

# 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:	Beth Swartzendruber
Congregational Singing:	Kristi Miiller & Quartet
Children's Time	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
Special Music:	Primary & Junior Children

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)  
 Procession & Singing  
 Congregational Singing and Worship Prayer  
 First Scripture Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11  
 Confession & Assurance - bulletin insert  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Children's Time  
 Sermon Scripture Reading - Matthew 21: 1-11  
 Prayer with Sonya  
 Sermon: "Palm Branches for Pilgrims"  
 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: Wanda Yoder & Avery Blauvelt

Next Sunday: Grace Rempel; Sami & Madison Higdon

## 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

***Parkview Residents:*** Marjorie Gingerich

***College Students:*** Will Dehagues, 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.

***From Last Week's Sharing:*** Luke Yoder (new farming venture), Tammy Yoder's mother (heart issues), Annie Troyer, Kyle & Allison (new baby), Emmie Seward, Jed & Kaliee (new baby)

### ***Global Concerns***

#### ***Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez***

***From Central Plains Conference:*** Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to transform the members of Central Plains into the likeness of Christ as we commemorate the passion of our Lord this Holy Week.

***From Mennonite Mission Network:*** Rejoice with Alfonsina and Jose Oyanguren of Mennonite Mission Network. The completed translation of the Bible into the language of the Toba-Qom people of Argentina is scheduled to be released this week. Pray that many will have a deeper understanding of God's love for them when they hear God's word in their mother tongue.

### ***Phone Numbers***

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Paulette Hershberger: 656-3208

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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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 152	Sunday School: 130
<b>Giving through 4.06.14</b>	
April 6 Giving	\$ 4501.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 80,869.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6067.97

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 13

- The Annual BBQ Pork Dinner fundraiser for ministry expenses of CrossWorks Youth Ministries will be today from 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. at Upper Deer Creek Church. Cost is on a donation basis.
- 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 min). 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 "Matthew." Suffering the loss of someone we love can be the most difficult thing in life to deal with. How are we supposed to feel and what are we supposed to do? What did Jesus do when faced with this situation? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other topics.
- The Berean Class is in charge of the church service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

#### Monday, April 14

- 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.

#### Tuesday, April 15

- Crooked Creek Christian Camp 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.

#### Thursday, April 17

- **Maudy 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.

#### Good Friday, April 18

- All the ladies of the church are invited to attend a bridal shower for Carrie Morris & Jonathan Miller at East Union at 7 p.m. The couple is registered at Target, Kohls, Younkers & Yotty's Hardware.
- **Community Good Friday Service:** Join local Central Plains Mennonite Conference churches as we worship together at 7 p.m. at Celebration Hall in Iowa Mennonite School. Seven area high school students will share testimonies relating to Jesus' last seven words before His death on the cross. Child care will be provided for ages 3-8. Student speakers are Olivia Yutzy, Isabel Mendoza, Naomi Clouse, Elizabeth Yoder, Ben Fiordelise, Casey Perez, and Reggie Hostetler. Nici Bontrager will represent East Union in the praise and worship band.

#### Easter 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!

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to bring a friend!

**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.

**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.

**Pre-registration at IMS** will be held April 17 (3:15 - 7 p.m.) and April 23 (3:15 - 6 p.m.) for new students entering IMS in the fall of 2014. Initial classes will be set up with guidance counselor Dwight Gingerich. Please call to arrange a specific time or to get further information.

**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.

**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 Beachy at 319-430-9086.

#### **Central Plains Conference News.**

- Bridge the GAP between high school and college! Serve and learn for a year in Anabaptist communities through DOOR Dwell, Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, and Service Adventure. Info and applications at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).
- Sunday, April 27 has been named IBA Sunday by IBA tutors. Your congregation is invited to join in a church-wide fundraising effort for Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (Anabaptist Biblical Institute) the last weekend of April. By joining in you will be supporting leadership education for Hispanic Mennonites. You may also take this opportunity to become an annual IBA sponsor. Churches and small groups are encouraged to find creative ways to raise monies for IBA. Some possible activities might be a garage sale, a bake sale, a fund-raiser meal, a special offering or another idea that fits your small group or congregation.

***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. 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.

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

- 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)

***Community Hymn Sing*** on Sunday, April 27, from 2-4p.m., join Bob & Kristie Black, Paul & Julie Roberts, and other fine area bluegrass musicians as they lead a community hymn sing at the lovely, old St. Michael's Church, Holbrook. Hymn sheets are provided and all who attend have the opportunity to choose their favorites. Everyone is welcome to this informal, come-and-go gathering. Free admission. Sponsored by the Friends of Old St. Michael's. For further information contact Stephen Hanson at 319-396-8674.

***Are you a farmer, retired farmer, or member of an agricultural family?***

Would you like to share your thoughts on how faith affects your life and work? Historian John Eicher (U of I) is searching for interview participants in the Kalona area for a book project on the history of Mennonite farming. The project is supervised by Royden Loewen (University of Winnipeg) and documents Mennonites' relationship with the land in 7 Mennonite communities from around the world. Eicher is looking for male and female participants, of all ages, who are involved in all aspects of private and commercial farming and food production—including gardening and agricultural industries (trucking, seed/fertilizer reps, dairy/meat processing, etc.) He wishes to interview participants from across the Mennonite spectrum (MCUSA, CMC, Beachy Amish). Interviews will take place this June/July at the time/place of the interviewee's choosing. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in the project, please contact John Eicher for more information. Home address: 326 N. Johnson St., Apt 4, Iowa City, Iowa 52245; Phone: 319.594.9607, Email: [john-eicher@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-eicher@uiowa.edu).

## Confession of sin

Leader: How often we have met you, Lord.

Leader: We met you in the wilderness.

**North: When our strength was tempted,**

**South: you gave us power.**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: We met you in the dark of night.

**North: When we had questions,**

**South: you gave us knowledge.**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: We met you by the well.

**North: When we were parched with thirst,**

**South: you gave us water**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: We met you at the pool of Siloam.

**North: When we were blind,**

**South: you gave us sight.**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: We met you at the grave.

**North: When we were at death,**

**South: you gave us life.**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: We met you with palm branches.

**North: When you were riding on a donkey,**

**South: we gave you loud hosannas.**

*All: But we did not know who you were.*

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer [Silence]

## Words of assurance

Leader: The Lord God has given you the tongue of a teacher so you can sustain those who are weary with a word. Every morning the Lord awakens you and opens your ears so you can turn your back on those who strike you, so you do not hide your face from those who insult you. The Lord God rescues you, and your adversaries will not confront you. The Lord God knows you, and therefore you will not be put to shame.

