

# 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

## Mission Statement: (Core Values Underlined)

*East Union Mennonite Church is a community of love and worship<sup>3</sup>  
where the Scriptures and the Spirit guide all to faithful living,<sup>1</sup>  
all are welcome to grow in the way of Jesus,<sup>2</sup>  
and we share God's love with others in word and service,<sup>4</sup>  
so that we are a light of hope here and around the world.<sup>5</sup>*

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Worship Leader:	Dennis & Sally Miller
Primary/Junior Program:	Pr./Jr. Children
Pre-Service, Postlude:	Verna Zook
Offertory:	Micah & Collin Miller
Congregational Singing:	Steve Groenewold/Quartet
Children's Time:	Wanda Yoder
Special Music:	Choir

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

O, the Mystery of God's Dwelling in Transformation!

## 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  
Primary/Junior Program  
Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer  
Congregational Singing  
Children's Time  
Special Music: "Only a Manger" - Craig Courtney  
"Shepherd's Joy" - Parker, Hayes  
First Fruits Offering  
Business of the Community of Faith

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: Bev Swartzentruber & Allison Troyer

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Lori Gerber & Jenna Boller

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

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

## PRAYER REMINDERS

Oskaloosa Care Center: Marilyn Yutzy

College Students: Gretchen Geyer, Linnea Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber

Serving in MCC in Canada: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey  
Continue to Pray for Jay as he heals from his fall

Continued Concerns: John Kern; students & missionaries in Pakistan  
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: Justin Shenk & Valerie Showalter of MMN request prayer for the Round Chapel where they worship and serve in the East End of London. Pray for unity of vision as members discern how God is calling the congregation to proactive discipleship.

***Farewell/Celebration Sunday for Jay and Sonia:*** On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 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 worship, sharing, reflection, and fellowship, we will say our final thank you's, goodbyes, and blessings. There will be no Sunday School that day.

***There will be no Sunday School on December 22 or 29<sup>th</sup>.***

***The Christmas Eve Service will begin at 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 24.***

***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 "Noise." How often do you experience silence? With TV, radio, movies, the internet, cell phones all making noise, sometimes we don't hear God. Is it because He isn't saying anything or because we aren't listening? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other questions.

***Women's Bible Study.*** we will be studying "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith" by Beth Moore. The bride of Jesus Christ in our generation is nearly paralyzed by unbelief. God is calling His bride to a fresh and lavish anointing of faith. This in-depth study examines the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others as examples of persons who believed God. Beth Swartzendruber will facilitate this 10 week DVD series. The Women's Bible Study will begin on Sunday afternoon on January 19. There will be more information coming. Please contact Paulette Hershberger if you have questions.

***CHOW begins again January 8th.*** The Koinonia class is in charge of the meal (served 6:00 - 6:30). The Berean class is planning a "Kids Against Hunger" evening where we will package the specially formulated meals designed to nourish malnourished children's bodies. Because the cost of the supplies for three lines is almost \$1305, we plan to take an offering for the project on Sunday, January 5th. The number of lines we do will be determined by the amount of money we raise! Plan to come and help us make the meal packets!

***We will be having communion during the morning worship on Jan. 5.***

***The search committee for the new principal*** at Iowa Mennonite School continues to meet monthly to work and pray for the task at hand. The open position has been advertised in various Mennonite publications and all interested and qualified applicants are being encouraged to apply. We anticipate that times of interviewing will happen early in 2014. We ask that your church be in prayer for this process and that God will lead the right person to IMS at this time. May God surround you with His love in this Advent season.

IMS Search Committee: Paula Buckwalter, chair, Pam Gerig-Unruh, Don Miller, Sheila Ours, Greg Yoder, Corey Miller

***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.*

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Today, December 15

- ***Iowa Mennonite School's Christmas Music Concert*** will be presented this afternoon 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to enjoy a brief Christmas party at the conclusion of the concert. Josh Tyson directs the program.
- ***You are invited to Deutsche Weihnachten (German Christmas Service)*** at Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson St., Iowa City at 4 pm. There is information on the bulletin board.

### Tuesday, December 17

- ***Church Council will meet at the church at 7 pm.***

### Wednesday, December 18

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

### Friday, December 20

- ***The IMS Alumni Association*** is sponsoring the annual *Alumni Night* festivities. 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.

### Next Sunday, December 22

- ***Chronicle articles for January are due.***

### ***Elders Phone Numbers:***

Jeff Swartzentruber - 656-4542  
Lauralee Kauffman - 354-3304  
Larry Detweiler - 828-4461  
Paulette Hershberger - 656-3208

### ***Attendance Last Sunday:***

Morning Service - 146    Sunday School - 96

### **Giving through 12.08.13**

Last Week's Giving	\$7,634.25
Year to Date Giving	\$286,321.74
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$13,183.42
Weeks left in Budget year	3
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: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net)  
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