OUR CHURCH FAMILY: April 7, 2019

Birthdays

Sunday	Robin Gingerich, Ed Johnson, Jackeline Portillo
Monday	John Bixler, Edward Hing
Wednesday	Amanda Bartel
Thursday	Kira Wennerholm
Saturday	Maximilian Hing

Today we welcome Emma Welch, coordinator, University of Iowa Pride Alliance Center (Pride House). Emma will share with us in the sanctuary during the Christian Education hour.

Ladies' night out has been rescheduled! A pour painting party will be held at First Mennonite Church **TONIGHT** from 5-7 PM. This is a fun way to try painting on canvas that doesn't require previous experience. Light refreshments will be served. Suggested donation is $5 for material expenses. Call, text, or e-mail Melinda Turnbull if you plan to attend: 515-975-6914 or turnbull04@msn.com

MYF will have a scavenger hunt on Wednesday, April 10 at Coral Ridge Mall. Please meet at 6 PM at the carousel. Let Alisa or Kristen know if you're coming, if you need a ride, and if you will be late.

Thanks always for your prayers and financial support of the Iglesia Zoar mission near Reynosa, Mexico led by Pastor Jose and his wife, Raquel. The Iglesia Zoar Fund needs additional support at this time. You are welcome to contribute by writing a check to First Mennonite Church with "Iglesia Zoar" on the memo line.

CROP Walk: TODAY – It's not too late to join Bob & Joshua Miller on the FMC team! Contact Bob Miller (319-325-6158) or contribute at www.crophungerwalk.org/iowacityia (click First Mennonite Team of Iowa City).

Easter All-Church Breakfast Potluck: Everyone is invited to bring favorite breakfast casseroles, breads and/or fruit to share at our annual Easter breakfast! Table service will be provided. Serving from **8 to 8:45 AM** (this allows time for the kitchen crew to clean up and attend Easter worship at 9:30 AM).

Season of Lent

Sundays throughout Lent: **Sunday Simple Lunches** of soup and bread/gluten free bread (NOON, through April 14 in the Fellowship Hall) followed by sharing and prayer around the table.

April 18 -- Maundy Thursday Service & Footwashing, 7 PM Fellowship Hall
April 19 -- area Good Friday Service at Iowa Mennonite High School
April 21 -- Easter breakfast potluck (8 AM) & **Easter Worship Celebration**

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Real Conversation: Migration in Your Community. Iowa Wesleyan University invites you to attend the *2019 Manning Lecture and Migration Forum* **TODAY** at 1:30 PM in the Chapel Auditorium. Rev. Alexia Salvatierra will deliver the keynote address, "Faithful Responses to Migration." The lecture will be followed by two workshop sessions including presenters and training from a wide range of groups involved with migration in Iowa: Mount Pleasant Chamber Alliance, the Iowa Department of Human Rights, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Justice for Our Neighbors, Iowa WINS, and many more! **Free and open to the public.** Join Tim Krabill inside the lower level entrance at 12:15 if you would like to carpool.

Frank Yoder, resident of Pleasantview Home's *Independent Living* community, will be signing his recently authored book, ***Lena's Boys: Adventures on the County Line Road***, on Saturday, Apr. 13, from 10 – NOON in Pleasantview's Friendship Center. The book – highlighting the tales of growing up in a single-parent home in the '40s as one of four boys – will be available for sale as well. Refreshments will be served, and all are invited. Questions? Call 656-2421.

The semi-annual **bluegrass community hymn sing at St. Michaels in Holbrook** will be **TODAY** from 2 - 4 PM. Sing along with Kristie & Bob Black, Julie & Paul Roberts, and other area musicians. Free admission and song sheets provided. Everyone is welcome for the full two hours or to come and go.

