

for parking space at the fairgrounds. Questions? contact LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032.

- Register for the **Relief Sale 5K Trail Run & 1 Mile Walk!** On Saturday, June 1 at 8 AM, the 5K run begins at the fairgrounds and continues through the woods and hills of neighboring Ryerson's Woods Park. The 1-mile fun and casual walk will take place at the fairgrounds with mostly flat surfaces and suitable for strollers and all ages. After the run, enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake, sausage, egg and fried mush breakfast. Register for the run or walk at: <http://getmeregistered.com/ReliefSaleTrailRun>.
- The **Apple Fritter booth** also needs your help! If you enjoy eating fritters and want to see this booth at the sale this year, please consider joining the committee for 3 years or volunteer to work a shift this year. If interested, contact Gloria Yoder ([ggwyoder@netins.net](mailto:ggwyoder@netins.net) or text 319-430-8689) or Joe Schmidt ([joeschmidt77@gmail.com](mailto:joeschmidt77@gmail.com) or 319-471-0531). Thank you!

#### From Pleasantview Home:

- The Kalona Rotary Club's annual Omelet Breakfast on May 4 will benefit **Pleasantview Home's** building project this year, and all are invited to attend, eat, and support the cause! Serving is from 6:45 – 10:30 AM at the Kalona Methodist Church. Tickets (\$5 adults/\$3 children 12 and under) are available from Rotarians (**Mike Brenneman**) or by calling **Larry Swartzendruber** at Pleasantview, 319.656.2421. For more information, please contact Larry or your Pleasantview board member (**Michael Loss**).

Attendance 4-14-2019	197
Offering	\$4,687.95 General Fund

### CALENDAR

#### Sunday 8-8:45 AM All Church Breakfast Potluck

9:30 AM **Easter Sunday Worship**, Terry Zimmerly, proclaimer

*No Primary Christian Ed classes*

10:45 AM Adult Christian Ed. classes

5 PM Torre Fuerte worship

**Wednesday** 7 PM Elders

**Thursday** 7 PM Torre Fuerte worship

**Friday** 10-11:30 AM Play Group @ FMC

**Sunday** 9:30 AM Worship, Terry Zimmerly, proclaimer

10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes

NOON – Young Adult Lunch - TBD

5 PM Torre Fuerte worship

### OUR CHURCH FAMILY: April 21, 2019

#### Birthdays

**Tuesday** Amanda McLearn-Montz  
**Wednesday** Julia Bartel  
**Friday** Diane Funk  
**Saturday** Kate Brenneman, Karen Martens Zimmerly

**TODAY: Easter breakfast potluck (8 AM) & Easter Worship Celebration:** Everyone is invited to bring favorite breakfast casseroles, breads and/or fruit to share at our annual Easter breakfast! Table service is provided. Serving from **8 to 8:45 AM** (this allows time for the kitchen crew to clean up and attend 9:30 AM worship).

Young children, caregivers, and friends are invited to come and play together **THIS FRIDAY, April 26**, 10 AM to 11:30 AM in the FMC fellowship hall. Snack and drink provided. See you there!

On this Easter Sunday when we sing with joy and gladness that Christ is alive, Worship Commission is excited about the new song book, *Voices Together*, (anticipated release date of fall 2020). The hymnbook will include songs from the current 3 songbooks in our pews, new songs, as well as expanded worship resources.

The anticipated cost is \$25/book. This low cost is possible because our publisher, Menno Media is working hard to raise the funds for production costs. For a \$50 donation you will help First Mennonite purchase one songbook, help with production costs, and have the opportunity to honor the memory of a loved one with a nameplate.

Envelopes are in the pews if you want to give a contribution today. Worship Commission will have a fundraising drive on April 28 and May 5.

Steven Hostetler is now living in Sunnybrook Assisted Living. His address is: 3515 Diana Queens Drive, Apt. 305, Muscatine, IA 52761

### CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Join Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity on their **Interfaith Builds**, where we'll be building two sides of a duplex alongside members of faith communities throughout our area. **Our first Interfaith Builds shift begins April 18, and we need a lot of hands!** To sign up for volunteering: log in or create a username at the following link, and begin selecting dates you want to build! <https://build.iowavalleyhabitat.org/>. Questions about signing up for volunteering, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, at [Leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org](mailto:Leda@iowavalleyhabitat.org). Questions? Check out <https://www.iowavalleyhabitat.org/interfaith-committee.html>.

