

EAST UNION MENNONITE CHURCH

Kalona, Iowa
Jay Miiller, Pastor
Elders: Paulette Hershberger, Larry Detweiler,
Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber

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Worship Leader:	Marv Rempel, Justin Boller
Sermon:	Jay Miiller
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing:	Steve Groenewold/Quartet

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

WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 32:1-7
Congregational Singing/Prayer
Scripture: I John 1:5-10
First Fruits Offering
Business of the Community of Faith
Sermon Scripture: I John 2:1-11
Sermon: "Having the Light of Christ as Our Eternal Love"
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: Lori & Serena Gerber

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Kara & Steve Groenewold

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

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Residents: Marjorie Gingerich, Alta Marnier
Recuperating: Loretta Kauffman
Continued Concerns: Bob Yoder
College Students: Evelyn Charles, Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly
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: Participants with Mennonite Voluntary Service, a MMN program, are beginning their service assignments this month. Pray that as they learn to live in community in a new city, their relationships with Jesus and the church grow deeper.

Reminder to sign up for work visits.

Thanks for your support in the Mennonite Women's recent School Kits for MCC project. With your help we were able to send 124 kits to MCC.

The quilts on display at the back of the auditorium were made by East Union Mennonite Women and will be sold at the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale. Please feel free to add items that you made for the sale as well.

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 signup 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 signup sheet too. The new rotation will start in October.

Crowded Closet is seeking to fill a temporary position (September through December) of Receiver/Backroom Assistant. We are looking an individual with an outstanding work ethic who is committed to helping others. If you are interested in joining our team please request an application. Positions will be filled immediately as qualified candidates are identified.

Quilts, comforters, and wall hangings for the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale (November 8 & 9) should be taken to Stitch 'N Sew in Kalona or given to any quilt committee member by **September 20th** so they may be displayed at area businesses and banks. Please include the following information: 1) name of donor, 2) name of quilt pattern, 3) finished measurements, and 4) any information of interest about the item. Quilts continue to be a big part of the sale; we thank you for your support. (Quilt Committee: Norma Brenneman (646-2793), Rose Ropp (656-2845), Dorothy Yoder (683-3270), and Jane Miller (656-2121).

New Program at CCCC! Are you a woman looking for a place to connect, walk, share, reflect, practice spiritual disciplines, fellowship, retreat and pray? Then come join us for **Women Walking: Experience the Journey.** This group is open to all women who would like a space to walk in our beautiful outdoor setting, have some guided times of reflection and discussion, practice some spiritual disciplines and journey with other women. This group is not intended to be one more thing on your to-do list so there is no commitment required. Come to camp and exercise your body and spirit! Our first session will be Wednesday, September 18 from 10am-12pm. We will meet at the Activity Center and discuss program logistics and enjoy a beautiful walk. Feel free to RSVP by emailing Angela at ccccprog@gmail.com or calling the camp at 319-653-3611. If you don't RSVP, feel free to show up anyway. If you cannot make it to the first meeting but are interested, please contact Angela.

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) or Julie Gingerich at Pleasantview Home (656-2421) before September 10th. Thank you!

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. If anyone is interested in going, contact Lauralee Kauffman as she will be going.

New People & New Hours - Mennonite Central Committee Central States has several new people to introduce to you! Michelle Armster is our new Transitional Executive Director. Michelle currently lives in Lancaster, PA and is Associate Pastor of Community Life at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. She will move to Kansas and work from the North Newton office. Also in North Newton, Anna Yoder is Donor Relations Coordinator, Megan Upton-Tyner is Office Manager and Dan Stucky is Warehouse Coordinator (he works daily from 1-5pm). **New Hours!** The North Newton MCC Center is once again open Monday-Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm. Please stop by and see us 121 E. 30th in North Newton or call 316-283-2720!

All Are Invited to Participate in the Loss of Turtle Island on Friday, September 27 at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, KS at 10am. The Loss of Turtle Island exercise provides an opportunity to interactively explore the historic relationship between Europeans, specifically Mennonites in the Central States region, and the Indigenous nations who inhabit the land we now call the United States of America. The exercise uses blankets to represent the lands of what is now known as the United States, and the distinct cultures and nations which live on those lands to this day. Following the exercise all who attend are welcome to stay for lunch with MCC Central States board and staff to learn more about MCC's current work. Shalom Mennonite Church is located at 800 E. 1st St, Newton, KS 67114. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinaschrag@mcc.org or 316-283-2720.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, September 8

- ***There will be a congregational meeting*** this afternoon at 4:00 pm which is a continuation of the meeting with David Boshart from two weeks ago of working through core values and mission statement. Child care is provided.
- ***Sing'n S'mores is tonight at 5:30 p.m. outside the Pavilion*** at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Josh Tyson will be leading our hymn sing, Tim Friesen (new Administrator) will share about his journey to camp and there will be a new twist on making the old classic s'more. Bring your blue hymnal worship book, a lawn chair, and friends. This event is open to anyone and doesn't require an RSVP. Just show up!
- ***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.

Wednesday, September 11

- ***Church Council will meet at 7 pm at the church.***
- ***Choir starts this Wednesday!*** We'll begin practicing for the Fall choir season this Wednesday at 7:00. If you've ever thought of joining us, make this the year. Rehearsals will be every Wednesday for an hour. Most nights we'll start at 7:00. On CHOW nights, we'll start after that's over, around 8:00.

Thursday, September 12

- ***A new year of MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers) is about to start!*** Our first meeting will be from 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 or by calling Jennifer Archer at 319-325-5653.

Saturday, September 14

- **Kenton & Kidron Miller** have been in training over the past year, preparing to church plant in Berlin, Germany through an organization of the Mennonite Brethren church. They have committed to the ministry in Berlin for 10 years, and will be sent out to join their team as soon as God provides the budgeted funds for their first 3 year term. You can be a part of sending them out! Come to the sale of their 'like new' household items on Saturday, September 14, from 10am to 5pm at The Water Shop: 4995 Waterway Ln SW, Kalona. All proceeds go towards the ministry of MB Mission.
- **Don't miss an outstanding performance** on the stage of IMS' *Celebration Hall*. 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.

Save the date! The **Pleasantview Benefit Sale** will be **November 8th and 9th at IMS** in a similar format to last year. How can YOU help? Volunteer to help serve a meal, serve on a committee, bake for the bake sale, donate a monetary gift, or donate an auction item such as: quilts, meals in homes, hand-made items, gift certificates, donations of labor, themed baskets, a batch of soup or a cake delivered every month for 6-12 months, etc. **When possible, we would like items by October 31st to put pictures on pvhome.org.**

Remember, all proceeds will be matched this year by an anonymous donor (up to \$75,000)! Committee members: Nyle and Lauralee Kauffman (354-3304), Arlis and Loretta Helmuth (656-2050), Cheryl Martin Miller (319-331-3190), Carl and Donna Darby (887-7097), Grace Rempel (683-2681), Julie Gingerich at Pleasantview (656-2421).

Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 131 Sunday School - 82

Giving through 9.1.13

Last Week's Giving	\$5,256.00
Year to Date Gifting	\$198,991.89
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$7,463.53
Weeks left in Budget year	18
New Roof Fund YTD	\$1,980.00

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 a.m. on Fridays.
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