

**Iowa Mennonite School** principal Tim Lehman recently announced his resignation, effective June 30, 2015. He will assume the duties of Head of School at Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen, Indiana where he served as a faculty member and assistant principal prior to coming to IMS. Tim cited the difficulties of being separated from family during this year, along with the opportunity to return to a familiar institution. He is highly supportive of IMS, and experienced warmth and hospitality throughout his time at the school. Please continue to keep the school in your thoughts and prayers during this time of transition.

Challenge yourself and serve with **Service Adventure!** Invest a year to learn about God, life, and yourself, while serving others. Ages 17-20 can apply at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve). Service Adventure is also looking for unit leaders. Live with young adults and mentor them while they are growing and serving in the local community.

#### Calendar of Church Events

TODAY	NOON	Potluck meal & Annual Meeting
Jan. 21,	5-7pm	Winter Closet open
	5:30-6:30pm	Supper served
	7pm	Women's Fellowship
Jan. 28,	5-7pm	Winter Closet open
	5:30-6:30pm	Supper served
Feb. 1,	10:30am	Baptism during worship
Feb. 4,	10am	Donnellson Ministers @UMC
		Donnellson
	5-7pm	Winter Closet open
	5:30-6:30pm	Supper served
	6:30pm	Deacons meeting
	7:45pm	Church Council meeting
Apr. 17-18,		Sister Care Seminar, Kalona Menn. Church
June 18-21,		Central Plains Menn. Conf., Twin Cities, MN
Jun. 30- Jul.5,		MC USA, Kansas City, MO
Jul. 21- 26,		Mennonite World Conference Harrisburg, PA



**Trusting in God's hope for our future, we meet God in rich and meaningful worship, nurture each generation to grow in faith, and serve the needs of others in love, here and around the world; as a beacon of God's love, we invite all people to join our family as we joyfully live together with Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit!**

Sunday, January 18, 2015, 10:30am

GATHERING  
 Music for reflection      Take Good Care (Brian Moyer Suderman)  
 Prelude      For the beauty of the earth (Kokher)  
 Welcome, announcements  
 Call to Worship  
 L: Gardening God,  
**P: who plants us into families and church homes,**  
**All: give us joy in our work of serving and observing our world**  
**P: that, as a church in this place of worship,**  
**we may see your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**All: In the name of Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.**  
 Psalm 8 # 812  
 \* Hymn # 648  
 Hymn # 156

Morning has broken  
 All things bright and beautiful

PRAYING

Sharing  
Confessing

**Holy God,  
In your presence we know ourselves to be named good,  
beloved, and friends.  
In your presence we are known fully and loved deeply.  
We confess our tendency to turn and name others  
as strangers or aliens,  
enemy or terrorist,  
removing the possibility of interaction,  
the opportunity of relationship.  
Forgive us our neglect  
and launch us into your work of healing relationship.  
God of hope, even though we keep closing our eyes,  
keep opening them up to possibility, to renaming  
and re-imagining the garden we inhabit.  
In the name of Jesus. . . (silent confession)**

Prayers of the people & The Lord's Prayer

LISTENING

Time with children  
Reader's Theater based on Genesis 2:4-25  
Sermon

A garden in Eden

RESPONDING

Song  
Offering & Offertory  
\* Hymn of response # 119  
\* Prayer of dedication

Take Good Care  
Prayer (arr. Auld)  
Praise God from whom

SENDING

\* Hymn # 166  
\* Benediction  
Postlude

I'll praise my Maker

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Ushers/Greeters  
Pianist  
Candle lighter  
Readers  
Sound/CD

Jerry & Janice McCarty  
Liz Howard  
Josie Mueller  
Dylan Keller, Andrew Krehbiel  
Allison Krehbiel

**Announcements**

**You are welcome and invited** to join us for a potluck meal after morning worship. The Annual Meeting of Zion Mennonite Church will convene after the meal. Committees please plan to meet briefly to schedule your next meeting.

**Adult baptism** is scheduled for Sunday, February 1. Be in prayer for those requesting baptism: Betty Krebill-Oilar, Laura Krehbiel, and Tina Loges. If you are interested in being baptized and becoming a member of Zion Mennonite Church or making your vows now as an adult please let Pastor Marcia know.

The **Peace & Justice Taskgroup** (of the CPMC Outreach & Service Committee) wants your nominations of those who have exemplified Christ's way through peace-related work over the past year(s). This may be an individual or a group/small organization, as long as they are connected with a Central Plains congregation. Send a brief email with your nomination to Nick Detweiler-Stoddard (nick.southchurch@goldenwest.net) by Friday, March 6th. Please include the person's/group's name, their contact information, and a simple description of why you're nominating them for this annual peace mug award.

**"Tuesdays with Dave"** is an online video teleconference for congregations featuring David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Dave will address questions of congregational outreach including "How to talk to people about Jesus," "What to do if a visitor shows up in church," "What to do if a visitor keeps coming to church," and other congregational outreach opportunities. Every CPMC congregation is invited to participate in this video teleconference. We need your help to make this event successful, both in using video teleconference equipment and also encouraging attendance. The teleconference is planned for February 10, 17, & 24, 7:30 pm. More information will be available from your pastor or from David Boshart at 319-936-5904.