

## From Mennonite Mission Network (MMN):

- Help your young adults take the next step in faith formation and practical experience with service! A study of 280 students\* showed that the biggest outcomes of a gap year were a better sense of self, a broader understanding of different people, cultures, and lifestyles, and the attainment of skills and knowledge that helped in academic pursuits and future careers. Through **Service Adventure**, young adults ages 17-20 grow in leadership and real-world experience by living in community and serving with a local nonprofit in locations across the country. Openings are still available for placements beginning in August. Call Lauren (574-523-3022) or visit: [MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure](http://MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure)

## From PEACE Iowa:

- **Honor Vets, Ground Drones!** Rally and Direct Action at the main entrance of the Iowa Air National Guard Drone Command Center (3100 McKinley Ave, Des Moines), Saturday, May 18, 3 PM. Join the Des Moines Veterans for Peace and the Catholic Workers for our "Honor Vets, Ground Drones" 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day Rally & Direct Action. *For further information, contact Gil Landolt 515-657-0354, [peacevet@hotmail.com](mailto:peacevet@hotmail.com), or Frank Cordaro @ 515-490-2490, [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com).*

## From Pleasantview Home:

- Spring is here with summer soon to follow, which is a perfect time to get our residents out for wheelchair rides! They absolutely love the warmth and the chance to interact with volunteers, and we're asking your consideration in giving some time to make their day. Beginning June 5, we'll continue each Wednesday morning from 8:30-10:00 (weather permitting). Please contact Renee Hershberger at 656-2421, ext. 155, or [ReneeH@pvhome.org](mailto:ReneeH@pvhome.org) to volunteer or with questions. Thank you!

## CALENDAR

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 AM Worship & Communion,<br>Karen Martens Zimmerly, proclaimer<br>10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes<br>5 PM Torre Fuerte worship |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 PM Christian Education commission  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 11:30 AM-2 PM Pastor Cluster @ FMC<br>6:30 PM Trustees  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 6:15 PM Stewardship Commission<br>7 PM Torre Fuerte worship   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:30 AM Worship, Terry Zimmerly, proclaimer<br>10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes<br>5 PM Torre Fuerte worship                        |

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY: May 5, 2019

### Birthdays

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | John Halder, Avery Hershberger |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Amanda Gerig Sickles           |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Emily Hooley                   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Maria Portillo                 |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Jay Goertz, Kristen Rempel     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | James Andersen                 |

**Who is My Neighbor?** Summer is around the corner, and summer means Vacation Bible School! This year's FMC and Torre Fuerte joint VBS will be **June 5, 6, and 7 from 5 -- 7:15 PM**. We need volunteers to help teach, lead music, watch small children, participate in dramas, lead games and more! Ability to speak Spanish helpful, but not required for teachers. Youth are welcome to sign up to help! Sign up genius available here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0449adab29a2f94-vacation>

**Karen & Terry** will be attending the Festival of Homiletics in Minneapolis, May 13-17.

## Congratulations to our 2019 Graduates

- **Haley Miller**, West High, Iowa City, May 24
- **Allison Krabill, Zoe Miller**, City High, Iowa City, May 25
- **Jackeline Portillo, Miguel Portillo**, West Liberty High, May 26
- **Caleb Gingerich, Gretta Rempel**, Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, May 26
- **Michaela Gingerich**, BA, TESOL, Goshen College
- **Stasia Majerick**, BSN, Hesston College
- **Kristina Gingerich**, MA, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, University of Northern Iowa
- **Allison Goertz, J.D.**, University of Iowa
- **Reuben Ng**, MS, Geoscience, University of Iowa
- **Lyubov Schlashcheva**, MS, Dental Public Health/Graduate Certificate in Geriatric & Special Needs Dentistry 2019, University of Iowa
- **Lisa Schrock**, MA Music: Conducting and Music Education concentrations, Colorado State University
- **Allyson Wittmeyer**, BA, Business, University of Iowa

## CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

### Area high school Fine Arts events:

- May 7, 7:30 PM -- Spring Choral Concert, West High (**Claire Widmer**)
- May 12, 3:30 PM – **Caleb Gingerich senior** recital, Celebration Hall, IMS
- May 15, 7:30 PM – Spring Choir Concert, Opstad, City High (**Zoe Miller**)

**Shelter House** provides housing, employment, and mental health recovery services to help people move beyond homelessness. Join us on Friday, May 17, 11:30 – 1:00, for the **14th Annual Shelter House Luncheon** to be held at the

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| Attendance 4-28-2019 | 169                     |
| Offering             | \$2,696.00 General Fund |

Unitarian Universalist Society, 2355 Oakdale Rd, Coralville. Tickets \$10, available at the door; or call 319.354.1160 for advance purchase.

