

Elders Phone Numbers:

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Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 123 Sunday School -

Giving through 12.22.13

Last Week's Giving	\$5,345.00
Year to Date Giving	\$304,147.99
Avg. Weekly Needed	\$21,714.01
Weeks left in Budget year	1
New Roof Fund YTD	\$5,195.00

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 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:	Jeff Swartzentruber
Devotional:	Josh Lundberg
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Stirred
Congregational Singing:	Stirred

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

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

WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship: HWB 233 "How Joyful is the Dark"
Call to Worship: back of bulletin
Congregational Singing/Prayer
Dramatic Reading
Confession & Advent Candle Reading - back of bulletin
Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
Congregational Singing
First Fruits Offering
Business of the Community of Faith
Devotional
Open Microphone
Parting Songs & Sending
Parting Song
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: Grace Rempel & Drew Blauvelt

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Avery 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

Lone Tree Pioneer Place: Kathryn Yoder

College Students: Emily Higdon, Anya Slabaugh

Continue to pray for Jay as he heals from his fall

From Last Week's Sharing Time: family of Merle Miller who was killed in an accident; Emily's aunt Ethel with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

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: The Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso, a MMN partner, started as a mostly rural denomination, but is now focusing on creating urban congregations too. Pray for the Mennonite witness as they share Jesus' healing and salvation in cities.

Sonia and I would like to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards, food, and gifts during this Christmas season and our departure. Your generosity is greatly appreciated but the memories will be treasured even more. God's blessings and peace be with you all.

Correction in Church Directory:

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

Church Council will begin a search for Joyce's replacement after January 1st. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in this position, please contact Greg Schmidt, chairperson of Church Council.

Bulletin Announcements: Please send all bulletin announcements to eucares@kctc.net or leave a voice mail message at the church 656.2590. These should be in by Thursday mornings at 9am. We may extend this time in the coming weeks as schedules solidify.

Women's Bible Study: we will be studying "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith" by Beth Moore. Beth Swartzendruber will be facilitating this 10 week DVD series beginning on Sunday, January 19. If you would like to be part of this Bible Study, please notify Paulette Hershberger so that we can order member books by January 12. The cost of a member book will be \$18.50 and make your check payable to East Union Mennonite Church. You can give your order to Paulette or place in the Church Secretary's mailbox. Please contact Paulette at 656-3208 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!

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

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

Tuesday, December 31

- ***West Union would like to invite your church to a New Year's Eve party*** at IMS, 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.*

Thursday-Friday, January 2-3

- ***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.

Next Sunday, January 5

- ***We will be having communion during the morning worship service.***