

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, May 11



**Monday, May 12**

- Please join us for a "Night at the (Mennonite Historical) Museum" open house 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.

**Card Shower.** The children of Ed and the late Esther Yoder would like to hold a card shower for Ed's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 18. You may send cards to his home at 706 C. Ave. #A4, Kalona, IA 52247

**Many Thanks!** We would like to thank the East Union Congregation for hosting a wedding shower in our honor for our upcoming wedding. We appreciate everything this community has done for us. Many blessings to you all. - Jon Miller & Carrie Morris

**New Baby!** Congratulations to Joe, Carmen, Levi and Ruby Fernau on the birth of a daughter and sister, Sadie Rose. Sadie was born on May 2nd and she weighed 6 lbs, 11 oz. and was 19 inches long.

**Cemetery Mowing.** The Jr. MYF will be mowing the cemetery this year. We will need others from the congregation to help fill in the dates that they can't mow. You will be paid \$150 for each mowing. If you would be willing to help, please contact Chris Rhodes at 319-330-1243 or [Rhodes@kctc.net](mailto:Rhodes@kctc.net).

**Sunday School elective class:** 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 (10-14min). 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 "You." Was the early Christian Church's claim that Jesus had risen from the dead unique? How does Jesus' resurrection affect you on a personal level as well as the world as a whole? You are welcome to join us in the choir room as we discuss these and other questions.

## East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW (319) 656-2590 [www.eastunionmennonite.org](http://www.eastunionmennonite.org)

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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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Bruce & Karen Harvey
<b>Sermon:</b>	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
<b>Pre-Service, Postlude:</b>	Verna Zook
<b>Offertory</b>	Penny Power Video
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Beth Swartzendruber & Quartet
<b>Special Music</b>	Sam & Henry Yoder

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Psalm 1: 1-6  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 First Fruits Offering/ Penny Power  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Special Music: Blessed Assurance  
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Matthew 20: 20-28  
 Sermon: "Mother of the Sons of Thunder"  
 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: Lori & Sarena Gerber  
Next Sunday: Josh & Jill Lundberg

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today: Elvesta Hochstedler & Sheila Niemeyer  
Next Sunday: Luke & Rachel Yoder

**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:** Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook  
**College Students:** Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus  
**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:** Lori Gerber (friends going through a divorce); Derek Bontrager (continued healing for his mother, Judy Bontrager); Joyce Schrock (rejoicing at the birth of Sadie Rose, infant daughter of Joe and Carmen Fernau); Andy Blauvelt (friend, Kyle Hudson, cancer concerns)  
**Global Concerns**  
**Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**  
**From Central Plains Conference:** Pray for Youth Ministry Council, a gathering of Mennonite Church USA youth sponsors and pastors for resourcing, networking and support. They meet in Kansas City Monday through Thursday of this week.  
**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Angela (Wenger) and Tomoki Yamanaka of Mennonite Mission Network are co-pastors at Asahikawa Gospel Church in Japan. Their four children, Taira (7), Yoshiki (5), Mirai (4) and Kiera (1), provide natural opportunities to reach out to their community. Pray that the good news of Jesus' love will continue to flow through the Yamanaka family.

**Phone Numbers**

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

**Mennonite Central Committee** would like to invite you to a Learning Tour to Haiti November 8-17, 2014. This 10 day tour will give you a first-hand look at the social- economical issues Haiti continues to face. The estimate cost for this learning tour is **\$700** per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. Space is very limited. For more information contact Anna Yoder by **Monday June 2, 2014** at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

**Central Plains Conference:**

- At Central Plains Annual Meeting 2014, Jewel Gingerich Longenecker will speak on the theme, “Joyfully Following Jesus: Formed by God’s Word.” Come to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 19-22 to learn, fellowship and discern with your sisters and brothers.
- Join Youth Venture in South Philadelphia! Together with a diverse group of Mennonite youth, you can make a difference by serving in local ministries. Young adults ages 14-20 can apply by June 1 at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve).

