

Elders Phone Numbers:

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Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 220 Sunday School - 104

Giving through 12.15.13

Last Week's Giving	\$12,511.25
Year to Date Giving	\$298,832.99
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$13,519.50
Weeks left in Budget year	2
New Roof Fund YTD	\$4,495.00

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

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 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:	Jay Miller
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Grace Rempel
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 the Child that is Born!

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: Isaiah 7:10-16
Children's Time
Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
Congregational Singing
First Fruits Offering
Business of the Community of Faith
Special Music: "Think Joy"
"Joy has Dawned" - Getty, Townend
Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Matthew 1:18-25
Sermon: "Naming the Glory of God into Being"

Parting Songs
Sending & Postlude
Dismissal

No 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 Gerber &
Jenna Boller

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Grace
Rempel & Drew Blauvelt

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

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

Bickford Cottage: Ervin Miller

College Students: Cameron Gingerich, Landon Slabaugh, Emma
Yoder

From Last Week's Sharing Time: Continue to pray for Jay as he
heals from his fall

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: Lois and Wayne Hochstetler,
pastoral counselors to MMN personnel around the world, were based
in London, England, for five years. In November, they returned to
Illinois to complete the last four months of their assignment before
retiring. Pray for the Hochstetlers in the many adjustments they are
experiencing.

Correction in Church Directory:

Julie Meyers - spelling of last name and Phone: 574-606-6856

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our cupcake fundraiser last Sunday. With your support we were able to raise over \$500! Your generosity will help fund our registration for Crooked Creek's Winterfest in January!

--Jr. MYF

Farewell/Celebration Sunday for Jay and Sonia: Next Sunday, Dec. 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, goodbyes, and blessings. There will be no Sunday School that day. Please join us!

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

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

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.

From Crooked Creek Christian Camp:
Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders; get excited for Winterfest January 10-12, 2014! Early Registration is due by January 2, 2014. If you have any questions or want more details, contact Megan Miller at ccccprog@gmail.com or call the camp 319-653-3611.

Please remember Camp's Fall Fundraiser for year-end giving and check your brochure for more information. Some items include a new roof for the house, table saw, commercial refrigerator and energy efficient lighting.

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.*

MCC Meat Canning is coming to Southeast Iowa on **Thursday & Friday, January 2nd & 3rd** at the Helmuth Repair facility. Volunteers are needed to help set up on Wednesday, January 1 at 1:30pm (1 person) and to assist with the canning process on Thursday, January 2 at 7:30am (2 persons), 12:30pm (2 persons) and 5pm (2 persons). Additionally, **\$28,500** needs to be raised for the purchase of turkey thighs and canning supplies. Checks are to be written to *Southeast Iowa MCC Meat Canning* and mailed to David Lee Miller, 5541 Cosgrove Rd. SW, Kalona, IA 52247. Any and all contributions are appreciated. This is one way we can share God's love in the name of Christ locally and around the world. Questions can be directed to Donald or Verna Zook at dvzook@juno.com or 319-683-2623.

Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center Kalona Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Kalona Optimist Club will be held Monday, Jan. 6th from 2:30 to 7:30 pm at Kalona Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. To donate contact Ed Yoder at 319-656-2283 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, December 22

- **Chronicle articles for January are due.**
- **You are invited** to a special Christmas musical titled "The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team" that is being performed at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church this evening at 6:30. Come join the 70 member cast, ranging in age from a few weeks to 80 years old, as they share the true meaning of Christmas. There's something for the whole family! Refreshments will be served following the program.

Tuesday, December 24

- **Christmas Eve Service will begin at 10:30 pm.**

Next Sunday, December 29

- **Farewell/Celebration Sunday for Jay and Sonia.**