

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

**Today, Sunday, July 27**

- Chronicle submissions due

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mennonite Women will meet** at the church on Tuesday, August 5. Our devotions will be led by Marianna Miller. The topic is "Strong Partner: Priscilla" and our project is sewing kits. Salad Luncheon at noon. Please joins us in this [all church project](#).

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 139	Sunday School: 94
<b>Giving through 7.20.14</b>	
July 20th Giving	\$ 7,540.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 167,446.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,269.91

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.

**Firman's office hours:** Tuesday - Friday mornings (afternoon by appt.) You can reach him at the church number during those times, his cell phone number (319-855-8379) at other times, via email or text.

**Firman will be out of the office on Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.**

**"Where you go I go"**

Through August our worship-sermons will focus on themes of journey, transition and hope. Firman and the Elders have identified several Biblical stories to illustrate ways God calls us to faith when we face transition and uncertainty. Please live with this question, "what helps you keep faith as your life journey unfolds?"

**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.

# East Union Mennonite Church

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

Transitional Pastor: Firman Gingerich

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>	David Charles
<b>Sermon:</b>	Firman Gingerich
<b>Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:</b>	Micah & Collin Miller Beth Swartzendruber
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Jon & Kristi Miiller & Conrad

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Ruth 1:1-14  
 Sermon: "From Bitterness to Hope"  
 Song of response  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
     - Discerning members of the Transition Advisory Team  
     - Introducing "Shine" Children's Curriculum  
 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: Joe Schmidt, Sam Yoder  
Next Sunday: Bev Swartzentruber, Jenna Boller

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

July: Betsy & Marvin Slabaugh



***CALLING ALL CHILDREN, WOMEN & MEN of our Congregation!***

During the month of August E.U. Mennonite Women are asking for your help to purchase school supplies for overseas children. At most places, less than **\$3.00** can purchase one kit. Donations can be given to Mennonite Women if this would be easier for you and we can purchase supplies. Please give donations to Loretta Kauffman, Dorothea Moberly or Linda Wooldridge.

Please bring kits and place them on the table in the foyer thru the month of August.

- 4 spiral notebooks 70-80 pages
- 8 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 flexible ruler (30cm & 12 inch markings)
- 1 large eraser (1/2 x 2 inches)
- 1 box colored pencils (12-20 in box)



Place in 11 x 16 fabric double drawstring bag (bags will be available.) \*Please note the quantity of pencils is now 8 instead of 4.

***Thank you!***

***Quilts, comforters, and wall hangings*** for the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale (November 7 & 8) should be taken to Stitch 'N Sew in Kalona or given to any quilt committee member by September 19, 2014, so they may be displayed at area businesses and banks. Please include the following information: 1) name of donor, 2) name of quilt pattern, 3) finished measurements, and 4) any information of interest about the item. Quilts continue to be a big part of the sale; we thank you for your support. 2014 Quilt Committee: Rose Ropp (656-2845), Dorothy Yoder (683-3270), Jane Miller (656) 2121, and Mary Yoder (656-3388).

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

***Pleasantview Home:*** Frank & Mary Hochstetler

***Praying for God's Health and Hope for*** 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:*** Marv Hershberger (father's passing)

***Global Concerns***

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

***From Mennonite Mission Network:*** This is a month of transitions for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants with some finishing their terms and others beginning. Pray that God would bless their coming out and their going in. Pray especially for Matthew Cordella, serving in Elkhart, Ind., as he recovers from back surgery.

***From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:*** Pray that those participating in Youth Escape 2014 would encounter God in a transforming way.

***From Mennonite Education Agency*** Bluffton University welcomes 15 faculty members from China West Normal University to campus July 26-Aug 16 for a study seminar on higher education administration. Please pray for their safe travels.

***Contact Information for Congregational Leaders***

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

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 for 10-15 minutes of singing each Sunday.

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 10-14 adults to help downstairs. We need your help!

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 or would like more information.

**JPOG** (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Corben Boshart speak on "Crossing Boundaries, Seeking Understanding" about his recent trip to Iran to attend the sixth Mennonite-Shia interfaith dialogue at the Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute in Qom, Iran. Join us on Sunday evening, July 27, 2014, at Wellman Mennonite Church, 1215 - 8th Ave, Wellman, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear Corben's presentation. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

**We extend our deepest sympathy** to Marv Hershberger and family on the passing of his father, Paul Hershberger on July 22nd. Visitation was held Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> at Fairview Mennonite Church. A Celebration of life service will be held today at 1:30 p.m., also at Fairview Mennonite.

**Senior Citizen Lunch** will be held Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> in the Kalona Mennonite banquet hall at 11:45 am. All senior citizens are welcome to attend.

**IMS News** Registration for all students attending IMS this fall will be Friday, August 1, and Monday August 4 from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the school office. Students will confirm final class schedules, meet with principal Tim Lehman, and should be prepared to pay incidental costs for the year. Please contact the school for further information or to reschedule if these dates are inconvenient.

### **MCC NEWS:**

\* **Let us introduce you!** We have two new staff people at MCC Central States that you'll hopefully have the privilege of working with. Sharon Nelson is the new Young Adult Program Coordinator working from Denver, CO she'll coordinate, recruit for and grow MCC's young adult programs within the Central States region. The best way to contact Sharon is via email [sharonnelson@mcc.org](mailto:sharonnelson@mcc.org). We also have a new Office Manager, Denise Voth, working in the North Newton office. Denise will work not only to manage the office, finances and donations in the North Newton office but also with dispersed staff/programs throughout the region. Denise can be contacted at 316-283-2720 or [denisevoth@mcc.org](mailto:denisevoth@mcc.org).

\* **Harvest Giving** An opportunity to share the fruits of your labor with others around the world through Mennonite Central Committee. For Harvest Giving envelopes please contact Maynard Knepp, [maynardknepp@mcc.org](mailto:maynardknepp@mcc.org) or call 316-283-2720.

\* **MCC is Responding to needs around the world, will you join us?** MCC is providing vital items for life to Iraqis affected by conflict, food for displaced families in Gaza, responding to flooding in the Balkans and advocating for a compassionate response to migrant children along the U.S./Mexico border. Check [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) for detailed information about these responses and to join us as we work to address human needs in the name of Christ around the world.