shelter House in December. Thanks for your generous giving and compassion for the Shelter House and those they serve! --Mission Commission

Lyle Miller, stewardship consultant for Everence, will meet with Stewardship Commission on Thursday evening and be present next Sunday, January 13 to bring the message.

Plan to warmly welcome baby Oliver next Sunday, January 13 during fellowship time. Grab your coffee and then head to the Fellowship Hall to greet Jackie and Oliver, enjoy a sweet treat, and leave a monetary gift if you so desire.

An **All Church Coffeehouse** featuring the Young Ramblers, is set for Sunday, January 13 at 6 PM. Coffee and other hot drinks will be made by Roger and Cindi Schrock. Please bring finger foods to share and enjoy!

All **Young Adults** are welcome to gather for lunch this Thursday, Jan. 10 at Oasis (206 N. Linn St., Iowa City). Join us anytime from 11 AM-1:30 PM.

**First Menno 101** is an opportunity to explore with others the dynamic relationship we can have with God and each other as followers of Jesus. **Beginning TODAY** (10:45-11:45 AM) and continuing for four consecutive Sundays during Christian Education hour, pastors Karla and Terry will lead this interactive class using the *What is an Anabaptist Christian?* booklet from Mennonite Mission Network to begin conversation. Following the class, opportunity will be given to those who are not yet formal members of the congregation to join. The class meets in Terry's office.

**Phone directory update:** Ian Buchta and Amanda McLearn-Montz, 718 Oakcrest St #18, Iowa City, IA 52246

## CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**To Loose the Bonds of Injustice: The Plight of the Mentally Ill & What the Church Can Do** – Author Marcia A. Murphy will read from her book and lead a community-wide discussion on mental health from the standpoint of social justice. This is the first for religion to partner with the psychiatric field from a spiritual vantage point to improve the lives of those afflicted with medical, social,

and spiritual maladies. The reading is from 10:10-11:30 AM on Sat., Jan. 12 in Meeting Room A at the Iowa City Public Library. The public is invited.

**The Priest of Abu Ghraib** is an excellent article about Joshua Casteel (1979-2012), a Christian who grew up in Cedar Rapids, joined the army, and became an interrogator at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. He became a conscientious objector, speaker, and writer because of his experiences. In 2007 he spoke at IMS chapel. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/priest-abu-grahib-180971013/>

Hesston College's **Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) Conference** (Feb 1-3) will do more than just talk about following Jesus, we will practice spiritual disciplines using our bodies and voices for Jesus. Join Christian spirituality experts Mark and Lisa Scandrette for *Growing More Like Jesus From the Outside In: Transforming Heart and Mind*. Register by January 28. \$100/person, \$75/each for two or more from your group. Learn more and register now at [hesston.edu/avds](https://hesston.edu/avds) or call 620-327-8147.

#### From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:

- **Fellowship & Learning Trip to the Ecuadorian Rain Forest** - March 28-April 10, 2019. Beginning with 3 days in Quito, meet members of the Quito Mennonite Church, learn about their refugee ministry, and visit with leaders of a network of indigenous Mennonite churches. Then, join Jerrell & Jane Ross Richer, who serve with Mennonite Mission Network and are connected to Central Plains Mennonite Conference through the Ecuador Partnership, for a focus on the faith, culture, and care for creation of indigenous communities in the Rain Forest. The cost of the two-week trip is \$2,100 per-person, including round-trip airfare from Chicago to Quito and all meals, lodging, guides and transportation by bus and motorized canoe. A deposit is required by February 1, 2019. Find a full trip description at: <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/upcoming-trips.html>

#### From Crowded Closet:

- **Do you remember when Crowded Closet Thrift Shop moved in 1997?** Your MCC Thrift Shop is on the move again in 2019, and we need you! Volunteers are needed for assembly, painting, meal preparation, hauling (trucks & trailers welcome!), and more! To join the relocation action that begins at the end of January, email [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com).

#### From EVERENCE:

- Everence will host its popular workshop, **Make Medicare an Easy Step**, on Monday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 PM at Iowa City Senior Center, Room 202, 28 South Linn St., Iowa City. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. The workshop is free, but space is limited! Contact Joyce Garvin at (877) 656-4242 or [joyce.garvin@everence.com](mailto:joyce.garvin@everence.com) to reserve your spot by Jan. 10.

#### From Iowa Mennonite School (IMS):

- **THANK YOU** | We are thankful for all of you who held us up in prayer and financially this past year. We cherish your care and generosity as we start a new year moving IMS forward to a bright future.
- **Visit Days** | January 21 and February 18 are the upcoming Visit Days for 8th graders and transfer students. Join a host student in classes, chapel, and lunch. Parents can come at the beginning of the day to meet with the Administrative Team to get information and answers to any questions they may have. Register at [www.iowamennonite.org/visit](http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit)
- **The Chili Supper** | The annual Chili Supper, hosted by our senior class, has been a tradition since 1960. Save the date and plan to join us on February 9 in Hillcrest Union.

#### From Mennonite Church USA (MCUSA):

- Introducing the new monthly **MC USA Faith Formation Network e-newsletter!** Sign up to receive it at [mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation](http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/faith-formation).
- The latest episode of the **Holding it(,) Together podcast** is out now, focusing on infertility, miscarriage and infant loss. Listen on Apple Podcasts, Stitcher, or online at <https://themennonite.org/the-latest/holding-together-podcast/>.

#### From Pleasantview Home:

- **Pleasantview Home & Health services available.** Services of light housekeeping, transportation, shopping, personal care assist, or assist with meal prep aids folks in maintaining their independence in their own home. Pleasantview is able to provide this kind of service in the Kalona community. Call Pleasantview at 319-656-2421 for more information.

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*A generous person will be enriched ... The one who gives water will be refreshed. – Proverbs 11:25*

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