

# 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:                   | Denny & Becky Yoder              |
| Sermon:                           | Sonya Stauffer Kurtz             |
| Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude: | Collin Miller, Bruce Harvey      |
| Congregational Singing:           | Kristi Miiller & Quartet         |
| Children's Time                   | Will Miller, Trent & Henry Yoder |
| Special Music:                    | Choir                            |

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Opening Prayer - back of bulletin  
 Congregational Singing  
 Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 130  
 Confession & Assurance - bulletin insert  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Special Music (choir) "Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All," Bob Burroughs  
 "He, Watching Over Israel," Felix Mendelssohn - bulletin insert  
 Children's Time  
 Sermon Scripture Reading - John 11: 1-45  
 Prayer with Sonya  
 Sermon: "Fear of Zombies"  
 Special Music (Henry Yoder) "Amazing Grace"  
 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: Sheila Neimeyer & Jeremy Neimeyer  
 Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Avery Blauvelt

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

April: Derek & Nici Bontrager  
 May:

## 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:** Frank & Mary Hochstetler

**College Students:** Evelyn Charles, Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly

**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.

**From Last Week's Sharing:** Dale Miller (healing after rotator cuff surgery); Mitch & Lora Nafziger Rhodes (new marriage); Sunday School and Bible School Teachers (current and new); Daniel & Nita Miller (blessings on 66 years of marriage); Larry Detweiler's Dad (move) Larry Yoder (Denny & Becky's son, healing after a fall)

**Global Concerns**

**Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**

**From Central Plains Conference:** Pray for the Outreach & Service Committee meeting next weekend in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The O&SC helps our churches with evangelism, church planting, peace and justice. Roger Farmer is the chair and David Boshart staffs the committee.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** At this point in their year of service, the novelty of international immersion has typically worn off for Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey participants. Pray that as these young adults become more at ease in their host communities, they will see how Jesus is forming a global church across cultures.

## 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).

Crystal's Office hours: Tuesday and Wednesdays 8:30 - 5pm and Friday mornings 8:30 - 12:30. She can be contacted in the office via phone, email ([eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net)), or via the Office Manager mailbox.

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| <b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b> |                    |
| Morning Worship: 158           | Sunday School: 114 |
| <b>Giving through 3.30.14</b>  |                    |
| March 30 Giving                | \$ 5,375.00        |
| Year-to-Date Giving            | \$ 76,368.00       |
| Average Weekly Giving Needed:  | \$ 6,026.74        |

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, April 6

- IMS students will perform "Boring, BORING Book Bop" and "Put Your Pants On!" at 2:00 p.m. in this year's Children's Drama performances. Mary Forney directs the 28 students in this hour of ridiculousness aimed at the whole family. Admission is by donation only, benefitting the IMS drama department.
- Leola White is turning 90! Come help us celebrate at an Open House today from 2-4 p.m. in the Pleasantview Friendship Center.

#### Wednesday April 9

- Calling all quilters: We will work on the quilt for the MCC Sale in the afternoon

#### Thursday April 10

- An evening of choral worship, starting at 7 p.m., given by the Christopher Dock Mennonite High School choir from Lansdale, PA. They are traveling to the Mennonite High School Music Festival in Freeman, SD and are being hosted by West Union en route.

#### Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

- The Inspirations will be in concert with the Bontrager Family Singers at 6:30 p.m. at Fairview Mennonite Church. No tickets are required; a love offering will be taken. All are invited to attend!
- A French Toast Breakfast will be held at Kalona Mennonite Church from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m. to benefit the non-profit group Heifer International.

### EASTER WEEK ACTIVITIES

#### Thursday, April 17

- Maundy Thursday Service - 6:30 p.m. Bring a plate of fruit, cheese and bread for your household to share for our meal. There will be babysitting for children ages 4 and under after the meal.

#### Friday, April 18

- Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m., Iowa Mennonite School. This joint service of area Mennonite churches features local teens reflecting on the seven last words of Christ. Nici Bontrager will represent East Union in the praise and worship band.

#### Sunday, April 20

- Easter Service, 9:30 a.m. There will be no Sunday School. Please bring flowers to contribute to the living cross as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection together!

**French Toast Benefit Breakfast:** You are invited to a French Toast Breakfast this Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> to benefit the non-profit group Heifer International from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. Come join us as we raise money to send an "ark" of animals to people living in poverty all over the world. The menu will include French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and homemade rolls. There will be a free-will donation and carry outs are available. Call Trent and Tammy Yoder (656-3743) with any questions.

