

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

### *Today, Sunday, August 24*

- Chronicle articles due.
- **Songfest 2014** will be held at Kalona Mennonite Church. Homemade pie and ice cream will be served beginning at 5 p.m., followed by the program at 6:30 p.m.

### *Monday, August 25*

- IMS parents are invited to the first *Parent-Teacher Organization* meeting of the year at 7:00 pm. The gathering will be in *Celebration Hall* and will include introduction of faculty members, pertinent information regarding the beginning of the school year, and beginning preparations for the organization's Apple Fritter Booth at Kalona's Fall Festival. All parents are encouraged to attend.

### *Tuesday, August 26*

- Church Council Meeting at 7pm.

### *Thursday, August 28*

- IMS' Compassion Club is sponsoring a blood drive at the school (in the lobby of Celebration Hall). Donation time is from 6:30-10:30 a.m. Walk-ins will be accepted, and appointments are encouraged by contacting Gloria Yoder: [gyoder@iowamennonite.org](mailto:gyoder@iowamennonite.org) or 656-2073

### *Next Sunday, August 31*

- **ATTENTION Parents of Primary & Junior SS Classes!** During our final SS class for the summer, the children (all classes) will be packing the school supplies that they have been bringing money for during the summer & the supplies that our whole church family has contributed to during the month of August. We will devote the remaining hour to playing outdoors so please dress your child accordingly. The Shekinah Class has supplied the teachers for August to all classes so they will be supervising. We would welcome other adult helpers as well! Thank you.

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# East Union Mennonite Church

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**Our Mission:** *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.*

**Our Motto:** *Growing in the way of Jesus, sharing God's love, Word and hope.*

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Worship Leader:	Will & Emily Miller
Sermon:	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Stirred
Congregational Singing:	Stirred

## WORSHIP

“Our Journey with Jesus”

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 Mission Service Updates - Beth Swartzendruber & Linnea Slabaugh  
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Acts 2:42-47  
 Sermon: “Together”  
 Song of Response  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller  
Next Sunday: Lori Gerber & Sarena Gerber

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today: Sheila Niemeyer & Shekinah SS Class  
Next Sunday: Sheila Niemeyer & Shekinah SS Class

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

***Pleasantview Home:*** Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook  
***Praying for God's Healing and Hope for*** East Union brothers and sisters who are lonely, grieving, in pain, need healing or employment, or are carrying heavy burdens.

***Healing for Members:*** Edwin Yoder

***Global Concerns***

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

***From Mennonite Mission Network:*** Today, Mennonite Mission Network begins a two-week orientation in Los Angeles for two new Radical Journey teams. Pray for openness to learn and for grace in this time of transition, as participants prepare to leave for their assignment locations in Indonesia and South Africa.

***From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:*** Pray for Central Plain's newest member, Iglesia El Balsamo in Muscatine, Iowa, as Tim, Dave, and Shana join them in worship today to recognize their membership in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, Pastor Alejandro Huesca is licensed, and they celebrate their 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation.

***From Mennonite Education Agency*** Pray for college and university students beginning classes in the next few weeks. May the coming year provide many opportunities for academic growth and spiritual development.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 172	Sunday School: 129
<b>Giving through 8.17.14</b>	
August 17th Giving	\$ 7,979.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 185,113.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,681.72

***Thank you*** to our East Union family for your prayers, support and love during Sarah's Dad's (Joe Featherston) lengthy illness and most recently during his death and celebration of life. We appreciate each of you for many various reasons and are blessed to have you in our lives.

Greg, Sarah, Norah and Ethan Yoder

***It's Church Directory Time!*** In the bulletin today is a form that needs to be filled out to update the new church directory for this fall. As it is normally only published once or twice a year, there are certainly a number of changes to be made! We invite everyone to fill out their information on the form provided and return it to the basket underneath the mailboxes in the foyer. You may also email your information to [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net). All updates need to be in by September 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help in updating our church directory!

***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 supplies and place them on the table in the foyer thru the month of August. These will later be assembled into bags. ***Thank you!***

- 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 in box)

***CHOW Returns*** September 3rd - It's time for CHOW (Church Happenings on Wednesdays) to start again! On Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 6:00 PM. we will have a potluck/social held outside (if inclement weather, we will meet in the fellowship hall). Hotdogs, drinks and place settings will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share (donations will be taken to cover cost of food and child care). Children's activities will begin at 6:45 and will end at 7:45 (babysitting provided). Bring games and lawn chairs for an evening of fun. (Future CHOW events will be the first Wednesday of each month (no CHOW in December) through April 2015. Sunday School classes are in charge of meals and activities throughout the year (schedule should be posted in classrooms).) If you have questions regarding CHOW, please see Lauralee Kauffman, Sally Miller, Grace Rempel or Judy Yoder.

