

Alta Mamer passed away at Parkview Manor in Wellman on Wednesday, January 29. Funeral services are planned for Saturday, February 22 at East Union. Visitation will be at Peterseim Funeral Home on Friday, February 21.

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!

The Annual Church Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 16, following the sermon and prior to dismissal. There will still be Sunday School. Please plan to be in attendance.

Join us for an evening of romance and laughter! The Jr. MYF will be hosting a Valentine Banquet on Friday, February 14 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

Aging Well Group: On Tuesday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m., 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.

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.

To All MarriageCare Mentors and Mentorees: Save the date - Sunday, February 23, we will have our Valentine potluck in the Fellowship Hall. Child care will be provided. Details will be coming later.

East Union Mennonite Church

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Elders: Paulette Hershberger, Larry Detweiler,

Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzendruber

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:	Phil Yoder
Sermon:	Josh Lundberg
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Nici Bontrager, Ian & Behla Schmidt
Congregational Singing:	Steve Groenewold

WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Congregational Singing/Prayer
 Sharing: Testimony, Concerns and Prayer
 Congregational Song
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:1-15
 First Fruits Offering & Coins for Camp
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Matthew 6:16-18
 Sermon: "Don't Lose Your Reward"
 Parting Song
 Sending & Postlude
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

Worship Service Toddler Room Staff:

Today: Lori & Sarena Gerber

Next Sunday: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder

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

Pleasantview Home Residents: Dorothy Helmuth

College Students: Cameron Gingerich, Landon Slabaugh, Emma Yoder

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

Continued Concerns: Loretta Kauffman

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Central Plains Conference: Pray for the Conflict Management Support Team as they prepare and present a workshop in Kalona on Saturday, and for a Spirit-led learning experience for the participants.

From Last Week's Sharing: Ken Hochstedler (work issues); life transitions (Landon Slabaugh; Jeff & Lindsay Swartzendruber)

From Mennonite Mission Network: Every three months, Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey team in Paraguay must leave the country to renew their visas. Pray for safe travel and understanding officials as Radical Journey participants fulfill this obligation.

Elders Phone Numbers:

Jeff Swartzentruber - 656-4542

Lauralee Kauffman - 354-3304

Larry Detweiler - 828-4461

Paulette Hershberger - 656-3208

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 126	Sunday School: 108
Giving through 1.26.14	
January 26 Giving	\$ 4,195.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 21,351.00
Roof Fund YTD	\$ 160.00

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 2

- ***Annual Super Bowl Sunday Potato Bar*** fundraising meal for IMS is at Upper Deer Creek on Sunday, February 2. Come from 11:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m. for baked potatoes with all the toppings, salad and dessert.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4

- Mennonite Women will meet. Dorothea Moberly is devotional leader, Esther 1:1-12, 16-22. Project is Food Pantry. Salad Luncheon.

Wednesday, February 5

- CHOW, 6:00-6:30 supper, 6:45 programs. Adult program will be led by Trent Yoder, "Helping Others Who Are Experiencing A Loss".

Next 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 PM

Sunday School Elective: 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 "Luggage." Has someone ever hurt you? Did you want to get back at them for what they did to you? Does God really want us to forgive and forget? Is forgiveness something that God wants us to do for the other person or is there something in it for us, too? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other questions.

IMS' Chamber Singers will once again provide Singing Valentines to the community on Friday, February 14. 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.

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!

IMS Chili Supper: The senior class of Iowa Mennonite School will prepare, serve and host the annual *Chili Supper* on Saturday, February 15, 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.

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.

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.

Crowded Closet News: It is East Union's turn to supply baked goods for the Crowded Closet Bake Sale to be held on Saturday, February 15. Begin thinking now what you can create in your kitchen and contribute: breads, rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, and snacks - of all kinds - will be needed. All proceeds go directly to Mennonite Central Committee, and customers look forward to the homemade goodies. Details to follow in next week's bulletin. One idea is to get together with friends and have a bake-a-thon! Questions may be directed to Verna Zook - 683-2623 or dvzook@juno.com.