

# East Union Mennonite Church

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Interim Pastor: Sonya Stauffer Kurtz

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## 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.*

**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! Please RSVP **TODAY** 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' Turkey Steak Supper** will take place on March 15, served by the Alumni Association and Washington Township Optimists. There are no advance tickets available, and the meal will be served on a donation basis; it will be held in the IMS cafeteria, located below the gym. From the East Union congregation, we are requesting 15 pies and 4 workers (6:15 - 8:15 shift). Sign-up for workers and pies on the sheet on the bulletin board by the library, or by contacting Nici Bontrager at derekandnici@sharontc.net.

**IMS' 19-voice Touring Choir**, consisting of junior and senior women under the direction of Josh Tyson, will present a program of music on Sunday, March 9 at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. They will sing a variety of music; all are invited to attend.

**The Spring Meeting of the Crowded Closet Association** will be held on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Wellman Mennonite Church. Although the Association is comprised of a representative from each of the supporting congregations, anyone who is interested in the work of the Crowded Closet is welcome to attend Association meetings. East Union's representative is Verna Zook.

**Roadmap Survey Documents:** Survey documents were placed in your mailboxes last Sunday. These will help us develop the priorities for our time with our Transitional Pastor, Firman Gingerich. The cover letter also gives instructions. Please complete and return them to the box marked "Roadmap Surveys" under the mailboxes by Sunday, March 23. Contact an Elder if you have questions.

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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Doyle & Janet Geyer
<b>Sermon:</b>	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
<b>Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:</b>	Bruce Harvey
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Beth Swartzendruber
<b>Special Music:</b>	Choir

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing/Prayer  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Special Music: "Alleluia"  
 Sermon Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9  
 Sermon: "Power & Glory"  
 Song of Response  
 Sharing of Testimony and Concerns, Prayer  
 Parting Song  
 Sending & Postlude  
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee/fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

### Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service:

Today: Norman Schrock &  
Micah Miller  
Next Sunday: Kara & Cade  
Groenewold

### Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

March: Beth Swartzendruber &  
Elvesta Hochstedler  
April: Derek & Nici Bontrager

**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.

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)

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

**Today, Sunday, March 2**

- MOPS Annual Turkey & Fixings Lunch: 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.
- The Annual Iowa MDS meeting will be held 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.
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Tuesday, March 4**

- Mennonite Women will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Devotions: Loretta Kauffman (Undaunted Faith: Mary, Jesus' Mother, Luke 1:26-56). Project: Health Kits. Sack Lunch.

**Wednesday, March 5**

- CHOW: Supper will be served from 6-6:30, and activities for all ages start at 6:45. There will be two adult activities led by the Dunamis Class: Viewing a film "Life After Death", which interviews people who have been to heaven and people who have been to hell, or board and card games.

**Saturday, March 8**

- IMS Senior Abbie DeWild, daughter of Jodi DeWild of Kalona, will present her Senior Recital in Celebration Hall on the IMS campus. A student of Susan See, Abbie will share her talent as a vocalist and pianist, and will be accompanied by family and friends. All are invited to the 7:00 p.m. recital with refreshments to follow.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has brought salads or desserts and helped out in any way at the last two funerals. It is very much appreciated! The Service Committee.

**Interviews with the Roadmap Listening Group:** On Saturday, April 5, Tim Detweiler, Central Plains Conference Minister, and a listening group from outside East Union will be available from 9am - 4pm for personal and couple interviews. These timeslots will give you a voice into the Roadmap process for our time with Firman Gingerich. Sign-up sheets for those timeslots are on the table outside the library. Contact an Elder if you have questions.

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Lone Tree Pioneer Place Resident:** Kathryn Yoder  
**College Students:** Tommy Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber  
**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 Partner in Mission Philip Friesen as he serves and reaches out to international students and scholars at the University of Minnesota.  
**From Last Week's Sharing:** Caleb Yoder (work in Ecuador); Joan, Betsy's sister (dealing with cancer); Barbie Bailey (health concerns), Emily Higdon (upcoming family move and job change).  
**From Mennonite Mission Network:** This month, Mennonite Mission Network's partner, DOOR, is hosting students on spring break. Pray that students will see the face of God in the cities as they work with local agencies, learn from local leaders, and reflect on the intersection of faith and service in their lives.

**Phone Numbers**

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

Sonya's office hours: Tuesday - Friday mornings (afternoon by appt.)  
You can reach her at the church number during those times, at her cell phone number at other times, or via email [sonyakurtz@gmail.com](mailto:sonyakurtz@gmail.com).

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 152	Sunday School: 114
<b>Giving through 2.23.14</b>	
February 23 Giving	\$ 7,053.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 44,764.00
Roof Fund YTD	\$ 370.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,941.30

***SAVE THE DATE!!*** Ladies, jot down the evening of April 30 in your calendars for the Annual Spring Women's Banquet. More info to come!

***Crooked Creek Thanks:*** Thank you for your contributions and participation in Coins for Camp as we replenish our craft supplies. We appreciate your partnership with us.

***The Everence Sharing Funds*** provided \$2,450.00 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Norman Schrock serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

***Adult Sunday School Elective:*** You have an opportunity for a Sunday School elective class as the Shekinah class will continue viewing the NOOMA DVD's today. The NOOMA DVD's 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 "Bullhorn". Jesus taught that the most important thing is to love God and others with everything we've got. Loving God is sometimes easier than people, especially when they have different religious or political views. How do we show love to those around us who we strongly disagree with or who bother or annoy us? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other topics.