

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### *Today. Sunday, June 29*

- All church potluck to wish Sonya farewell.
- Aimee Moberly will talk about her trip to Africa during the Sunday School hour. All are welcome to come hear about her experience.

### *Tuesday, July 1*

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Wanda Miller, The topic will be: Brave Friends, Mary & Martha. Our project cash for Mennonite Women Central Plains Scholarships. Sack lunch at noon.  
*Forgiveness is the greatest expression of love.*

### *Friday, July 4*

- Church office closed. Have a nice holiday!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Sunday, July 6*

- No adult Sunday School. Join us in the sanctuary during the second hour to hear delegates to Central Plains Annual Meeting share about their experiences in Mt Pleasant, June 19-22.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 181	Sunday School:
<b>Giving through 6.22.14</b>	
June 22th Giving	\$ 9,314.25
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 146,610.98
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,106.65

\* **The bulletin will be printed this week on Thursday, July 3rd. Please have bulletin announcements to Crystal by 9:30 AM on Thursday.**  
E-mail address for bulletin announcements: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net)

## 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>	Jeff Swartzentruber
<b>Sermon:</b>	Sonya Stauffer Kurtz
<b>Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:</b>	Verna Zook
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Kristi Miiller & Quartet

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship - WB 672  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Ephesians 1: 15-23  
 Sermon: "Above Every Name."  
 Song of Response  
 Extended Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Prayer of Blessing and laying on of hands  
 Parting Song  
 Sending & Postlude  
 Dismissal

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

***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 and their parents during the worship service. The Toddler Room (room #47 up the steps to the back hallway) is available for children (up to 5 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.

**Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service:**

Today: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller  
Next Sunday: Kara & Cade Groenewold

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today: Jed & Kailee Seward  
Next Sunday: Betsy & Marvin Slabaugh

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

***Lone Tree Pioneer Place:*** Kathryn Yoder

***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 Weeks Sharing:*** Doyle Geyer (praise for safety after being reared-ended) Gretchen Geyer (prayers for Sang-Min Lee, conscientious objector now serving 18 months jail time in S. Korea for his convictions)

***Global Concerns***

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

***From Mennonite Mission Network:*** Anita and David Breckbill recently completed five months of volunteering at Union Biblical Seminary in India through Mennonite Mission Network. One of their jobs in the library was to update the card catalog of 80,000 items. Pray for the Breckbills as they continue relationships with their Indian friends from their home in Nebraska.

***From Mennonite Church USA*** Pray for Mennonite Church USA Executive Board - Members of Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board met this weekend in Chicago. Please pray for the fruits of their work together, and for the Spirit's leading of their work and worship together as leaders across the church.

***Kalona Community Blood Drive:*** Sponsored by the Kalona Optimist Club, a Community Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. To donate contact Ed Yoder at 319-656-2283 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).

***Transition Advisory Team:*** Firman will be forming the Transitional Advisory Team shortly after he begins working with us in July. Please submit names of individuals you would like to see on the team to Sonya or one of the elders by today. If you don't catch us for a conversation, feel free to submit names in our mailboxes, on email, etc.

***Concert*** Polen will be in concert at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Polen is a 5-piece Christian electronic rock and worship band from Fredericksburg, OH. With electrifying walls of guitar, pulsating rhythms, and pensive lyrics, Polen creates a sound that is deeply worshipful, always melodic. For more information contact Jim Hershberger at [jhershberger32@gmail.com](mailto:jhershberger32@gmail.com) or 319-461-3847.

***Volunteers Needed!*** Pleasantview Home needs volunteers to push wheelchairs every Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. now through August 26. Call PV if there is a question with weather such as rain or if it is too hot, the rides could be cancelled - 656-2421. Come to the chapel for directions. This is your opportunity to enhance the lives of our residents by getting them in the fresh air and some warm sunshine. Thank you, Joette Droz.

***Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting*** will be held at 7pm July 8 at Kalona Mennonite Church. All interested persons are invited to hear the results of this year's sale and suggestions for the coming year. Come and share your ideas with others. This is also the time for the election of three board members. Refreshments will follow the meeting. Next year's sale will be May 29 and 30, 2015.