The Oakdale Community Choir is a unique mix of volunteers and men who are incarcerated. Together we are working to transform the correctional system through music. You are invited to our *Building Bridges to Peace* concert on Saturday, May 4, 2-4 PM in the gym at the Iowa Medical Classification Center in Coralville. Guests (18+ yrs) must reserve a seat via the following link: <http://oakdalechoir.lib.uiowa.edu/>. Instructions about prison security procedures will be sent. -- **Alisa, Joseph, Kevin, Kristina, Lynn, and Maria**

#### **From Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC):**

- David Boshart has resigned as Executive Conference Minister for CPMC effective July 31. He will join the faculty of AMBS as a professor of missional leadership and pastoral care. See the letter posted on the CPMC bulletin board.
- **The end of the fiscal year is near!** The CPMC fiscal year ends April 30; and we would welcome and be thankful for any contributions to arrive prior to this date to help us end on a positive note. As always, we give thanks for your incredibly generous support of Conference! - Stewardship Task Group
- Do you have a story to tell? Is there a time in your life when you faced conflict and found the Spirit opening a door to respond in a love-filled way? Have you witnessed someone else acting in peace and love filled ways? **Central Plains Peace and Justice Task Group is collecting stories of peacemakers.** Peacemaking stories can include interactions across cultural barriers, responses to strangers, stories of undoing racism and sexism, stories of non-violence, stories of creation care. Email your stories to The Peace and Justice Task Group via Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com). Please send them by May 1.

**From Crooked Creek Christian Camp (CCCC):** Exciting things are happening this spring at Crooked Creek!

- Register for the **Mud Run**, May 4. It's a fantastic way to support the campership fund and a blast for the entire family!
- **Spring-cleaning Day**, April 27. Lunch provided; please let the camp know if you're willing to help us out.
- Register **NOW** for summer camp to take advantage of our early bird special!

#### **From Crowded Closet:**

- Donations to Crowded Closet Thrift Shop are historically high, and sales are strong at the new shop location! To support the growth and abundance, the workroom will open each Tuesday, 4-6:30 PM for after-hours volunteering during April and May. Contact Christine to join this exciting time of growth for our local Mennonite Central Committee thrift shop. Email [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or call 319-337-5924.

#### **From EVERENCE:**

- **Partnering with Everence Sharing Fund:** FMC helped two organizations in need with \$2000 of financial assistance in 2018. Our faith-based partner,

Everence, offers its Sharing Fund to help us help people in need all year. Learn more from our Stewardship Advocates **Andrew & Heidi Willems.**

- **Are you on the right financial path?** When it comes to your finances, do you have a financial plan that takes your faith values into consideration? If not, Christian-based Everence can help. Get started on your journey today! Learn more [everence.com/financial-planning](http://everence.com/financial-planning).
- **Nominate someone you admire!** Recognize people who model Christian stewardship by nominating them for an Everence Journey Award, which includes \$500 and \$5,000 charitable donation awards. Learn more at [everence.com/journey-awards](http://everence.com/journey-awards).

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

- **Spiritual Emphasis April 22-24** | Our speaker/facilitator will be Ali Hettinger from Columbia, MO. Ali has a counseling practice and attends Anthem Church in Columbia. Through her topic of *Crucial Conversations*, she will work with our school on how to engage each other in respectful discussions. We encourage you to attend each day from 9:47-10:17 AM.
- **Jr/Sr Banquet** | This year's theme is *Una Noche en México*. The annual event will be on April 27 with an 'arrival' time from 5:45-6:30 PM which the public is welcome to attend.
- **Peter Pan & Wendy** | Spring drama performances are May 4 at 7 PM and May 5 at 3 PM in Celebration Hall. Reserved tickets can be purchased by calling the office: \$9/adults and \$5/students K-12. First check availability at [iowamennonite.org/drama](http://iowamennonite.org/drama). Tickets at the door are general admission: \$10/adults and \$6/students. **Cast members from FMC include Caleb Gingerich, Mia Graber, Gretta Rempel, & Angela Villatoro.**
- **SAVE THE DATE** | IMS will be hosting another **Into The Black** fundraising event on June 28. *Save Room For Pie* will feature a concert by The Walking Roots Band, a silent auction of meals, and (of course) pie and ice cream. Look for more details soon, but mark your calendars and plan to attend this important event to help us get 'into the black' at the end of the year.

#### **From the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale (MCC): 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary!**

- We'll need many helping hands at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, May 31 & June 1, to ensure everything runs smoothly. Check out the various **volunteer opportunities** at [iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering](http://iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering). Your support enables our sale to raise funds for MCC's global mission of relief, development and peace-building in the name of Christ. Questions or want to volunteer by phone? Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller (319-631-2461).
- **Relief Sale Tractorcade:** Will meet at Yoder's Auction Services, Frytown, (2016 500th St SW Kalona, IA 52247) on Friday, May 31 from 11:30 AM-12:30 PM for check in. We will be leaving for the fairgrounds at 1 PM SHARP. The route is approx. 30 miles long. The tractors will be left at the fairgrounds overnight. On Saturday, we'll leave the fairgrounds at 9 AM. Donations will be collected at check-in. Register by May 6 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Register by May 22 if you are planning to participate so we can plan