

# East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW, Kalona, Iowa 319-656-2590

www.eastunionmennonite.org

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.*

Vol. LXII	January 12, 2014	No. 2
-----------	------------------	-------

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Nyle Kauffman
<b>Sermon:</b>	Michael Swartzendruber
<b>Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:</b>	Micah Miller/Verna Zook
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Beth Swartzendruber

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing/Prayer  
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer  
 Congregational Song  
 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Matthew 3:13-17  
 Sermon: "All Things New"  
 Parting Song  
 Sending & Postlude  
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

### Worship Service Toddler Room Staff:

Today: Sheila & Jeremy Neimeyer  
 Next Sunday: Grace Rempel and Sami & Madison Higdon

### Sunday School Toddler Room Staff:

January: Kyle & Allison Troyer  
 February: Doug & Pam Stoltzfus

### 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.

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home Residents:** Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder  
**College Students:** Evelyn Charles, Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly  
**From Last Week's Sharing Time:** Eldon Rhodes (returned to Pleasantview from Mercy Hospital); Gretchen Geyer (going to Peru for SST); Theodore Krabill (friend who died in snowmobiling accident); L. David Yoder family (loss of son Leon last week); John Stoltzfus (moved to Kindred Care in Elkhart); Dale & Linda Miller (traveling to Brownsville, TX for mission work); Don & Twila Swartzentruber (cancer treatments, traveling to FL).

**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:** Bob Yoder

### **Global Concerns**

#### **Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**

**From Central Plains Conference:** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group meeting on Tuesday at Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Mennonite Mission Network's Mike & Teresa Sherrill and their three children in Japan. Mike works as chaplain and associate professor of Christian Studies at a women's junior college. Teresa, co-pastor at West Tokyo Union Church, also ministers through hospitality and family ministries.

### **Elders Phone Numbers:**

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

### **Attendance Last Sunday:**

Morning Service - 138

<b>Giving through 1.5.14</b>	
Last Week's Giving	\$4,143.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$4,143.00

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)

***Correction in Church Directory:***

Lola Faye Erb Yoder email: [lolafaye945@gmail.com](mailto:lolafaye945@gmail.com)  
Bob Yoder email: [boyo1940@gmail.com](mailto:boyo1940@gmail.com)

***The Stewards Class*** is in charge of the church service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

***We extend love and sympathy*** to Doug & Pam Stoltzfus and family on the loss of Pam's mother, Mary Brenneman, last week.

***Transitional Pastor is Coming:*** It was announced on January 5th that Firman Gingerich, pastor at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church in PA, has agreed to come to be our Transitional Pastor. He will join us on the first Sunday of July for an 18-month time to prepare us for our next long-term pastor. A roadmap process for his time with us is underway. They will be looking for housing in or near Iowa City. If you are aware of something let one of the Elders know. We are excited to have him come to East Union!

***February 9th, a Potluck and Installation Service:*** We are excited that Sonya Stauffer Kurtz will be coming to serve and lead East Union! On her first Sunday, we are planning to install her and bless her in her ministry assignment with us. After the service and Sunday School, we will have a potluck. Please plan now to bring a dish and join in!

***Women's Bible Study:*** Please notify Paulette Hershberger today if you would like to participate in the Women's Bible Study that will begin next Sunday at 3:30 pm. The cost of a member book is \$18.50 and make your check to East Union Mennonite Church. You can give your order to Paulette or place your check in the Church Secretary's mailbox today. Please contact Paulette at 656-3208 if you have questions.

***MCC Leadership Openings For 2014:*** In the coming year MCC has a number of Rep and Area Director positions to fill. These positions carry the primary administrative responsibility for MCC programs around the world and are central to the work of MCC. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving with MCC in this capacity please help spread the word! All job descriptions can be found at [serve.mcc.org](http://serve.mcc.org). Opening include: MCC Representatives in Democratic Republic of Congo, North East Asia (China, ROK, DPRK), and Egypt; and Area Directors for Southern Africa and Central West Africa. You may direct questions, inquiries or candidate suggestions to Susan Wenger, HR AA-International Leadership Placement, [susanwenger@mcc.org](mailto:susanwenger@mcc.org), 717-859-1152, ext. 204.

***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!!

***Wellman Mennonite's Annual Mush Fry*** will be Sunday, March 9, 11:30-until the mush is gone! Join us for fried mush, sausage, liverwurst, tomato gravy, scrambled eggs and applesauce. Donations will go towards WMC youth programs.

***On behalf of Kids Against Hunger*** and the many starving and malnourished people in our world we thank you for your generous donations and the time you gave to package 8,640 meals Wednesday evening. It was a blessing for us to be there and see the excitement as the meals were put together. Ellis & Marcia Miller

***Thanks to your generosity,*** \$2,300 was raised for 8,640 meals to be packaged on Wednesday night at CHOW for Kids Against Hunger!

***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](http://www.safe-families.org).

***Calling all quilters:*** We will be working on the quilt for Jay and Sonia Wednesday afternoon, January 22nd in the fellowship hall.

**To East Union Congregation:** Sonia and I would like to thank the Elders, Josh, and the congregation for blessing us with a meaningful service of departure December 29, 2013. You all ministered to Sonia and me in a kind and spiritual manner. Because of my accident, East Union ministered more to us than we could minister to you in the final month of my time with you. Thank you! May God continue to minister through you all as you seek God's continued leading and as we both seek discernment for our futures. Blessings, Jay & Sonia.

**Why settle for a job, when you can find your calling?** MVS invites you to join a faith community where you can begin your career with meaningful work. Apply today at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

##### Today, Sunday, January 12

- Michael Swartzendruber will share with us during the worship service and during Sunday School.

##### Sunday, January 19

- David Heusinkveld will share with us during the worship service.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 PM

**To East Union Congregation:** Sonia and I would like to thank the Elders, Josh, and the congregation for blessing us with a meaningful service of departure December 29, 2013. You all ministered to Sonia and me in a kind and spiritual manner. Because of my accident, East Union ministered more to us than we could minister to you in the final month of my time with you. Thank you! May God continue to minister through you all as you seek God's continued leading and as we both seek discernment for our futures. Blessings, Jay & Sonia.

**Why settle for a job, when you can find your calling?** MVS invites you to join a faith community where you can begin your career with meaningful work. Apply today at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

#### THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

##### Today, Sunday, January 12

- Michael Swartzendruber will share with us during the worship service and during Sunday School.

##### Sunday, January 19

- David Heusinkveld will share with us during the worship service.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 PM