***Free lunches now available in Kalona*** Please spread the word! We are serving cold sandwiches, veggies and fruit, homemade cookies, and yogurt/milk, Monday through Friday, from 12 to 12:30 at Elements (511 C Ave., across the street from the Kalona Library). People can eat in or pack their lunch to go. No income qualifications are needed. Deliveries might also be available soon for those who are housebound or can't climb stairs. For information, contact Bill and Amy Spencer, [kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com), 656-3916.

***Phone Numbers***

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

### ***Primary/Junior Sunday School Teacher Sign Up***

Did you know the following important facts about East Union's Primary/Junior Sunday School Department?

\*In the fall we will be using the brand NEW curriculum materials from MennoMedia and Brethren Press titled SHINE: Living in God's Light.

\*We have a regular attendance of 25-35 kids per Sunday. On a weekly basis we need 8-10 adults.

\*Kindergarten through 6th grade students participate in Bible Memory every Sunday of the school year.

\*Children and youth of our church worship God through song weekly during the Sunday School hour.

Are you interested in celebrating God's love and sharing the good news of the Lord with the children and youth of our Church? See the Sign Up Board (in the church foyer) if you are interested in being part of the Primary/Junior Department this fall.

We are in need of two teachers per class to share the teaching responsibilities for one year (September 2014-August 2015). We are also in need of Music Leaders and Bible Memory Helpers. The Music and Bible Memory Helpers would be needed each Sunday for about 10-15 minutes.

Please contact Sarah Yoder ([sarahayoder@hotmail.com](mailto:sarahayoder@hotmail.com)) or Carrie Schmidt ([carrieschmidt2@yahoo.com](mailto:carrieschmidt2@yahoo.com)) if you have questions.

***JPOG*** (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to a Peace Picnic on Sunday evening, July 6, 2014, at Tom and Kay Fleming's house, 1390 145th St. Wellman. The potluck picnic will begin at 6 PM; bring finger food to share, along with your own table service and a lawn chair. Drinks will be provided. Following food and conversation we'll share our own peace stories or tell those we've heard about. In case of rain ( or excessive mosquitos), we'll meet in Fleming's house. For more information, call Flemings at 319-646-2028 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

***Happy Birthday!*** Kathryn Yoder is celebrating her 95th birthday on July 2. Cards may be sent to her at: Kathryn Yoder, Pioneer Place, 501 E. Pioneer Rd - Rm. 333, Lone Tree, IA 52755

***Gifts Discernment Ballot Forms.*** A ballot to affirm the names submitted in last week's bulletin is in your mailboxes today. Please be sure to fill them out and place them in the Gift Discernment box located on the counter underneath the mailboxes. \*Also, if you haven't already done so, please fill out the ballot form from June 22nd and place it in the Gift Discernment Box along with today's ballot. Thank you!

***New volunteer opportunity!*** The Nurture Committee has created the new position of "Early Childhood Care Coordinator." This person will coordinate the caregivers in the toddler room during worship and Sunday School, and also coordinate the caregivers in the nursery during Sunday School. Please talk to Elvesta or Allison if you have questions or to volunteer for this 1-year position!

***Church Services*** All of our church services are available for listening on the East Union website: [www.eastunionmennonite.org](http://www.eastunionmennonite.org). If you would like to listen to or watch an entire service contact Greg Yoder or Derek Bontrager.

***Crooked Creek Christian Camp*** 6th-8th grade camp starts this week: June 29-July 4. Thank you for your continued prayers for the counselors and staff as they minister to the children of our communities. Pray for the campers as they receive the Gospel message.

***HELP IRAQIS THROUGH MCC.*** As armed conflict forces Iraqis from their homes, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is providing vital items for daily life and is planning an ongoing response. MCC also is calling on U.S. lawmakers to oppose military intervention in Iraq and instead to send humanitarian aid. Please help us reach a goal of 12,000 hygiene kits and 3,000 relief kits for uprooted Iraqis and others in the region. Gifts of money support MCC's efforts with partners in Iraq to both respond quickly and continue long-term efforts that build peace. More information is available online at [mcc.org/get-involved/kits](http://mcc.org/get-involved/kits) and [donate.mcc.org/iraq](http://donate.mcc.org/iraq) or by calling 1-888-563-4676. The Action Alert at [mcc.org/advocate-iraq](http://mcc.org/advocate-iraq) provides a simple way to contact your representatives and the president. Thank you for partnering with MCC to help uprooted people and for your ongoing prayers for peace in the region.