Area school Fine Arts events:
April 12-14 – *Les Miserables*, Opstad, City High (**Zoe Miller** stars as Fantine)
Tickets can be purchased at www.seatyourself.biz/iowacityhs

From Crooked Creek Christian Camp (CCCC):

- Exciting things are happening this spring at Crooked Creek!
  1. Make sure to register for the **Mud Run**, May 4. It's a fantastic way to support the campership fund and a blast for the entire family!
  2. We need help getting our cabins cleaned and ready for summer camp, so we're hosting a spring-cleaning April 27. Lunch will be provided; please let the camp know if you're willing to help us out.
  3. Make sure to register **NOW** for summer camp to take advantage of our early bird special!
  4. Want to get involved with summer camp? We're looking for counselors, lifeguards, assistant cooks, and nurses. Call the camp for more information.

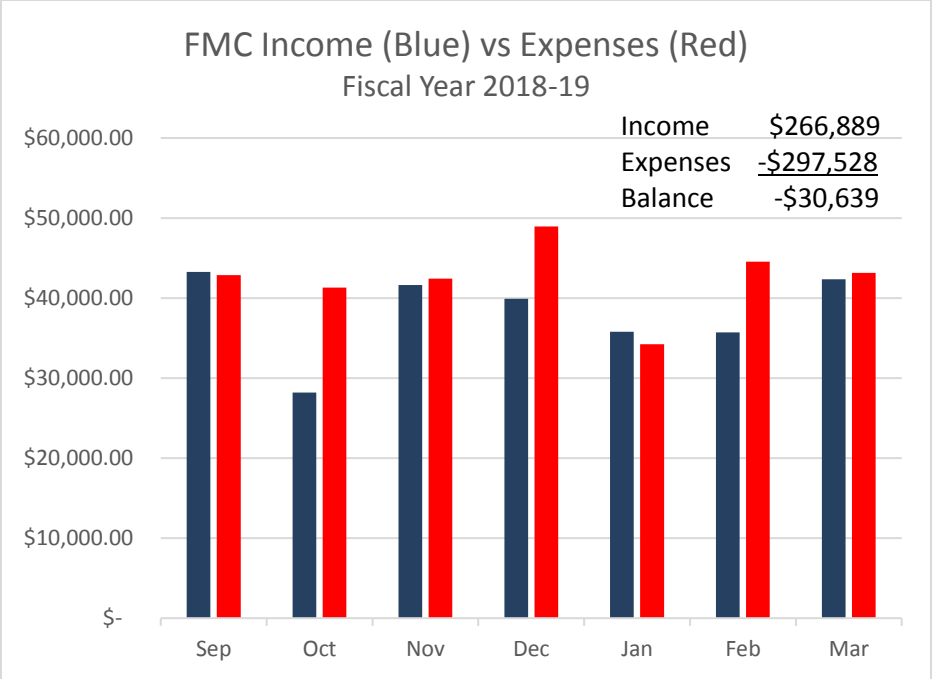
From Iowa Mennonite School (IMS):

- **Touring Choir |** The Touring Choir is performing at the MSC Choral Festival hosted by Lancaster Mennonite (PA) on Sunday, April 14. Follow along on social media using the hashtag *#MSCCHORALFESTIVAL* and watch the performance live streamed online starting at 2:00 PM CT at mscchoralfestival.com.

CALENDAR

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship & Communion, Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler, proclaimer
10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes
NOON – Lenten Simple lunch & prayer
5 PM Women's Night Out Painting Party
5 PM Torre Fuerte worship (sanctuary)
Wednesday 6 PM MYF@ Coral Ridge Mall (scavenger hunt)
6:15 PM Trustees
7 PM Ad Cabinet
Thursday 7 PM Torre Fuerte worship
Sunday 9:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship, Karen Martens Zimmerly, proclaimer
10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes
NOON – Lenten Simple lunch & prayer
5 PM Torre Fuerte worship

Attendance 3-31-2019	173
Offering	$13,939.00 General Fund



- **Peter Pan & Wendy** | This spring we're doing a full-scale drama production instead of the Children's Drama. *Peter Pan & Wendy* will be performed on May 4 (7 PM) & 5 (3 PM). Reserved tickets can be purchased by calling the office: $9/adults and $5/students K-12. See what's available online at iowamennonite.org/drama before calling. Tickets at the door are general admission: $10/adults and $6/students. **Cast members from FMC include Caleb Gingerich, Mia Graber, Gretta Rempel, and Angela Villatoro.**

From the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale (MCC): 40th Year Anniversary!

