

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.

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Worship Leader:	Marvin & Betsy Slabaugh
Sermon:	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing:	Steve Groenewold/Quartet
Special Music:	Choir
Children's Time	Trent Yoder & Friends

WORSHIP

Call to Worship - back of bulletin
 Opening Prayer - back of bulletin
 Congregational Singing
 Old Testament Scripture - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
 Confession - bulletin insert
 First Fruits Offering
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Children's Time
 Sermon Scripture - Matthew 4:1-11
 Sermon: "Encountering God ... In Temptation?"
 Responsive Special Music - "Whom Shall I Fear"
 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: Kara & Cade Groenewold

Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Drew Blauvelt

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.

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home Residents: Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook

College Students: Gretchen Geyer, Linnea Slabaugh, Mariah 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 Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Central Plains Conference: Praise God for providing a new pastor for the Quito Mennonite Church! Luis Tapia began February 2. He and his wife Jennifer moved to Ecuador from Chile. Also, pray for Quito leader Patricia Uruena as she recovers from gall bladder surgery.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Janie & Neal Blough's decades of service through Mennonite Mission Network. As the Bloughs near retirement, they are working with the Paris Mennonite Center's board to prepare young leaders to continue ministry in theological education and publication for French-speaking Mennonites.

Phone Numbers

Jeff Swartzentruber: 656-4542

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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.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 156	Sunday School: 125
Giving through 3.2.14	
March 2 Giving	\$ 6,058.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 50,822.00
Roof Fund YTD	\$ 370.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,290.02

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, March 9

- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.
- IMS' 19-voice Touring Choir, consisting of junior and senior women under the direction of Josh Tyson, will present a program of music at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church at 7:00 p.m. They will sing a variety of music; all are invited to attend.

Saturday, March 15

- IMS' Turkey Steak Supper will be 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 or 330-1083.

Next Sunday, March 16

- IMS' 19-voice Touring Choir, consisting of junior and senior women under the direction of Josh Tyson, will present a program of music at Faith Baptist Church in Washington. They will sing a variety of music; all are invited to attend either of the two morning services (8:30 or 10:30 a.m.).
- Two IMS students - Alaina Beatty and Nicole Roetlin - will present their Senior Recital in a joint effort at 3:00 p.m. in Celebration Hall. Alaina, daughter of Susan & Mark Beatty (Washington), and Nicole, daughter of Tess & JT Roetlin (rural Kalona), will present works on the violin and piano, respectively. They will also share vocally, along with friends. The recital will be followed by a reception; all are welcome!
- Women's Bible Study, 3:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

Do you work with kids ages 0-18? This workshop is for you! All persons who work with children and youth are invited to a "Protecting Our Children" workshop on Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at West Union. This will be led by Jeanette Harder and Jon Stanton from Dove's Nest. Please RSVP by March 15 to Theresa Yoder at dyty@sharontc.net or 319-683-2363.

Be intentional. Be transformed! Serve for a year with DOOR. Dwell in urban areas like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, LA, Miami, or San Antonio. Join other young adults (ages 19-30) from many Christian backgrounds! www.mennonitemission.net/Serve

Thank you, East Union, for giving \$8,827.54 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2013! Your donations, prayer, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are felt across the street and around the world. Because of your generosity this year, we're able to respond to even more calls to ministry! Gratefully, your friends at Mennonite Mission Network.

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!

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed!! Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer or ask Carrie or Sarah for details.

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.

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.

Crowded Closet News: A baby quilt has been set up on the sales floor. If you enjoy quilting, bring a quilter friend and consider coming to work on the quilt for as long a time as you wish. The quilt will be given to a lucky customer.

The Spring Meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held on Monday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. at Wellman Mennonite Church. Anyone who is interested in the work of the Crowded Closet is welcome to attend Association meetings.

Confessing Our Sin:

Leader: I am the parent going to bed hungry so that my child can eat, the client at the food bank and not one of its volunteers; I hold my plate in my hands at the refugee center, and fight in front of the Red Cross truck that brings the grain and the rice.

Right: The serpent says, "Turn this stone into bread."

Left: Think of all the people we could feed!

Leader: I am one of the underemployed, the unemployed, a worker denied a living wage, an immigrant denied status, a prisoner denied a fair trial.

Right: The serpent says, "Let me give you all the power of the kingdom."

Left: Think of all the injustices we could right!

Leader: I am one of those who have died too young, who died from violence on my street, in my city, in my school, in my marketplace, in my country, who died from fists and knives and guns and bombs and drones.

Right: The serpent says, "You have dominion over death."

Left: Think of all the life we could protect!

Leader: We want to be wise, to have our eyes fully opened, to know all the secrets of the universe and of ourselves.

Right: The serpent says, "There is nothing that will be unknown to you."

Left: Think of all the good we could do for the world!

All: *We fail to see the dark shadow. We do not recognize that our desire for abundance, power, and knowledge is a desire for ourselves, not for others. We are without understanding. Lord, hear our prayer. [Silence]*

Leader: The Lord is our hiding place; God preserves us from trouble and surrounds us with glad cries of deliverance.

All: *Steadfast love surrounds us; for we trust in the Lord. We are the blessed whose transgressions have been forgiven.*

Mark Your Calendars now for this year's Iowa MCC Relief Sale, May 30-31 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

- Two persons are needed to serve on the Iowa MCC Relief Sale food committee. Call Wilbur Yoder (319-646-6835) for information regarding this position.
- Now is the time to be sharing books that you have read that others may enjoy reading. Begin the process now of examining your bookshelves for books that could be resold at the Iowa MCC Relief Sale.

The IMS Culinary Arts Class will again be serving meals in the lobby outside Celebration Hall. United Café, featuring regional food of the United States, will be open March 19 (New England), March 26 (Pacific Hawaiian), April 2 (Western US), and April 23 (Southern US). Serving will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are required and seating is limited; please call the office at 656-2073 or 683-2586. Ranee Brokaw instructs the class.