and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

From Mennonite Church USA:

- MC USA encourages you to "Learn, Pray, Join" for immigration justice now. Watch a recording of our recent immigration justice webinar at mennoniteusa.org/ijwebinarfull and find ways to support immigration justice at http://mennoniteusa.org/ij**.**

From Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS):

- Mennonite Disaster Service is seeking weekly volunteers for October, November, and December 2018! Join us as individuals or groups to help those affected by disasters in the following locations: Lake County, CA; Pine Ridge, SD; Victoria County, TX; La Grange, TX; Fort Myers, FL; West Virginia; Williams Lake, BC; and Puerto Rico. To serve, contact Deanna Frey at 800 241-8111 or dfrey@mds.mennonite.net. For more information about our current projects, visit mds.mennonite.net.

From Pleasantview Home:

- The **Pleasantview Benefit Sale** will be **November 2 & 3 at IMS**. Volunteer to help serve a meal, serve on a meal committee, bake for the bake sale, donate a monetary gift, or donate auction items such as: quilts, meals in homes, hand-made items, gift certificates, donations of labor, themed baskets, a batch of soup or a dessert delivered every month for 6-12 months, etc. **We would like non-perishable items before October 26th to put pictures on pvhome.org.** For more info, contact: Carl & Donna Darby (319-887-7097) or Kris Brenneman (319-683-2661) or Larry Swartzendruber at Pleasantview (319-656-2421).

CALENDAR

Sunday 9:30 AM Worship, Terry Zimmerly, proclaimer
10:45 AM Christian Ed. classes
NOON – YML lunch/meeting
11 AM – 2 PM Worship Visuals workshop
5 PM Torre Fuerte worship
Wednesday 6 PM Mission Commission
Thursday 1 PM Peace Knitters
7 PM Torre Fuerte worship
Sunday 9:30 AM Worship in Song (Hymn Sing)
10:45 AM Fall Congregational Business meeting
11 AM Christian Ed. classes
NOON – All-church Welcome Lunch
5 PM Torre Fuerte worship

Attendance 9-16-17	168
Offering	$10,167.30 General Fund

OUR CHURCH FAMILY: September 23, 2018

Birthdays

Sunday Cheryl Martin Miller
Lisa Schrock
Joseph Wyse
Monday Joe Christner
Tuesday Scott Roser
Friday Frances Gingerich
Leanne Nelson

The **Worship Visuals seminar** with Martha Yoder will begin today at 11 AM in the sanctuary.

Interested in learning more about Mennonites and the First Mennonite congregation? You're invited to attend an orientation course: **First Menno 101,** which includes an overview of Mennonite beliefs & practices, and a look at our congregational covenant of membership. Following this course, opportunity will be given to become members of the congregation. **TODAY** we'll meet in the big room of the HomeTies childcare center during the Sunday School hour. The class concludes next Sunday, Sept. 30.

TODAY -- The **Youth Ministry Leadership Team** (consisting of Jr and Sr High teachers and sponsors) will meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Have you recently started playing a new instrument? Are you a poet? Artist? Do you like helping people find a seat for the worship service? Let us know! The Worship Commission is inviting you to fill out a **Worship Gifts Survey** to learn more about how you might like to get involved with our worship services in the coming year. There are paper copies of the survey in your mailbox or on the table as you leave the sanctuary (return them to the box on the table). **OR** you can fill out the survey online by going to **https://tinyurl.com/y9lhzmkx**. **Please fill out a survey by October 7.** Three lucky respondents will be chosen to receive a Ten Thousand Villages gift card. And if the commission receives more than 100 responses, they will provide treats during Sip & Chat on the 7th.

Our **Fall Congregational Business Meeting** will immediately follow the September 30 service. Agenda items include approving the 2018-19 spending plan, annual report, and final slate of church offices. Print copies of the **2018 Annual Report** are available on the Sip & Chat table.

With the start of a new church year, it's time to celebrate in a shared meal with our church family. Traditionally this has meant a potluck, but this year we are trying something new. **The Fellowship Commission will provide a baked potato bar and dessert next Sunday, September 30 at NOON**. We ask that you bring only your table service and yourself. There will be baskets to accept donations toward meal expenses if you wish, but contributing is not required. We hope to see everyone then!

Save the Date: **Annual CHURCH RETREAT:** 1-day only! Sunday, Oct. 14. 8-9:30 AM (breakfast), 9:45-10:45 Mindfulness Walk, 10:45 Worship, Noon Lunch, 1-3 PM Games & Surprises. Look for a sign-up sheet in the Sip & Chat area and stay tuned for more information!

Football Coordinator needed for the 2019 season. This can be one person or a two-person team to be in charge of football game day parking. This is a paid position. Talk to Wendell Miller for more details.