**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)
- **The Aging Well Group.** This month’s topic will be advance planning through Power of Attorneys and Wills and other means, as well as resource planning. The meeting will take place in Pleasantview Home’s Friendship Center on Tuesday, May 13th at 10:00 am. The presenter Michael Brenneman who is a practicing attorney with offices in Iowa City and Kalona, Iowa. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law. A major portion of his law practice is spent in the areas of estate planning, wills, powers of attorney, and the settlement of estates after a death. The community is welcome to attend this meeting sponsored jointly by Pleasantview Home and Washington County Public Health.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 174	Sunday School: 121
<b>Giving through 5.4.14</b>	
May 4th Giving	\$ 6609.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 103,595.73
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6114.80

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays.  
E-mail address for bulletin announcements: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net)



## MCC Relief Sale News - May 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**MCC Relief Sale baking supplies** (pans, bags, boxes) for **cookies, rolls, pies and sweet breads** are now on a table in the foyer. Sign your name by a number on the signup sheet and put that number on each label along with your list of ingredients for whatever you bake. Each label's address will be East Union Mennonite Church. Have your baked items at church by 9:00 am or 1:00 pm on Friday, May 30 and by 8 am on Saturday, May 31. If you want to order and pay for something at Golden Delight Bakery for the Sale, give them the right number of pie boxes and let me know so I can pick up your order on the Sale mornings. Order early since the Bakery will be closed Thursday, May 29, Ascension Day. Give any questions or comments to Bruce Harvey at 319-656-3009 or at [bkharvey@kctc.net](mailto:bkharvey@kctc.net).

**MCC Sale Meals in Home:** Volunteers are needed who are willing to provide an in-home meal to be sold at the annual MCC Sale on May 30 and 31. To list your in-home meal for proper advertising, contact Marcia and Ellis Miller at 656-3242 or [marcia@kctc.net](mailto:marcia@kctc.net).

**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. Please place your donations in the collection boxes under the baking supplies table in the foyer. Thank you for your contributions.

**MCC Sale Breakfast Volunteers Needed:** Please let Janet G. know if you would be available to help at the breakfast on May 31. We need 16 persons - all ages welcome - from 9-10:30 a.m. and help cleaning up after the meal. Please email Janet at [janetegeyer@gmail.com](mailto:janetegeyer@gmail.com) or call 319.321.0995. May we all find joy in serving Christ together! Thanks.

**Garden produce** is needed for the sale. You may bring it washed or unwashed. Rhubarb sells well! For questions, call Jonas Hochstedler at 319-683-2034.

**Cakes**, especially angel food cakes, are needed for the cake decorating booth. If you have any questions, call Jonas Hochstedler at 319-683-2034.

**Are you a woodworker, crafter, carpenter or artist?** The MCC relief sale auction committee is accepting donations of handcrafted items. If interested, contact Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670 or [ey5840@netins.net](mailto:ey5840@netins.net).

**Supplies Still Needed for Mission Trip to Africa!** Aimee Moberly and the rest of the team that are traveling to Sierra Leone, Africa this May on their mission trip are currently collecting supplies to take along! If you are 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: [aimeembry@yahoo.com](mailto:aimeembry@yahoo.com) or ask Lisa. The following items that are being collected are: **diapers** (sizes 1,2, and 6 are the most needed at the moment, but any size will help!), **wipes, shampoo** (baby shampoo is great for all of the ages at the center), **diaper rash cream, diaper rash ointment, clothes** (sizes 18 months to 2T...preferably lighter materials since Africa is hot with shorts and T-shirts being the most needed), and **twin size sheets**. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support as the team prepares for the trip! All donations must be made by May 18<sup>th</sup> in order to be packed and taken with!

**Garden volunteers this Saturday** The Bread House, a new community-service organization in Kalona, invites you to help plant a flower garden at 406 5th Street on Saturday, May 17 (the former Green Center/Jubilee bookstores). This will both bless the shop owners and help beautify downtown. Ground preparation starts at 9 a.m. with planting to follow. Bring your own shovel! Donuts and coffee while they last! For more information, contact Bill or Amy Spencer at [kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com) or call 656-3916.

**Summer Free Lunch helpers welcome** Please let us know if you'd like to find out about volunteering one hour a week to support the free sack lunch program for kids in Kalona. Contact Bill or Amy Spencer at [kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com) or call 656-3916. This project is sponsored by the Bread House, a new community-service group in Kalona.

**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 (University of Iowa) 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, IA 52245, Phone: 319.594.9607, Email: [john-eicher@uiowa.edu](mailto:john-eicher@uiowa.edu).