

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.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Meeting. All Mennonite healthcare workers; doctors, nurses, dentists, therapists, and dietitians and their spouses are invited to a meal and fellowship on March 5, 2014 at First Mennonite Church at 6:30 p.m. Come and learn about MHF and meet your colleagues and fellowship together. Paul Leichty, Executive Director, will be present. You don't need to be a member to attend, come and learn! RSVP to Nyle or Lauralee at (319) 354-3304 or nkauff224@yahoo.com.

All area church members who work with children and youth are invited to a Protecting Our Children workshop with Jeanette Harder and Jon Stanton from Dove's Nest. The Dove's Nest mission is to empower and equip faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities. The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 22, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at West Union Mennonite Church. Please RSVP by March 15 to Theresa Yoder at dyty@sharontc.net or 319-683-2363.

IMS invites interested 8th graders to visit campus - attend classes and chapel, have lunch, meet other students - on February 28 and/or March 24. Parents are also invited to spend the first portion of the day with IMS administrative members and have a chance to ask questions and take a tour. Please contact Candi Schmieder with questions: cschmieder@iowamennonite.org, (319) 683-2586 or (319) 656-2073.

The IMS Alumni Association and Washington Township Optimist Club will team up once again to serve the annual Turkey Steak Supper at Iowa Mennonite School. The meal, to include turkey steak, baked potato, salad, dinner roll, and homemade dessert, will be served in the IMS cafeteria (lower level below the gym) on Saturday, March 15. Serving will be from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., and the cost of the meal will be by donation. Proceeds will benefit both organizations.

East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW (319) 656-2590 www.eastunionmennonite.org

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.

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| Worship Leader: | Doyle & Janet Geyer |
| Sermon: | Sonya Stauffer Kurtz |
| Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude: | Grace Rempel |
| Congregational Singing: | Nici Bontrager/Quartet |

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
Congregational Singing/Prayer
First Fruits Offering
Business of the Community of Faith
Sermon Scripture: Matthew 13:44-52
Sermon: "The Hidden Treasure & The Pearl"
Song of Response
Sharing of Testimony and Concerns, Prayer
Annual Church Business Meeting
Parting Song
Sending & Postlude
Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Worship Service Toddler Room:
Today: Joel & Catrina Miiller
Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Jacob Boller

Sunday School Toddler Room:
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

Oskaloosa Care Center Resident: Marilyn Yutz
College Students: Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus
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
Serving with MCC in Canada: Jen, Kerry, Idonea, & Halid Saner-Harvey
Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez
From Central Plains Conference: Pray for the Pastoral Leadership Committee as they prepare to meet in Des Moines in two weeks.
From Last Week's Sharing: Joe Featherston (Sarah Yoder's father, dealing with cancer and pain treatments); Homer Swartzentruber (Jeff's father, praise for having his voice back).
From Mennonite Mission Network: Last month, Deb & Wes Bergen arrived on the campus of the Good News Theological College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana, for a two-year assignment with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that their ministry will bless students and colleagues, even as they are blessed through joining Christ's body in West Africa.

Phone Numbers

Jeff Swartzentruber: 656-4542 Paulette Hershberger: 656-3208
Lauralee Kauffman: 354-3304 Sonya Kurtz: 585-831-6722
Larry Detweiler: 828-4461

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| Attendance Last Sunday: | |
| Morning Worship: 178 | Sunday School: 150 |
| Giving through 2.9.14 | |
| February 9 Giving | \$ 3,140.00 |
| Year-to-Date Giving | \$ 32,759.00 |
| Roof Fund YTD | \$ 350.00 |

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 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.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- This evening, East Union is responsible for providing the service at Pleasantview Home in the Chapel. A hymn sing is planned, using the Church Hymnal (red book). Anyone who enjoys hymn singing is welcome to come and join us. We will begin at 6:45, but those attending should arrive a little early. Seating will be circular for a “singing around the piano” atmosphere; participants are encouraged to disperse themselves among the residents. Questions may be directed to Lisa Schmidt or Verna Zook.

Wednesday, February 19

- Quilting in the Fellowship Hall, working on the Miiller quilt.

Friday, February 21

- There will be a potato bar and auction at Pathway. Supper will be served from 4:00 - 7:30, the auction begins at 5:00. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, February 22

- Funfest for God's Children's House. 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.

Next Sunday, February 23

- Marriage Care Valentine's Potluck at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring two dishes. RSVP for lunch to Betsy Slabaugh or Rachel Yoder TODAY. Those needing child care should contact Kendra Bailey also TODAY
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

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

From Crowded Closet:

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.

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 peacemaking 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.

God@Work: Exciting!! Encouragement!! A group is hosting a series of God@Work monthly meetings early on a Saturday morning to encourage anyone who has a desire to understand and fulfill their call to the marketplace. The first of these meetings will be held February 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. at The Family Room located in the basement of Kalona Auto on Highway 1, north entrance. Coffee and donuts will be served. Join us and bring your friends! The sessions are free but we encourage you to register. To do so, call Ken Beachy at 319-430-0724 or Colin Ferreira at 319-936-7332. Or, email to cferreira@ferreiraoptical.com, subject: "Marketplace Meeting". Check out Kalona News articles January 30 - February 13 for more information.

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.

MOPS Annual Turkey & Fixings Lunch: Please join the Kalona MOPS group at our annual fundraiser lunch on March 2 from 11:30 - 1:30 at Kalona Mennonite Church. Menu includes turkey, potatoes, green beans, lettuce salad, fluff, roll and dessert. Free will donations accepted. MOPS cookbooks will be available for purchase.

Adult Sunday School: You have an opportunity for a Sunday School elective class as the Shekinah class will continue viewing the NOOMA DVDs today. The NOOMA DVDs are a series of short films (10-14 minutes). They use experiences of our lives to teach about fullness of life through Jesus, tackling issues like forgiveness, discipleship, and unconditional love. Today's film is entitled "Dust". Believing in God is important, but what about God believing in us? Do you ever feel like you're not good enough or don't have what it takes? Understanding the culture that Jesus grew up in can help us understand just how radical some of his choices were. You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other topics.