

East Union Mennonite Church

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

Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 156 Sunday School - 78

Giving through 12.01.13

Last Week's Giving	\$5,590.50
Year to Date Giving	\$278,687.49
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$9,436.90
Weeks left in Budget year	5
New Roof Fund YTD	\$3,920.00

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

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:	Dennis & Sally Miller
Sermon:	Jeff Miller
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Beth Swartzendruber
Congregational Singing:	Nici Bontrager/Quartet
Children's Time:	Wanda Yoder

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

O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling in our relationships!

WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship: HWB 233 "How Joyful is the Dark"
 Call to Worship: back of bulletin
 Congregational Singing/Prayer
 Dramatic Reading
 Confession & Lighting of Advent Candle - back of bulletin
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 8-19
 Children's Time
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Sermon Scripture: Romans 13:11-14
 Sermon: "Clothed in Christ"
 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: Kara & Cade
Groenewold

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Bev
Swartzentruber & Allison Troyer

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

Toddler Room Helpers during Sunday School for January: Kyle &
Allison Troyer

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Residents: Marjorie Gingerich, Alta Marnar

College Students: Carmen Fernau, Tommy Rhodes, Christian
Swartzentruber

Continue to Pray for Jay as he heals from his fall on Wednesday.

Continued Concerns: John Kern, Bob Yoder

From Last Week's Sharing Time: John Kern

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: Due to the onset of winter and
the holidays, requests for assistance reach a peak this month in the
nonprofit agencies for which MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service
participants work. Pray that the 57 MVSers in 17 locations will
continue to serve their host communities with love and patience.

Farewell/Celebration Sunday for Jay and Sonia: On Sunday,
December 29th we will celebrate the ministry of Jay Miiller. The day

will be g in with the Worship Service time followed by a
Tea/Reception time immediately following. During this time of w
orship, sharing, reflection, and fellowship, we will say our final thank
you's, goodbys, and blessings. There will be no Sunday School that
day.

The Shekinah class will be helping the primary children practice for
the Christmas program today. Therefore, the elective Sunday School
class to discuss the NOOMA dvds will be moved to next Sunday.

There will be no Sunday School on December 22 or 29th.

Attention Parents of Primary & Jr SS Children: Christmas Program
practice for ALL SS children on **Saturday, December 14th, 4-
5:30pm.** Please see or call Lori Gerber if you or your child are unable
to attend. ALSO, please have your child at the church on Sunday,
December 15th by **9:00 am** for practice before the program.

IMS's Christmas Music Concert will be presented on Sun., Dec. 15th,
at 3 pm in *Celebration Hall.* The concert will feature the sounds of
the season, performed by the Chorale, Concert Choir, Symphonic
Band, and other smaller ensembles. All are invited; the Music
Boosters will serve truffles following the program, and all 6th-8th
graders are welcome to enjoy a brief Christmas party at the
conclusion of the concert. Josh Tyson directs the program.

The IMS Alumni Association is sponsoring the annual *Alumni Night*
festivities on Fri., Dec. 20. IMS hosts Pekin that evening, and all
alumni are welcome to register for prizes, and will receive coupons to
the concession stand. Prizes are compliments of numerous area
businesses. Registration opens at 5 pm -- the ballgames will begin
at 4:30 with JV contest, followed by the girls and boys varsity games.

Last Chance! The deadline for ordering cheeseballs from Lower
Deer Creek Mennonite Church has arrived. Please contact the
church by noon tomorrow (Dec 9) with your orders. The flavors are
ham, pineapple, veggie and pesto. Prices are \$9.50 each or 3/\$27.
All proceeds go to a mission trip to Nicaragua that will take place in
February. Thank you!

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.

West Union would like to invite your church to a New Year's Eve party at IMS on Tuesday, December 31, 8:00 P.M. to midnight in the gym and foyer areas. Please, bring finger foods to share, table games, and invite your friends! There will be games for adults, too! *If you have questions, contact Jim & Beth Schlabaugh at 319- 646-2511.*

You are invited to Deutsche Weihnachten (German Christmas Service) at Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson St., Iowa City at 4 pm on Sunday, December 15. There is information on the bulletin board.

A learning experience like no other! This summer, Youth Venture invites young adults ages 14-22 to serve and learn together with churches in Philadelphia, Ft. Myers, Japan, Spain, and more! Info and applications at MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, December 8

- ***The Stirred Concert for this afternoon has been cancelled.***

Wednesday, December 11

- ***Choir practice at East Union at 7 pm.***
- ***Advocates 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