

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, May 25

- You have an opportunity for a Sunday School elective class as the Shekinah class will continue viewing the NOOMA DVDs today. These are a series of short films. They use experiences of our lives to teach about fullness of life through Jesus. Today's film is entitled "Store". Who or what makes you angry? Do you ever feel like you are on the brink of losing it? Are there times when anger is a good thing? You are welcome to join us in the choir room.
- All are invited to IMS' Commencement service in Celebration Hall this evening at 6:00 p.m., when 33 seniors will receive their diplomas. Merle Hostetler, uncle of graduating senior Reggie Hostetler, will speak around the theme of "Here I Am".

Tuesday, May 27

- Spring Concert.** The *Sound of Washington* will present their Spring Concert at 6:30 pm at the Washington United Methodist Church featuring classic campfire songs both old and new. The *Sound of Washington* is an adult special needs choir made up of individuals from Washington County ranging in age from 19 - 65, directed by Amy (Swartzendruber) Drayfahl. All who attend are sure to be blessed as the choir shares their pure JOY of music. So, *hike* over and join us as we present "Camp Sound of Washington!"

Wednesday, May 28

- Bruno Baerg, MCC Southern Africa area director, will be at East Union at 7:00 p.m. to share stories about MCC's food security projects, peace programs, and education programs. Come learn about current MCC projects in the Southern region of the African continent.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mennonite Women will meet Tuesday, June 3. Our project is sewing kits. Devotions led by Charlene Rhodes. The topic is "Surprising Witness: The Samaritan Woman". Sack lunch at noon. *Prayer is asking for rain, faith is carrying an umbrella.*

Sunday, June 8, Sunday School hour. Congregational meeting with Tim Detweiler, conference minister for Central Plains. Tim will present the Roadmap Assessment Report. This is the summary of the listening and survey work Tim did with East Union over the past few months, and which sets the direction for Firman Gingerich's work over the next 18 months. Copies of the Assessment Report will be in your mailboxes by June 1, so you can read and digest prior to the congregational meeting.

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:	Bruce & Karen Harvey
Sermon:	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Steve, Cade, & Ella Groenewold
Congregational Singing:	Nici Bontrager & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 29:11-14
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 First Fruits Offering/ Penny Power
 Business of the Community of Faith
 MCC Video
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Acts 17:16-34
 Sermon: "A Future With Hope"
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller
 Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

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Today: Derek & Nici Bontrager
 Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

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: Dorothy Rhodes

College Students: Will Dehogues, 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: Aimee Moberly (mission trip to Sierra Leone); Emily Higdon (work, family, health); Catrina Miiller (Jay & Sonia Miiller - guidance for ongoing ministry and move); Ed Yoder (friend, Paula Sewart, with cancer concerns); Derek Bontrager (Judy Bontrager - chemo this week)

Global Concerns

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for growth and maturity in Quito, Ecuador, Mennonite Church as the congregation goes through a leadership transition. Pray also for founding co-pastors, César Moya and Patricia Urueña, who are currently ministering in North America before returning to serve the Mennonite churches in Colombia that sent them as Mennonite Mission Network missionaries in 2000.

From Mennonite World Conference: Pray for Sang-Min Lee, the first Mennonite Conscientious Objector in South Korea. He was recently sentenced to 18 months in prison for refusing, on the basis of his faith, to complete his mandatory military service. Pray for peace and joy for Sang-Min and for his parents. His parents are Christians, but didn't agree with his stance on the peace position, and thus rejected this action by their son. Pray also for the Anabaptist churches in South Korea, which are few, but should come together with a unified voice on peace issues. Most Christians are very quiet on the CO issue because it requires political action that usually leads to conflict and division. We need much courage to step out of our comfort zone, to a faithful life that is risky but leads to abundant life in Christ.

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Calling all MCC Alumni! You're invited to an MCC alumni gathering at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale on Friday, May 30 at 6pm in the MCC Tent. Join us to meet fellow alumni and hear Bruno Baerg, MCC Area Director for Southern Africa, share stories about MCC's current work. You are welcome to bring your supper and eat in the tent! We look forward to seeing you at the Relief Sale!

Bring a friend and make a difference by serving local ministries with a diverse group of Mennonite youth! Apply with a friend for Youth Venture's Philadelphia team and BOTH will get a \$100 discount! Young adults ages 14-20 can apply by June 1 at mennonitemission.net/serve.

Did you pick up the wrong lid at last Sunday's potluck? It might be mine if it's all glass with a knob, round, about 8 ½" diameter with a small rectangle tape mark on the outer surface. Contact Verna Zook at 683-2623 or dvzook@juno.com. Thanks for checking!

Central Plains Conference: Are you passionate about being formed by the Bible? Come to Central Plains Annual Meeting June 19-22 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Find registration information in your church office and at www.centralplainsmc.org. Register soon; rates go up June 1st.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

ALL ARE INVITED TO SONTREASURE ISLAND AT EAST UNION VBS!!! *RSVP* TO ATTEND . . .

The VBS Curriculum: "SonTreasure Island: Where God's Love is the Greatest Treasure" invites kids age 3 through grade 6 to come learn of the power that living for Jesus can have. PLEASE invite a friend and and **RSVP** to: eunionvbs@gmail.com with the **NAME and GRADE COMPLETED** of the campers wanting to attend:

Friday, June 20 (1:00 - 7:00 *with Registration starting at 12:30*)

Note: Supper Provided to all children and staff

Saturday, June 21 (9 :00 - 3:00)

Note: Lunch Provided to all children and staff

Sunday, June 22 (9:30) Morning Program at East Union Mennonite Church
Theme Verse: 1 Corinthians 13 *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."*

Please RSVP by June 10 to Camp East Union: eunionvbs@gmail.com (or mail a letter to East Union Mennonite Church Attn: VBS, PO Box 760, Kalona IA 52247) so appropriate food and materials are ordered! Hope to see you there!!



MCC Relief Sale News - May 30th & 31st

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.

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

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.

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.

East Union needs to provide kitchen help at Crooked Creek for the following dates:

July 9: 9 am - 1:30 pm (2 volunteers)

July 9: 1:30 pm - 7 pm (2 volunteers)

July 10: 8 am - 1:30 pm (2 volunteers)

If you would be able to help, please contact Chris Rhodes at 319-330-1243 or rhodes@kctc.net

Congratulations to Vince Rhodes who graduated from St. Ambrose University on May 10. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science, as well as Human Performance and Fitness.

Thank you again to the entire congregation for their continuous love and support these past 8 months as I have prepared for my mission trip with my team to Sierra Leone. I truly appreciate all of the prayers, words of encouragement, and donations that our team has received. I honestly cannot say thank you enough for everything that this congregation has done for me. I do ask for continued prayers as our team is in Sierra Leone doing God's work and is traveling there and back. Here is our team blog that we will try to post on while we are there: <http://wilsonh3.wix.com/trs-may-team-2014> -Aimee Moberly