Jose Gutierrez from Reynosa, Mexico will bring the sermon this morning at East Union and next Sunday at Kalona Mennonite. This trip was possible because of Raquel's rapid recovery from the kidney transplant surgery. If you would like to see Jose mid-week, please contact Jim Brenneman.

FREE: Samick console piano, good condition. Talk to Dave or Glenda Sickles to see a picture. 319-430-1528.

CONFERENCE AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The Dream Center will be providing hot meals to youth in our community twice per week starting the week of September 16. We know that food hunger is a growing crisis within our community for youth so we want to provide dinner on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. We have created a sign-up genius for individuals or groups to sign up to provide a meal to about 40-50 youth. Feel free to share this post with your family and friends.
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054dafa72ca75-dream

TODAY @ 1:30 pm--VANG: A Drama about Recent Immigrant Farmers Kalona Public Library, 511 C. Ave., Kalona, IA. *VANG* (meaning "garden" or "farm" in Hmong) is a drama created by Poet Laureate of Iowa Mary Swander combining verbatim immigrant journeys, photographs, & music. Visit: http://www.maryswander.com/2013/12/16/vang-information-and-bookings/ for more information.

All are invited to a **FREE** screening of ***Healing Justice*** on September 30, 1:30-3:30 PM, in the Schwab Auditorium, Coralville Public Library, presented by Inside Out Reentry and Iowa City SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice). The film explores the causes and consequences of the current North American justice system and its effect on marginalized communities. The powerful documentary addresses the school-to-prison pipeline, the need for comprehensive criminal justice reform, and the importance of healing and restorative practices.

Renowned physician and author Ira Byock, MD, FAAHPM, will present *Saying The Four Things that Matter Most* at the Coralville Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, **Oct. 7**, **6:30-7:30 PM.** The presentation, part of the UNESCO City of Literature Iowa City Book Festival, is free. Dr. Byock argues that how we die is among the biggest national crises facing us today. Doors open at 6 PM. Pre-Registration is recommended: http://bit.ly/SayingTheFourThings**.**

Parenting Workshop: Oct. 7 from 4-6 PM at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church, Kalona. Brenda Yoder, from northern Indiana, will join us in a workshop based on her book ***Fledge: Launching Your Kids Without Losing Your Mind*.** Find the book in our church library!

Washington Mennonite Church is hosting a Dinner Theatre on Nov. 8, 9, & 10! Join us for drama, music, and a delicious meal around the theme of "Becoming...more like Jesus." Shows will start at 6:30 PM at Washington Mennonite Church. More information and registration forms are available on the Sip & Chat table or visit *www.washingtonmennonitechurch.blogspot.com*.

It's not too early to think about the season of Advent! Die Heimat Country Inn and Next Door Event Center, Homestead, IA (Amana Colonies) is offering an overnight **Advent Retreat**, Dec. 7 (6:30 PM) – Dec. 8 (3:30 PM). Chaplain Ginny Hartman from Lancaster, PA will lead an experience of quieting and renewing your soul as you wait and hope expectantly during the Advent season. See the poster on the narthex bulletin board for details.

From Iowa Mennonite School (IMS):

- **Help IMS win $25,000!** It's easy. From September 17-30 go to *unitypoint.org/imaginetheamazing* and vote. No info will be collected - all you do is vote. And you can vote as many times as you care to so vote often! Check out our Facebook event page or our website for more info. If everyone reading this announcement voted for IMS (even) 10 times each day, think how many votes that would be!
- The PTO will again be operating the **Apple Fritter Booth** at the Kalona Fall Festival on September 28-29. The IMS Choirs and Praise Band will be performing under the festival tent on Friday from 2:30-3:30PM.
- **Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend** will take place on campus October 12-13. Be sure to join us on Friday night for the alumni volleyball (with the 1998 State Final Four team) and soccer games. On Saturday join the **Joetown Classic 5K run/walk** (make sure you sign-up by October 2 to get a cool, vintage t-shirt! Register online at getmeregistered.com/joetownclassic5K or find printable registrations at iowamennonite.org/alumni/joetown-classic-2), followed by the **IMS Tailgate** (concessions by the PTO, music by The Old Man Band, along with inflatables and games of Spikeball), and end the day at the **Annual Pork Supper,** followed by a **Community Hymn Sing** in Celebration Hall. **Pork Supper tickets can be purchased from Mia Graber** or at the door: Adults $10, Seniors 65+ $9, Children age 4-12 $5, age 3 and under free. The meal consists of roasted pork, baked potato, salads, and dessert.

From Mennonite Central Committee (MCC):

- The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. As displaced people are returning to their homes, MCC is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils,