

East Union Mennonite Church

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Interim Pastor: Sonya Stauffer Kurtz

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.

Funfest for God's Children's House is being planned for **Saturday, February 22**. This is a mission project for kids in the Gary, Indiana area where they have a safe place to go after school, get help with homework, and hear about and see the love of Christ. This mission is led by Gary (J. John and Mabel's son) & Gwen Miller and their son. This has been an annual trip where we share the love of Christ through having fun times with the kids (ages kindergarten to high school). If you are interested in attending and having a great time interacting with these kids, please talk with Beth Swartzendruber or Sally Miller.

MarriageCare Mentors and Mentorees: You are invited to our annual February Valentines Potluck dinner Sunday, February 23 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring two dishes. RSVP for lunch to Betsy Slabaugh or Rachel Yoder by Sunday, February 16. Those needing child care should contact Kendra Bailey also by Sunday, February 16.

From Crooked Creek: Love camp? Want to worship? Got friends? Bring those friends to Crooked Creek Christian Camp for Better Together Youth Sunday! We will meet from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 2. All ninth to twelfth grade youth from Iowa Mennonite churches are invited for a fun day jam-packed with worship, food, fellowship, and games. The cost is only \$15 per person. Please contact Tamara via text (319-217-2456) or email (tamarajg@gmail.com) to reserve a space today!

Calling all quilters: We will again work on the quilt for Jay & Sonia Wednesday afternoon, February 12 in the Fellowship Hall.

Better Together Youth Sunday! All ninth to twelfth graders and youth group sponsors are invited to come to Crooked Creek Christian Camp on Sunday, March 2. We will begin at 9:30am for worship, food, fellowship, games, prizes and more, ending at 3:00pm. We will focus on lessons that we can learn from 1 Corinthians 12. Josh Lundberg will be our speaker and our worship team will be youth from Iowa Mennonite School. The cost is only \$15 per person. Please RSVP with approximate numbers from your church to Tamara at 319-217-2456 or tamarajg@gmail.com by February 20.

MDS News: The Annual Iowa MDS meeting will be held on March 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Bethel Mennonite Church. Church members and contact people are encouraged to attend. This year's MDS offering will go towards the purchase of a used van. Donations can be made toward the purchase of this vehicle even if you are unable to attend the meeting. Kyle has the meeting agenda if you would like more information.

Pathway Potato Bar/Auction: There will be a potato bar and auction at Pathway on Friday, February 21. Supper will be served from 4:00 - 7:30, the auction begins at 5:00. Everyone is welcome!

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Worship Leader:	Jeff Swartzentruber
Sermon:	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Stirred
Congregational Singing:	Stirred

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing/Prayer
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
 Congregational Song
 First Fruits Offering
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Sermon Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Installation Service
 Sermon: "Faith For the Long Haul"
 Parting Song
 Sending & Postlude
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Worship Service Toddler Room Staff:

Today: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder
 Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

Sunday School Toddler Room Staff:

February: Doug & Pam Stoltzfus
 March: Beth Swartzendruber & Elvesta Hochstedler

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 3 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

Parkview Home Resident: Marjorie Gingerich

College Students: Emily Higdon, Anya Slabaugh

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 Christiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Central Plains Conference: Pray for the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board meeting in Harrisonburg, VA February 12-15.

From Last Week's Sharing: Loretta Kauffman (rejoicing of news of no more chemo!); Ed Miller (healing from car accident); Becky Yoder's niece, Melinda (home from hospital but dealing with infection).

From Mennonite Mission Network: Brian & Noelia Fox of Mennonite Mission Network praise God for the first three months of their business venture, an English-teaching academy in Spain. Pray that God would bless this endeavor to support the Fox family, and that it would provide opportunities to witness to the good news of Jesus Christ.

Elders Phone Numbers:

Jeff Swartzentruber - 656-4542

Lauralee Kauffman - 354-3304

Larry Detweiler - 828-4461

Paulette Hershberger - 656-3208

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 142	Sunday School: 117
Giving through 2.2.14	
February 2 Giving	\$ 8,268.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 29,619.00
Roof Fund YTD	\$ 350.00
Coins for Camp Total Giving:	\$ 178.07

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

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, February 9

- Potluck to welcome Sonya Stauffer Kurtz following her installation service - please bring a dish or two to share.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 11

- Pleasantview Home will be hosting the Aging Well Group in the Friendship Center. The program will be with Susan Mitchell, who will be speaking about "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.

Wednesday, February 12

- Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 14

- The Jr. MYF will be hosting a Valentine Banquet on from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased through February 9th during coffee time or by contacting the Jr. MYF sponsors. Lori/Nolan: 319-325-2962 Catrina/Joel: 319-430-9048
- IMS' Chamber Singers will once again provide Singing Valentines to the community. The 6-member select group of singers will sing 2 songs and present 6 cupcakes for \$35 or "several" songs and 6 cupcakes in a group setting, for \$60. The singers include seniors Alaina Beatty, Shay Durlinger, and Eleya Raim; and juniors Kaylin Brokaw, Anne Buckwalter, and Hannah Miller. Please call the school office to reserve a time.

Saturday, February 15

- IMS Chili Supper: The senior class of Iowa Mennonite School will prepare, serve and host the annual *Chili Supper* from 4:30-7:30 pm in the gymnasium. Advance tickets are available from any senior or by calling the school: \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12. The meal includes chili (other options, including vegetarian, are available), the infamous cheese salad sandwiches, potato salad, veggie sticks, and homemade desserts.

Next Sunday, February 16

- The Annual Church Business Meeting will be held following the sermon and prior to dismissal. There will still be Sunday School. Please plan to be in attendance.

Summer is just around the corner! Calling all young adults (ages 14-20)! Join Youth Venture this summer to serve and learn with Mennonite youth from 8+ countries in Ft. Myers, Florida, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. www.mennonitemission.net/serve

Notes from the kitchen: Currently we are missing a 30-cup coffee pot from the kitchen. When borrowing items, please remember to sign them out. Also, if you take dish cloths or towels home to launder, please return them as soon as possible.

From Crowded Closet:

Coming up this Saturday, February 15, is the Crowded Closet Bake Sale. So warm up your kitchens on these cold winter days and contribute breads, rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, and snacks - of all kinds. Bring your goodies to East Union and place on the table in the large room by the south door (Eleos classroom) by 8:30 p.m. on Friday OR take them to the Crowded Closet on Saturday before 9:45 a.m. Questions may be directed to Verna Zook - 683-2623 or dvzook@juno.com Your efforts are much appreciated!

Do you have furniture you would be willing to donate to the Crowded Closet, but can't drop it off? The Crowded Closet truck will be in the Kalona/Wellman area Saturday, February 15 doing furniture pick-up for FREE! Support the work of MCC through your donation of gently used furniture. Contact Dan Landes at Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset1@gmail.com to schedule a pick-up.

Exhibit on Human Trafficking: The Journey to Freedom exhibit on human trafficking is less than two weeks away! You are invited to spend 30 minutes walking through this free exhibit open February 17 to March 1 at the Big White House in Coralville. Visit www.BigWhiteHouse.org for open hours and more information. How will you join the Journey to Freedom?

From MCC: All are invited Saturday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. to Hope Mennonite Church (868 N. Maize Rd., Wichita, Kansas) to join the MCC Central States staff and board of directors for Building Beloved Community: MCC Central States and the Work of Decolonization. Join us as Program Coordinators reflect on the work of decolonization and racial justice as crucial aspects of MCC's commitment to peach and the building of beloved community. Lunch will follow. Please RSVP for this event to Tina Schrag at tinaschrag@mcc.org or by calling 316-283-2720 by Monday, February 24.

Safe Families for Children: The next Host Family Training will be Saturday, February 22 from 9:00 - 2:00 at Grace Community Church, 2707 Dubuque Street NE, North Liberty. Live training satisfies training requirement for all new host families. It is also a great way to learn about the ministry! No need to have any paperwork complete to attend. Please RSVP to safefamiliesia@gmail.com so lunch plans can be made.

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