

# 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:	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing:	Stirred & Quartet
Special Music:	Choir

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Choir - "Sing, Joyous Christians"  
"An Easter Celebration"

Congregational Singing

Creating the Living Cross

Congregational Singing

Easter Reading

First Fruits Offering

Business of the Community of Faith

Choir - "Who Are These"  
"Glorious Day"

Scripture Reading - John 20: 1-18

Meditation "Behold, I Tell You A Mystery!"

Song of Response

Sharing of Testimony and Concerns, Prayer

Parting Song - Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus"

Benediction

There will be no Sunday School today.

## Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service:

Today: Grace Rempel; Sami & Madison Higdon

Next Sunday: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

April: Derek & Nici Bontrager

May 4: Elvesta Hochstedler & Verna Zook

## 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

Oskaloosa Care Center: Marilyn Yutzy

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.

From Last Week's Sharing: Annie Troyer, and her parents Kyle and Allison (a good transition home from the hospital), Joe Featherston (Sarah Yoder's father, cancer concerns), Tim Miller's father-in-law (heart issues)

### Global Concerns

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Central Plains Conference: Pray that our leaders will experience rest and renewal at the Annual Leaders Retreat for pastors, chaplains and their spouses taking place next weekend at St. Benedict Center in Nebraska with April Yamasaki.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the churches in Ukraine that are dividing over the current political conflict. In general, the north and west lean toward Ukraine while the east and south are sympathetic to Russia. Pray that churches will be able to live in Christian unity.

### Phone Numbers

Jeff Swartzentruber: 656-4542

Paulette Hershberger: 656-3208

Lauralee Kauffman: 354-3304

Sonya Kurtz: 585-831-6722

Larry Detweiler: 828-4461

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### Wednesday, April 23

- The Shekinah Class, along with the Jr. MYF, will be cleaning the road ditches along Hwy. 1 between the Cheese Factory and Johnson-Washington Rd at 6 pm. 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.
- 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 am, and the cost is \$8 per person. Reservations are required and seating is limited; please call the office at 656-2073 or 683-2586. Raneë Brokaw instructs the class.
- Pre-registration at IMS will be held 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.

### Saturday, April 26

- 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 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.

**A special Thank You** to Betsy Slabaugh for her wonderful displays at the front of the church during Lent!

**Bridal Shower!** All ladies of the church are invited to attend a bridal shower for Kara Ropp and Josh Yoder on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the East Union Fellowship Hall. The couple is registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond and Yotty's Hardware.

**The Women's Banquet Decorating committee** is looking for tea cups/saucers, teapots/tea services, tiered platters and cake stands. We'd prefer cream, white or glass platters and cake stands but are willing to use others. We'd like cake stands that have a smaller stand that can be stacked on top of it. If you'd be willing to lend your items for the banquet, please contact Sally, Sandy, Jill or Rebecca sooner than later. Please put your names on the bottom of your items and bring them to the church by Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Pictures Needed!** We are planning a special presentation during the Women's Banquet and are asking for your help. We are looking for digital photographs of you and/or your family and friends sharing love with one another. This could be anything from reading a book together to sharing a hug. Any questions can be addressed to Tammy at 319-936-1987. Thanks!

**Transfer of Membership** Ryan Bontrager has recently requested transfer to Kalona Mennonite Church.

**Camp Creamery** is coming to IMS once again this summer, featuring the Old Creamery Theatre from Amana and interested children ages 7 and up. The camp will be held July 7-11 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., with a performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. To register: [www.iowamennonite.org/camp-creamery](http://www.iowamennonite.org/camp-creamery).

**The Mennonite.** Our group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* is renewing. *The Mennonite*, magazine for Mennonite Church USA, seeks to fulfill its mission of helping readers glorify God, grow in faith and become agents of healing and hope in the world through articles that challenge and inspire, news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community and much more. If you are interested in joining our group plan, please fill out the enclosed insert and return to Crystal by Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Central Plains Conference:** Feast on God's Word! Find out how at Central Plains Annual Meeting, June 19-22 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Children, youth and adults are welcome! Find registration information in your church office and at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org). Register before April 30 for the best rate.

**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](mailto:shanaboshart@gmail.com).

**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.

***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.

***Night at the Museum.*** Please join us for a "Night at the (Mennonite Historical) Museum" open house on May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm. This event is open to all ages and will feature museum tours, story-telling stations, scavenger hunts, and refreshments. We'd love to see you there! Email Amanda Beachy at [abeach25@gmail.com](mailto:abeach25@gmail.com) for more information.

***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).

**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: 156	Sunday School: 104
<b>Giving through 4.13.14</b>	
April 13 Giving	\$ 3436.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 84,305.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6141.08

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)

***Easter Reading***

**Leader:** O living God, who raised Jesus from the dead  
we shout your great victory;  
we sing hymns of praise!

**People:** Even when our hearts are heavy  
and our eyes are dimmed by sorrow,  
you are faithful.  
You wipe away all tears  
and bring joy in the morning.

**Leader:** Teach us, O God, to trust your gracious love,  
to rest in your unfailing goodness,  
to hope in your true promise,  
that we may rejoice all our days  
and share the good news:  
death is defeated; all are made alive in you.

**ALL:** Alleluia! Amen!  
Alleluia! Amen!