

East Union Mennonite Church

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Elders: Paulette Hershberger, Larry Detweiler,
Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber

Mission Statement:

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

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Worship Leader:	Dennis & Sally Miller
Sermon:	Tim Detweiler
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing:	Beth Swartzendruber/Quartet
Special Music:	Choir

WORSHIP

Choral Call to Worship: HWB 233 "Joyful Is The Dark"

Call to Worship: back of bulletin

Congregational Singing/Prayer

Dramatic Reading

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:4-7

Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer

Congregational Singing

First Fruits Offering

Special Offering for Kids Against Hunger (CHOW Project)

Business of the Community of Faith

Special Music: "The Star"

Sermon Scripture and Prayer: John 1:1-18

Sermon: "The WORD Became Flesh"

Communion

Parting Song

Sending & Postlude

Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. 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.

Worship Service Toddler Room Staff:

Today: Wanda Yoder & Avery Blauvelt

Next Sunday: Sheila & Jeremy Neimeyer

Sunday School Toddler Room Staff:

January: Kyle & Allison Troyer

February: Doug & Pam Stoltzfus

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home Residents: Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook

College Students: Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus

From Last Week's Sharing Time: John & Colleen Stoltzfus as John is a patient at Goshen Hospital, Kenlyn Miller (Coletta's sister-in-law) as she faces colon cancer treatments, Jay's continued recovery and Jay & Sonia during transition.

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.

Continued Concerns: Loretta Kauffman

Global Concerns

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Mennonite Mission Network: Freddy & Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network build up the Bolivia Mennonite Church through serving in pastoral roles, leadership training, and Christian education ministries. Pray that God would inspire and strengthen them as they encourage the next generation of decision-makers in the church.

Elders Phone Numbers:

Jeff Swartzentruber - 656-4542

Lauralee Kauffman - 354-3304

Larry Detweiler - 828-4461

Paulette Hershberger - 656-3208

Attendance Last Sunday:

Morning Service - 193

Giving through 12.29.13:	
Last Week's Giving	\$5,616.14
Year-to-Date Giving	\$309,764.13
New Rood Fund Year-to-Date	\$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

Correction in Church Directory:

Lola Faye Erb Yoder email: lolafaye945@gmail.com

Bob Yoder email: boyo1940@gmail.com

Congratulations to Victor & Megan Gingerich on the birth of their daughter, Lydia Ann, born January 2 at 3:26 p.m. Lydia weighed 3 lb. 12 oz. and measured 17 ½ inches long. Mother and baby are doing well at this time, but as with all premature births, complications can arise so prayers are appreciated. Congratulations also to grandparents Errol and Coletta Bontrager.

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, January 19. There will be more information coming. Please contact Paulette Hershberger if you have questions.

Mission Project: On Saturday, January 11th, from 10-1 Hanna Wilson and Aimee Moberly will be holding a free will donation bake sale at JW's in Kalona to raise funds for their upcoming mission trip in May to Sierra Leone, Africa. JW's has also generously decided to donate 20% of the Deli's profits that day to the trip. So come out to enjoy some good food and help a great cause!

From Crooked Creek Christian Camp:

All senior high youth are invited to join us at Crooked Creek Christian Camp on Sunday, March 2nd for an all-day youth event. More details to come, but you won't want to miss out on this day jam-packed full of fun!!

From Pleasantview Home:

On Tuesday, January 14th at 10:00 a.m., the Aging Well Group will be meeting at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center. Susan Mitchell will be presenting information on the "Elderly Waiver". The Elderly Waiver (EW) program funds home and community-based services for people age 65 and older who are eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) and need the level of care provided in a nursing home, but choose to reside in the community.

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

We invite anyone interested in learning more about Bethany Services Safe Family Program to a potluck and informational meeting at Lower Deer Creek at noon on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Mirinda Cole, coordinator for Safe Families for Children, will be our guest speaker. Information is available online at www.safe-families.org.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 6

- Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center blood drive from 2:30 - 7:30 at Kalona Mennonite Church. Contact Ed Yoder (656-2283) or www.bloodcenterimpact.org to donate.

Tuesday, January 7

- Mennonite Women will meet at the church. Speaking Truth: Huldah (2 Kings 22:8-20). Devotional leader is Linda Wooldridge; project is cash for Des Moines; bring a sack lunch.

Wednesday, January 8

- CHOW begins with a light supper served from 6:00 - 6:30. This will be a "Kids Against Hunger" evening where we will package the specially formulated meals designed to nourish malnourished children's bodies. We need several people to form the assembly lines to package the food, so please plan to attend!

Next Sunday, January 12

- Michael Swartzendruber will be sharing with us during the worship service about his time in Egypt.