

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, 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. 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.
- Annual Reports Due

Monday, September 1

- **Labor Day Event:** The 13th annual Turning Hearts Celebration will be held 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.

Tuesday, September 2

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Grace Rempel, The topic will be: Practicing Presence: with God, and our project will be Relief Kits/Cash for MCC. Sack lunch at noon.

Wednesday, September 3

- CHOW (Church Happenings on Wednesdays) at 6:00 p.m.
*see insert for details.

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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:	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing:	Beth Swartzendruber

WORSHIP

“Our Journey with Jesus”

Call to Worship: Psalms 139: 1-18 HWB #823
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 First Fruits Offering
 Business of the Community of Faith
 Sermon Scripture and Prayer: Jonah 3: 1-10, 4:1-5
 Sermon: “Second Chances”
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
 Pastoral Prayer
 Parting Song
 Benediction & 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: Lori Gerber & Sarena Gerber
Next Sunday: Rebecca & Tom Miller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Sheila Niemeyer & Shekinah SS Class
Next Sunday:

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder
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.

Global Concerns

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network as she continues to develop language fluency, and as she writes a project proposal for Bethesda Hospital in Benin detailing the nutritional needs of women and young children.

From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: As a new year begins, pray that our Central Plains Sunday School teachers and other youth leaders can communicate God's love to our children as they tell Bible stories and shape their faith.

From Mennonite Education Agency Pray for the annual Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) student retreat taking place this weekend. Pray for speaker Byron Pellecer. May this event be a time to learn more about God's Word, a source of new energy, a time for spiritual growth, a time for fellowship, and a time to build new friendships.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 149	Sunday School: 112
Giving through 8.24.14	
August 24th Giving	\$ 4,151.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 189,264.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,830.59

Thank you to all of you for your kindness shown to us during the time of John's illness and memorial service. You are very special to us and we cherish your friendship. Family of John Stoltzfus

It's Church Directory Time! As the directory 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 located on the counter underneath the mailboxes in the foyer, and place it in the basket. You may also email your information to eucares@kctc.net. Please only list the information you would like to see in the directory. All updates need to be in by September 14th. Thank you for your help in updating our church directory!

Annual Reports: Reminder that annual reports are due today. Please turn them in to Crystal in the office ASAP. Thank you to those of you who have already done so!

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.

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).

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 with questions.

Mennonite Central Committee would like to invite you on a Learning Tour to Kenya. On February 7-17, 2015, you will discover, first-hand, Sand Dams at work and see other MCC supported programs in the areas of health, education and peace. The estimate cost for this learning tour is \$1110 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 September 22, 2014** at annayoder@mcc.org or 316.283.2720.

Urban Anabaptist Ministry Symposium: Oct 2-4, 2014. Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) East Coast are excited to announce plans to co-sponsor this event, aiming to connect Anabaptist ministers and leaders from Philadelphia, New York City, D.C. and surrounding urban areas. There will be opportunities to discuss challenges of ministry in our contexts, share best practices, form partnerships and inspire each other to continue to further the Kingdom work in our cities. Whether or not you are from one of these urban centers, we invite you to come, network and participate with real people, doing real ministry and engaging real needs in diverse contexts. More information coming soon!

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. 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. 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

CHOW Returns It's time for CHOW (Church Happenings on Wednesdays) to start again! On September 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.

The Aging Well Group will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 9th at 10:00. The presentation will be "Friendships As We Age". Persons involved with positive relationships tend to be less affected by everyday problems. As we age we can experience challenges in maintaining and developing friendships. Dianne Brenneman, volunteer Spiritual Assistant at Pleasantview, will present information and lead a discussion on "Friendships as We Age".

Polish your Wheels: September 14, 2014 will be "Biker Sunday." Pastor Matthew Butler, *the national Secretary/Treasurer for Soldiers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry* (www.reverbnation.com/matthewbutler4), has been in the ministry at First Bikers since July of 2007. On March 15th, 2014 he won the 2014 A&G Entertainment Talent Search in Emory, Texas. Reserve the date, plan to bring your wheels. There will be a motorcycle tour in the afternoon. Other plans are in the making. Please see Andy Blauvelt, VP for the Iowa Chapter of Soldiers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry, with any questions.

Women's Bible Study: Beginning on Thursday, September 18th, at 7pm we will start studying Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy; which is a 12 session study by Beth Moore. Chapters 1-6 deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Chapters 7-12 explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.

The Second Century Chronicle, September edition, is in your mailbox! If you are in need of an extra copy, please find them in the mailbox marked "The Chronicle".