**Primary/Junior Sunday School Dept:** The children of the church will be singing the morning of April 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents of Primary/Junior Sunday School children, please plan to have your child downstairs by 9 am on Sunday, April 13 in order to practice. If you have questions, please talk with Sarah, Carrie or Lori.

**Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed!** The Primary/Jr SS Dept. is still looking for summer SS teachers for July & August (a total of 9 Sundays) for the following classes: Primary, Middler II, & Juniors. Please check the foyer and sign up for 2, 4 or all 9 Sundays. We could **really** use your help! Are there any college students that would be willing to fill these positions? Please forward their names to Carrie or Sarah. Thank you!

**Bridal Shower!** All the ladies of the church are invited to attend a bridal shower for Carrie Morris & Jon Miller at East Union on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The couple is registered at Target, Kohls, Younkers & Yotty's Hardware.

**Tickets are still available** for the Steel Wheels' performance at IMS on April 29 (7:00 p.m.). Please call to reserve your seats; they are available at \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.

**Baby Seward is Here!** Parents Jed & Kailee Seward, along with proud big sister Reagan, are thrilled to announce the birth of Emerson "Emmie" Lu Seward. Emmie was born Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:37 p.m. at 7 lbs 5 oz and 19" long. "We're blessed with her early arrival, she was 3 weeks early, but she's doing great!" ~ Kailee

**Women's Banquet Tickets:** Reserve your seat for "When Friends Gather for Tea" April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at East Union. Tickets, at a cost of \$8, will be available from Elvesta Hochstetler or Janet Geyer each Sunday through April 13th. We encourage you to bring a friend!

**With Thanks and Blessings** - Through my surgery and recovery we have felt the amazing love and care of our E.U. family. We thank you and thank God for your gifts of prayers, cards, visits, flowers and food. May you each be blessed, Karen and Bruce

**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 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.

**The Annual BBQ Pork Dinner** fundraiser for ministry expenses of CrossWorks Youth Ministries will be Sunday, April 13 from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Upper Deer Creek Church. Cost is on a donation basis.

**Kalona MOPS** On Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> the Kalona MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group is hosting a "tip night" at Pizza Ranch. Please come and enjoy dinner at Pizza Ranch in Washington from 5-8 pm and a percentage of the profit and tips will go to the Kalona MOPS group. Kalona MOPS is a Christ-based ministry with a mission to connect moms in Christ. Kalona MOPS meets at Kalona Mennonite Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month from 8:45 - 11 a.m. Mothers with children from birth to 6 years are welcome to attend.

**Youth and youth sponsors,** mark your calendars now to come to Youth Escape August 1-3! You can look forward to worship music led by Jeremy Kempf, having fun getting to know other Central Plains youth, and deepening your connection to Jesus and the church. If you are interested in helping with the planning, please contact Shana at (319) 936-5906 or shanaboshart@gmail.com.

**MP Girls Soccer Fundraiser.** The Mid-Prairie girls soccer team is selling 8" pizza breads for a fundraiser. If interested you can contact a player for more information. Jenna Boller is on the team and will have an order form after church or you can contact her at 319-683-4342.

**IMS' 19-voice Touring Choir will travel to Sarasota, FL** for the annual Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival, leaving April 9 and returning April 14. En route to the festival, they will present concerts in Paoli, IN and Gainesville, FL; they will be accompanied by director Josh Tyson and administrator Norm (and Linda) Yoder. Prayers for safe travels are appreciated.

**Senior Citizens Fundraiser Breakfast** to help purchase new hymn books for the Pleasantview Home Chapel. All senior citizens are invited to a breakfast at Kalona Mennonite Church on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. Following the breakfast the Great Blue Grass Herons will provide the music entertainment. There will also be a free will offering taken to help purchase new hymn books for the Pleasantview Home Chapel.

**Adopt-A-Highway** The Shekinah Class, along with the Jr. MYF, will be cleaning the road ditches along Hwy. 1 between the Cheese Factory and Johnson-Washington Road on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. This helps fulfill our commitment to the Adopt-A-Highway program. If you would be willing to help out, please let either Chris Rhodes or Catrina Miller know.

**Volunteer Bus Drivers:** Pleasantview Home is looking for persons with a "passenger CDL" driver's license. They will be driving primarily for Independent Living residents in the Village and some for the nursing residents, and will get the privilege of enjoying the company of the residents. Please contact Becky Yoder at Pleasantview at 656-2421 if you are interested.

