

From Vanco services:
The gift of generosity

This holiday season, we thank everyone who has supported East Union this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead. If you need a convenient way to make regular offerings or if you plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, especially around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Visit eastunionmennonite.org or contact the church office for more information.

Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 167 Sunday School - 143

Giving through 11.17.13

Last Week's Giving	\$6,935.00
Year to Date Giving	\$265,477.99
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$8,627.71
Weeks left in Budget year	7
New Roof Fund YTD	\$2,280.00

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

East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW, Kalona, Iowa 319-656-2590 Pastor Jay Miiller
 Elders: Paulette Hershberger, Larry Detweiler,
 Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber

Mission Statement: (Core Values Underlined)

*East Union Mennonite Church is a community of love and worship³
 where the Scriptures and the Spirit guide all to faithful living,¹
all are welcome to grow in the way of Jesus,²
 and we share God's love with others in word and service,⁴
 so that we are a light of hope here and around the world.⁵*

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Worship Leader:	Josh Lundberg
Sermon:	Jay Miiller
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing:	Kristi Miiller
Special Music:	Choir

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

WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 100
 Congregational Singing/Prayer
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
 Congregational Song
 Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29:10-14
 First Fruits Offering
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Special Music: "He's Everything to Me" - Walter Hawkins
 "Great, Great Morning" - Williams, Martin
 Sermon Scripture: Romans 8:28-30
 Sermon: "Making it All Work for Good"
 Baptism - Jenna Boller
 Parting Song
 Sending & Postlude
 Dismissal followed by 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: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Tom Miller & Rebecca Beachy Miller

Toddler Room Helpers during Sunday School for November: Doug & Pam Stoltzfus

Toddler Room Helpers during Sunday School for December: Marvin & Betsy Slabaugh

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Residents: Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook

College Students: Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus

Continued Concerns: John Kern

Special Concerns: Will DeHogues

From Last Week's Sharing Time: Anna & Ed Yoder - Anna's brother passed away; family of Ken Krabill; Missionaries & Americans in Pakistan

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: Corin Wenger is participating in the mission training program of PROMINOA, a mission program of the Argentina Mennonite Church, and helping with youth ministry. Pray for him as he serves through a partnership that also includes North Central Mennonite Conference & MMN.

You have an opportunity for a Sunday School elective class as the Shekinah class will continue viewing the NOOMA dvds today. The NOOMA dvds are a series of short films (10- 14min). They use experiences of our lives to teach about fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love.

Today's film is entitled "Sunday." Why do we do the things we do such as going to church or giving money away? Is it because we are supposed to or because we want to? And how does God feel about our motives? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other questions.

Mark your calendar. Stirred will provide a worship in music service Sunday afternoon on December 8th at 3:00 p.m. Former members of Stirred are being invited to join and help with this worship service and fun time of singing together.

Farewell/Celebration Sunday for Jay and Sonia: Hold the Date! On Sunday, December 29th we will celebrate the ministry of Jay Miiller. The day will begin with the Worship Service time followed by a Tea/Reception time immediately following. During this time of worship, sharing, reflection, and fellowship, we will say our final thank-you's, good-bye's, and blessings. There will be no Sunday School that day. Please join us! We know it is a busy time of year, so mark your calendars, now!

We are still in need of an individual/ or individuals to help teach the Jr SS class during the months of March through August, 2014. You can sign up by the library on a monthly or quarterly basis. Substitutes are also needed. If you would be willing to do this or would like more information, please see Sarah Yoder or Carrie Schmidt.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp Notes:

Please remember Camp's Fall Fundraiser and check your brochure for more information. Some items include a new roof for the house, table saw, commercial refrigerator and energy efficient lighting. ***"Come to the Table,"*** Craft Retreat will be Friday, December 6-Saturday, December 7 for a time of crafting and fellowship. Detailed information about the retreat is in your November newsletter or visit www.crookedcreekcamp.org under the "Program Page" for more information and to register. You may also register and ask questions by calling the camp office 319-653-3611.

Crowded Closet will be having a Christmas Breakfast for Volunteers on Saturday, December 14th from 8:30-11:00. Volunteers will also be able to shop at 50%off in the Gift and Thrift.

Pathway - Grilled Chicken Dinner Saturday, December 7 5 - 8 PM
Proceeds subsidize the operating fund.



Advocates

Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30PM

Mark your calendars for an evening of **Minute to Win it** Holiday Style! The evening will be filled with partnership building games and a lot of silliness. Bring your favorite holiday snack and join us at East Union. Hot cider and hot chocolate will be provided. RSVP to Lisa Yoder at: lisyoder@gmail.com 319.430.0251
319.656.3046

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, November 24

- ***Chronicle articles for December are due.***
- ***Kalona Mennonite Youth*** will be having a chicken & biscuits fundraiser meal at noon. Please join us to enjoy a Fall Festival favorite complete with a fabulous salad and dessert bar.
- ***Join us for a bon voyage celebration*** for D Paul Yoder. As a lifelong member of our community, he has been a blessing to many! He will be moving to a retirement facility in Goshen, IN around Thanksgiving to be closer to his son and daughter. We'll be celebrating D Paul with a dessert reception from 2-4 PM in the Pleasantview Chapel. Please stop by with your good wishes for D Paul's new adventure! If you are unable to attend, please feel free to send a card to D Paul at PO Box 309, Kalona, IA 52247. Come and enjoy an afternoon with D Paul and help send him off in style, with the love of all his friends and family!

Saturday, November 30

- ***A Celebration of Life service*** will be held at Iowa Mennonite School for Rolland Smith, former teacher and pastor in the area. The service will be at 10:00 am in *Celebration Hall* at IMS; visitation will take place beginning at 9:15 at the school. A fellowship meal will follow the service at West Union Mennonite Church.