

# EAST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

Kalona, Iowa  
 Jay Miiller, Pastor  
 Elders: Phil Yoder, Paulette Hershberger,  
 Larry Detweiler, Lauralee Kauffman

## \*Call to Worship - Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV)

Hear the call of Jesus to us "Come to me, all that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

## Offering Prayer (STJ 147)

God of extravagant mercy,  
 with hands outstretched you have poured out  
 wonder and pleasure and delight,  
 goodness and beauty and bounty.

So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest against all  
 that is evil and ugly and impoverished,  
 trivial and wretched and tyrannical,  
 in our world and in ourselves -

That we, too, may be poured out for the world. Amen

## Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 145 Sunday School - 90

## Giving through 8.25.13

Last Week's Giving	\$5,750.00
Year to Date Gifting	\$193,735.89
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$7,340.89
Weeks left in Budget year	18
New Roof Fund YTD	\$1,840.00

The India offering was \$2,884.00.

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.  
 E-mail address for bulletin announcements: [Joyceschrock@hotmail.com](mailto:Joyceschrock@hotmail.com)  
 East Union Web Site: [eastunionmennonite.org](http://eastunionmennonite.org)

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Worship Leader:	Lauralee Kauffman
Sermon:	Verna Zook
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing:	Nici Bontrager

9:15 am Pre-service  
 9:30 am Worship

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28-30\* back of bulletin  
 Congregational Singing/Prayer  
 Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5; 1:31-2:3  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Sermon Scripture: Matthew 19:16-30  
 Sermon: "Labor Day Thoughts - Matthew 20:1-16"  
 Song of Response  
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer  
 Parting Song  
 Sending:  
 Postlude  
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 am Sunday School

***For Parents/Caregivers of Young Children:***

The Nursery Rooms at the back of the church (located to the right as you enter the sanctuary) are available as quiet rooms for infants during the worship service. This area is not staffed during the worship service, but is staffed during the Sunday School hour. If you have a "noisy" infant, we suggest you take the child to the Toddler Room (room #47 up the back hallway). This room is also available for children (up to 5 years of age) for play during the worship service and is staffed during both the worship service (after the opening songs) and Sunday School hour.

**Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service today:** Sheila Niemeyer & Micah Miller

**Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday:** Lori & Serena Gerber

**Toddler Room Helpers during Sunday School for September:** Beth Swartzendruber & Elvesta Hochstedler

**Toddler Room Helpers during Sunday School for October:** Jed & Kailee Seward

**Nursery Helpers during Sunday School for September:**

**Nursery Helpers during SS for October:**

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Pleasantview Home:** Eldon & Dorothy Rhodes

**Recuperating:** Loretta Kauffman

**College Students:** Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus

**We intercede to God on behalf of:** East Union brothers and sisters who are lonely, grieving, in pain, need healing or employment, or are carrying heavy burdens.

**Global Concerns**

**Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**

**From Mennonite Missions Network:** Praise God for Linda Oyer's successful eye surgery in July. Linda, a long-term worker with MMN in France, is seeing clearly with her left eye for the first time in five years. Pray for her as she resumes ministries put on hold due to problems with her sight.

**Annual reports are due today. Please get them to the secretary's box as soon as possible.**

***Reminder to sign up for work visits.***

***Jenna Boller is a sophomore at IMS and is selling magazines. If you would like to purchase or renew contact her before Sept. 5.***

***A new year of MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) is about to start!*** Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 9-11 a.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. **MOPS is for ALL moms** with children ages 0-5; childcare provided. The theme for the year is, A Beautiful Mess: Embrace Your Story, based on Ephesians 2:10. Learn more about MOPS at [www.mops.org](http://www.mops.org) or by calling Jennifer Archer at 319-325-5653.

***Coffee Sign Up.*** The same people have been taking turns making the coffee between church and Sunday school for the past several years. Now is your turn to sign up to be put on this list so that coffee time can continue. If you have been on the list in the past and still want to help out making coffee please sign up on the sign up sheet by the Library or let Judy Showalter know. And if you are new and want to take your turn for the next year to keep the coffee time going, please put your name on the sign up sheet too. The new rotation will start in October.

***Don't miss an outstanding performance*** on the stage of IMS' Celebration Hall, on Saturday, September 14. Renowned singer Tony Brown will perform the works of noted civil rights activist Paul Robeson (1898-1976); Robeson was an actor and singer. Tickets are available by contacting the school at 656-2073 or 683-2586; the show begins at 7:00 p.m.

***We are in need of a beef or contributions*** to purchase a beef for the Pleasantview Benefit Sale to be held Nov 8 and 9. Could your Sunday School class contribute towards this need? If so, please contact Nyle Kauffman, Chair of Steering Committee (354-3304 or [nkauff224@yahoo.com](mailto:nkauff224@yahoo.com)) or Julie Gingerich at Pleasantview Home (656-2421) before September 10th. Thank you!

**KIDS AGAINST HUNGER** annual community wide packaging event will be held Saturday, October 26th at the Yoder Auction Building in Frytown. We are inviting your church/small group/Sunday school class/youth group to participate. We will be packaging 8:00 AM until noon. To schedule your work time contact Ellis or Marcia Miller at 319 656-3242 or [marcia@kctc.net](mailto:marcia@kctc.net).

**All Central Plains women are invited** to attend a retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp at Viborg, South Dakota, September 21 & 22. The theme is "Power Made Perfect: How's a Woman to Live?" with speakers Elisabeth Harder Schrock and Charlotte Loewen, both of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. Elisabeth and her husband recently completed a four-year MCC term working with Old Colony Mennonites and indigenous communities in Bolivia. Charlotte has a private practice as a counselor. The cost is \$75. Please preregister by September 14 to Esther Jane Buller at 507-427-3064 or [hebuller@gmail.com](mailto:hebuller@gmail.com). If anyone is interested in going, contact Lauralee Kauffman as she will be going.

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Tuesday, September 3

- **Mennonite Women will meet at the church.** Devotions by Linda Miller. The project is cash for Water for Life. Sack lunch at noon.

### Wednesday, September 4

- **CHOW is back.** Our first CHOW will be at 6:00 PM. Instead of following the usual schedule we will be having a social for the first event. Hotdogs will be provided - please bring either a side dish (hot or cold), main dish or a dessert. **Table service will be provided.** If the weather cooperates, we will meet outside; but if inclement weather, we will meet in the fellowship hall. Please bring games for outdoors, table games and **lawn chairs.** **Children's activities will begin at 6:45 PM and will end at 7:45 PM. Childcare will be provided. We will have a basket for donations to help cover expenses.** Hope to see you there!

### Saturday, September 7

- **10th Annual Art & Flower Festival** from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Anna's Cutting Garden, 20 minutes west of Iowa City, 1259 Rohret Rd. SW, Oxford, IA. FREE ADMISSION. Enjoy a day in the country at this family-friendly event. Admire the creations of over a dozen local artists, create your own bouquet of flowers cut straight from the garden, and enjoy delicious homemade ice cream, wood-fired oven pizza and more. Musical performances by Brandi and Marc Janssen, the Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, Dave Moore, Dave Zollo, and Sam Knutson. Food proceeds and donations for flowers will go to Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, helping more local families into affordable housing.

### Next Sunday, September 8

- **Old hymns in a new way!** That is what you will be blessed by at the Matthew Smith concert that will be held at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event but a love offering will be taken to cover the costs of the band. Bring your friends and families and sit back and enjoy! For a sample of Matthew's music, go to [www.MatthewSmith.us](http://www.MatthewSmith.us).