### From Crooked Creek Christian Camp (CCCC):

- Crooked Creek Christian Camp is rounding up **SUMMER KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS** for the upcoming camp season. They're asking FMC to provide volunteers for the dates below. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Matt Miller. Two volunteers needed per day.
  - Thursday, June 27 to help with lunch from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
  - Thursday, June 27 to help with supper from 3 – 7 or 8 PM
  - Sunday, June 30 to help with supper from 3– 7 PM
  - Tuesday, July 9 to help with cookout from 1 – 5 PM
- Do you have a passion for serving others and take pride in a clean environment? Consider working part-time on our cleaning staff at Crooked Creek. As a part-time housekeeper you would assist the Head Housekeeper with providing clean, well-kept facilities. Some weekend and evening hours required. Contact Heather for more information, call 319-653-3611, or apply at the general Crooked Creek Application: [heather@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:heather@crookedcreekcamp.org)

### From Crowded Closet:

- Record sales at Crowded Closet! The first full month of sales (April) at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop's new location was the highest month of retail sales ever recorded in shop history. Thank you to each volunteer who supports Crowded Closet to make increasing giving to Mennonite Central Committee possible. Join the excitement! Volunteers are needed for work nights every Tuesday in May, 4-6:30pm. Contact Christine to join, [crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com) or 319-337-5924.

### From EVERENCE:

- Everence is hosting its popular free workshop, *Make Medicare an easy step*, on May 13, 6:30 PM, Kalona Public Library, Velma Skola Room, 510 C Ave., Kalona. Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover; plans that supplement Medicare; and enrollment details and deadlines. Contact Joyce Garvin at (877) 656-4242 or [joyce.garvin@everence.com](mailto:joyce.garvin@everence.com) to reserve your spot by May 9.

### From Iowa Mennonite School (IMS):

- **Food Drive** | The IMS National Honor Society is hosting a food drive to benefit area food pantries. Please bring your non-perishable food items to school between May 1 & 10, including at the production of *Peter Pan & Wendy*, May 4 & 5 or at the **Fine Arts and Academic Awards Night**, May 7. Also, donation boxes will be placed at Freeman Foods (Wellman) and JW's (Kalona) for your convenience. Thank you for helping your community!
- **Peter Pan & Wendy** | TODAY at 3 PM in Celebration Hall. 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.**

- **Academic & Fine Arts Awards Night** | The annual event, hosted by the IMS National Honor Society members, will take place in Celebration Hall on May 7 at 7 PM. Awards will be given to students who have excelled in academics, music, drama, and art. It also recognizes students who have been of service to others. The community is welcome and encouraged to attend this event in support of these students.

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

- **My Coins Count** donations go to San Jose Parish Social Center in Montero, Bolivia, which provides programming that empowers Bolivian families to overcome poverty, improve their living conditions, and strengthen their health and psychological-physical development and forms leaders among the children, youth and women for the family and community. Visit the website to learn about the 2019 project and why we do My Coins Count: <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/my-coins-count.html>. **Look for collection cans on the Narthex and Sip & Chat tables.**
- 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 is in good shape, thanks to your responses! Sign up online at <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering.html> to volunteer in other ways at the **Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale.**
- *Calling all crafters, artists, carpenters, cooks, business owners and more!* The general auction needs your help to make this year the best yet! What can you gift or create for the 40th anniversary sale? Direct donations for the auction to Marty Roth at 319-430-4025.

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

- In preparation for MennoCon19, we continue to invite you to use the [Pathways study guide](#) to consider how the commitments to follow Jesus, witness to God's peace and experience transformation, are at work in your life and community. Find it at [mennoniteusa.org/pathways](http://mennoniteusa.org/pathways).

### From Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):

- On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico as a high-end Category 4 storm. Many residents spent months without power or running water. We are thankful for the many volunteers who donated their time to help in the rebuilding efforts since the storm hit. **Even so, as of early 2019 there are still 33,766 roofs in need for repairs.** We are still in need of a number of volunteers to carry on this effort. See the flyers on the Mission bulletin board in the Sip & Chat area for more opportunities and information.