**MCC Relief Sale** is collecting gently used books to sell at the sale. Best selling books include Children's books, "Bonnet" books, recently published books, mysteries, and newer appearing books. We welcome children's and family DVDs and music CDs. We are not including magazines, or VHS or cassette tapes. Your MCC sale representative will put out a collection box for your donations or books can be brought directly to the Book Booth at the south end of Building B on Thursday afternoon or by noon on Friday of the sale. Thank you for your contributions.

**MCC Relief Sale** is also asking for donations of beef and pigs, or monetary donations to cover the cost of processing for this year's sale. If you are interested in supporting the work of Mennonite Central Committee in this way, please contact Bryan Amstutz at 641-675-3423 or Roy Beechey at 319-430-9086.

## Confessing Our Sin

Leader: Out of the depths, we cry to you O Lord.

**People: Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader: If you were to count our transgressions and number our sins,  
Lord, how could we stand before you?

**People: Lord, open your ears to our cries.**

Leader: We are nothing but bone and sinew and skin; our souls are  
empty.

**People: Breath, come to us on the four winds.**

Leader: We set our minds on the things of the body; we delight in the  
flesh.

**People: Spirit, dwell within us and make us whole.**

Leader: Our soul waits for you, more than those who watch for the  
morning.

**People: More than those who watch for the morning, our soul  
waits for you.**

*All: Lord, hear our prayer.* [Silence]

## Words of assurance

Leader: Our soul waits for you.

**People: In your Word, we hope for you.**

Leader: For in the Lord, there is steadfast Love.

**People: For in the Spirit, there is eternal life.**

*All: And it is the Lord who will redeem us from our wrongdoing.*

## “He, Watching Over Israel”

He, watching over Israel,  
Slumbers not, nor sleeps;  
He slumbers not, nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou walking in grief,  
Languish; He will quicken thee,  
He will quicken thee.

**First Mennonite Church of Iowa City** will be offering GriefShare, a 13-week discussion/support group for persons who have lost a loved one on Tuesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., beginning on April 15. Each session will begin with a video, followed by group discussion of the topic. Each participant will receive a workbook to use during the week. Topics to be covered include: living with grief, the journey of grief, the effects of grief, your family and grief, why?, the uniqueness of grief, when your family member or spouse dies, God's prescription for grief, feelings of guilt and forgiveness, stuck in grief, top twenty lessons of grief, and heaven. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact either Marian Schwabbauer (319-466-3094) or Marilyn Rose (319-887-5285), facilitators, or go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Supplies Needed for Mission Trip!** Aimee Moberly and the rest of the team traveling to Sierra Leone, Africa, this May on their mission trip are currently collecting supplies to take along! If you're interested in donating any of the following items, please get them to Lisa or Greg Schmidt, and if you have any questions email Aimee at [aimeembrly@yahoo.com](mailto:aimeembrly@yahoo.com) or ask Lisa. Collected items: diapers (sz 1, 2, and 6 are most needed), wipes, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, diaper rash ointment, clothes (18 mo. to 2T, shorts and t-shirts preferred), and twin size sheets. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support as the team prepares for the trip!

**Listen to a Message Online.** Anyone who wishes can listen to the archives of our sermons online. Navigate in your internet browser to [www.eastunionmennonite.org](http://www.eastunionmennonite.org), click on Resources and then Listen to a Sermon. Click to the sermon of your choosing and press Play in the player. Sermons are typically uploaded to the site within one hour of the end of the service. If you want to listen to an entire service (or coming soon-watch an entire service) please contact Greg Yoder or Derek Bontrager and we can get you a flash drive with a copy of the service.

**MCC Central States** is currently recruiting for a "Young Adult Program Coordinator" position. This is a full-time position, working with the young adult programs for Central States, as well as leadership development. The location is open within the Central States region, with a preference for an urban setting. Persons interested can send a letter of intent and resume to Melissa Waltner ([melissawaltner@mcc.org](mailto:melissawaltner@mcc.org)). You can view the job description at <http://serve.mcc.org/positions/young-adult-program-coordinator-cs>.

***Crooked Creek Christian Camp News:***

- Lenten Quiet Day is April 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Complimentary day. Please call ahead to reserve lunch by noon on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Come and go anytime during these hours.
- New Curtains for Cabins are needed by May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to help, call the camp office and ask for dimensions and material options.
- SAVE the DATE: May 10<sup>th</sup> is Camp-A-Palooza. Fundraiser for Campership Fund. See our website for more details: [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)