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Introducing New Core Values, Mission Statement, and Projected Outcomes

Through several meetings with Conference Minister, David Boshart, East Union has spoken with one voice declaring the values that are at the core of our being as a congregation. From those core values we have determined what we want our mission and purpose to be in the coming years and the outcomes we expect to witness as a shared voice. So, what is at the core of East Union? East Union values the Scriptures as our guide to faithful living. It also stands to reason that if we are using the Scriptures as our guide to faithful living then our next value would be lifelong spiritual growth in the way of Jesus. This growth isn't any kind of growth but spiritual growth which transforms the mind and purpose of a follower of Jesus. And if we value the Scriptures as our guide to faithful living in life long spiritual growth in the way of Jesus then it is also obvious that East Union wants to be a worshipping community that loves one another. East union is speaking of who we are and who we want to become and how we will get there.

Now, reread the first paragraph and you will understand that East Union wants to share God's love with others in word and service. That means with the values already laid down we have the foundation to build a witness and testimony of God's love by inviting others to the way of Jesus and letting our actions speak as loud as our words by doing good works of service that will bring glory to God. And, as God is glorified East Uion will become a light of hope in our immediate circles of fellowship reaching all the way around the world. Now read both paragraphs again and you will get the picture and sense the scope of the resounding voice of the new mission statement.

Through a voice of agreement the mission statement of East Union reads as follows:

"East Union Mennonite Church is a community of love and worship  
where the Scriptures and the Spirit guide all to faithful living,  
all are welcome to grow in the way of Jesus,  
and we share God's love with others in word and service,  
so that we are a light of hope here and around the world."

Once the congregation memorizes this statement and owns its core values then the outcome is obvious. East Union will not only talk about the weather, sports, gardens, and the latest community news but, East Union will talking about how Scripture is guiding and repurposing and strengthening and adding healing and hope to their lives as individuals and as a congregation. At East Union Mennonite Church the Scriptures are guiding us to faithful living and there will spiritual growth in the way of Jesus. East Union will be a worshipping community that loves one another and shares God's love with others in word and service. East Union will be recognized as a community that offers hope here and around the world.

I pray the in the coming weeks and months the congregation will be able to use its core values and mission statement to join in leadership and community discernment. As the congregation own its core values and mission statement the world as we know it will not be the same because we will be transformed by the renewing of your minds to test a approve what God's will is, that which is pleasing and perfect to Him.

God's blessing and peace

Pastor Jay

## Notes From Past Bulletins:

### 60 years ago: 1953

**Oct. 4** – Sermon by Roy Roth and he will also have the evening service.

**Oct. 18** – Corn for the IMS drive will be gathered on Thursday morning.

**Oct. 25** – Sermon by J. John J. Miller

### 50 years ago: 1963

**Oct. 6** – Sermon by David Augsberger and this evening will begin a series of meetings through the week with David Augsberger as evangelist.

**Oct. 13** – The last of our revival meetings with David Augsberger.

**Oct. 20** – MYF will be meeting Wed. evening at 7:45 pm at the John J. Hershberger's. L. Glen Guengerich will be speaking on "Glimpses of our Mennonite Heritage". Be sure to come.

### 40 years ago: 1973

**Oct. 7** – A bus load of MYFer's along with the sponsors, Tom and Dori Yoder and Dwight and Mabel Schuman are in Chicago at the Lawndale Mennonite Church this weekend.

**Oct. 21** – We are pleased to report that plans are to start work on our building program this coming week. There will be some inconveniences, but we will have regular services here.

Dickel Construction Co. has refused any payment for working with the road.

Those continuing to work on the new constitution are Joe Kauffman, L. David Yoder, Phil Yoder and Ernest Yutzy.

**Oct. 28** – Evening service by Rev. Ernest Grimm from Full Gospel Church.

### 30 years ago: 1983

**Oct. 2** – Restoration '83 will be at IMS this evening. No service here.

**Oct. 9** – Church Council notes: Sheldon Yoder was appointed council chairman.

Dallas Schrock was appointed to handle the financial account for the entire centennial project.



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### Core values:

We value the Scriptures as our guide to faithful living.<sup>1</sup>

We value lifelong spiritual growth in the way of Jesus.<sup>2</sup>

We want to be a worshipping community that loves one another.<sup>3</sup>

We want to share God's love with others in word and service.<sup>4</sup>

We want to be a light of hope here and around the world.<sup>5</sup>



Mennonite Women will meet Tuesday, October 1. The project is cash for newborn kits for MCC. Devotion leader is Anna Yoder on disobeying Pharaoh. Soup and sandwiches will be furnished. All ladies welcome.

## **Training Sessions on East Union's Sexual Misconduct Policy**

Last summer, MCUSA passed a resolution on Protecting and Nurturing Our Children and Youth. The resolution states that "the Mennonite Church USA will work proactively with its member congregations, conferences, and affiliated organizations to promote the protection of children and youth from all forms of abuse and neglect and to advocate for their safety."

East Union already has a Sexual Misconduct Policy in place with the goal of creating a safe place for the children of the church to learn and grow. We will be holding two training sessions regarding this policy on October 20th. The first session will be held during the Sunday School hour and the second will begin promptly at 2:00 pm.

To meet the requirements of our insurance, anyone who works with youth should plan to attend. This includes all teachers/superintendents in the primary/junior departments, youth advocates, nursery volunteers, anyone involved in VBS, Gift Discernment Committee, Elder Board, Nurture Committee, and Church Council members. All leaders of King's Kids, Venture Clubs, and Jr. MYF, as well as paid employees of the church need to attend too. Anyone who thinks that they might hold one of these roles in the next few years is encouraged to come to a session as well!

Please watch your mailboxes for more information & plan to attend one of the sessions! See Elvesta Hochstedler or Allison Troyer with questions.

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