***East Union is now on Facebook!*** To keep up to date with church happenings and current news please like our new page! You can find us under "East Union Mennonite Church". Be sure to invite anyone you believe might be interested in our new page!

**Labor Day Event:** The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Turning Hearts Celebration will be held Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from Noon - 9pm at the Marlin Bontrager Farm (1881 Johnson Washington Rd, Kalona). Free and open to the public, all are invited! A great day of fun, family, good teaching and lively music! A meal will be served in the evening on a donation basis.

**The Ebola Crisis:** As many of you know the Ebola crisis in West Africa is now affecting Sierra Leone where *The Raining Season* orphanage is located that I visited this past May. The Raining Season organization has decided to put the orphanage on lockdown for the next 6 months in hopes that none of the children or staff will be affected by the disease. This past week they were able to raise all the funds and supplies needed to go into lockdown. However, they are now being called upon to potentially take in newly orphaned children whose families have passed away from the disease. With this being said they are still looking for prayers, love, and donations. First off I would like to ask everyone to pray for the people who are already affected by Ebola and for the safety of those who are not. I also ask for you to pray for the children, staff, and the organization as a whole as they deal with the situation at hand. Lastly, if you feel moved to donate (or want to learn more) please follow the link provided. I do not want this need to impact the fundraising for Linnea's VS term, but want those that feel led to give to have the opportunity and information. The link will provide you with the updates that have been sent out as well as the link to get to the donation page. <http://savetheorphan.blogspot.com/2014/08/ebola-update.html>  
Thank you again for all of your continued love and support. Aimee Moberly

**Crowded Closet** is currently seeking a part time employee for a pre-sort position. Person must be able to lift 30-50 pounds, work in fast paced environment, strong interpersonal skills with no serious allergies. Person must be available 2 Saturdays a month and would be responsible for receiving and processing of donations.

**Needed:** A beef or donations towards the purchase and processing of a beef which will be sold in frozen packages at the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale Nov 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Nyle Kauffman (354-3304) or Julie Gingerich (656-2421). Also, please be thinking about what you could contribute to the silent and/or live auction.

**Annual Reports:** Reminder to turn in your annual reports to Crystal in the office ASAP. Thank you to those of you who have already done so!

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### ***Crooked Creek Christian Camp***

- September 21 at 5pm: Sing & Smores at the new Sunset Shelter. Canoeing and kayaking at the pond also available.
- October 9, 9:00-2:30pm: Senior Day at the Retreat Lodge; Presenting *The Power of Story* by story-teller David Worth of Lititz, Pennsylvania. David has worked for MCC and Habitat for Humanity and traveled to more than 40 countries. Music provided by local musicians of *The Great Bluegrass Herons* and the *Banjoy Band*. Additional information is forthcoming in the summer newsletter. \$25 per person includes lunch and program.
- October 10-11, *Come to the Table* Craft Retreat for women to like to socialize work on "crafty" projects.

**MCC News:** Support the MCC Bike Hike! On September 4, 5, 6 and 7, thirty people from Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska, Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois will meet in the Black Hills to participate in a 175 mile bike ride or 40 mile hike to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee's Indigenous Vision Center. You are invited to support the rider or hiker of your choice by pledging per mile or per participant. Checks can be sent to MCC Central States, PO Box 235, N. Newton, KS 67117. Please mark the check with participant's name (if applicable) and Bike/Hike. Contact Elizabeth Janssen at 605-925-4859 or [elizabethjanssen@mcc.org](mailto:elizabethjanssen@mcc.org) with questions.

**Abby Titus:** I am going to graduate from the University of Iowa this semester and will be having my Bachelor of Fine Arts Show in Painting. My show will start Monday, Sept. 15th at 5:00pm and will continue until Saturday, Sept. 20th. The show is at the Studio Arts Building at 1375 Hwy 1 West, Iowa City, which is the old Menards building on highway 1 across from Casey's. The show will be in the Ark Gallery space. It is the small gallery at the very front and slightly on the right as you walk in through the front doors. The building is open between the hours of 8:30am-10pm. I will have the doors open to the show at that time as well. I will also be having a small party in which time and date will be announced next week.

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