- *Mark your calendars* for the **40th annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, May 31-June 1, 2019** at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City. Check out our Facebook page and website: www.iamccreliefsale.org as additional information gets finalized. Stay tuned and s*ee you there!*
- ***Calling all crafters, artists, carpenters, cooks, business owners and more!*** The general auction for the **Relief Sale** needs your help to make this year the best yet! What can you gift or create for the 40th anniversary sale? Auction donations can be directed to **Marty Roth** at 319-430-4025.
- *Do you enjoy cooking and hosting?* Consider offering a meal for the **"Meals-In-Home"** component of the general auction at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. Ask your relief sale church rep (**Mark Gingerich**) for a sign-up sheet or contact Marty Roth.

From Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

- **Emergency assistance in response to Cyclone Idai in Mozambique and Malawi:** Cyclone Idai destroyed 90% of Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, and has affected nearly 3 million people in its path. As the storm surged through southern Africa, bridges, roads, fields, farms and millions of homes were violently washed away, making it one of the worst tropical cyclones ever to hit the southern hemisphere. Your gift will help MCC and our partners provide emergency assistance to those in dire need. Donate today! 888-563-4676 or mcc.org/cyclone-idai.
- **SWAP volunteers urgently needed:** MCC's Sharing With Appalachia People (SWAP) program has an urgent need for volunteer groups and individuals. Don't miss out on your chance to serve with this home repair ministry while learning about life in Appalachia. For more information about bringing a group to SWAP, visit swap.mcc.org or contact Angela Maggard at AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org or 606-633-5065.

From Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):

- Flood clean-up and disaster response volunteers are needed from this area! A team will travel to Hamburg in southwest Iowa on **Tuesday, April 9**. Meet at the Amana Colonies Water Park at 5:30 AM with your boots and anything needed for wet work. Please call Ted Redding (319-461-9076) or contact **Earl Gingerich** (541-4743) for more information or to volunteer.

From Mennonite Men:

- **Love Crosses Borders:** ***A Mennonite Men immersion experience with immigrants***. Love is the greatest of all virtues. But what does love look like in times of cynicism and polarization? Borders are not only social constructs; they're also spiritual ones. Who's included? Who's excluded? How do we reconcile God's call to welcome the stranger with so much fear-filled rhetoric and policies? What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? July 28 to August 3, Mennonite Men will provide a week-long immersion experience with immigrants to engage these issues. To register or for more information, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@Mennonites.org.

From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill the following Service Adventure positions. Youth ages 17-20 can apply today at MennoniteMission.net/SERVE:

- Art store assistant in Anchorage, Ak: Anchorage re:MADE is a resale store, helping people help themselves by repurposing donated and landfill-recued items. Come volunteer with others to sort, clean, repurpose, paint or repair items to be sold.
- Easter Seals assistant in Johnstown, PA: Easter Seals is a non-profit organization that works with hearing impaired persons. Volunteer responsibilities would include administrative office duties, customer service, event planning and development.
- Mentorship program assistant in Albuquerque, NM: First Nations Community Healthsource is a clinic that is committed to providing health services to American Indian families and other under-served populations residing in Albuquerque and surrounding areas. Volunteers will help to facilitate the mentorship program at First Nations.

From Pleasantview Home:

- Pleasantview is hiring a Social Service and Admissions Coordinator: Coordinate with administration, department directors, residents, and their families for admissions, and social services clinical support and advocacy. Full-time 40 hours Monday -Friday, occasional weekend or evening hours. Benefit options include medical, dental, vision, life, retirement, short-term disability, accident, and critical illness. Applications accepted until April 15. Apply online www.pvhome.org