

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

*Today, Sunday, September 7*



**Tuesday, September 9**

- **The Aging Well Group** will meet at 10 am at Pleasantview. 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".

**Thursday, September 11**

- Transitional Advisory Team Mtg at 7pm at 922 Ryan Ct. Iowa City.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Women's Bible Study:** Beginning on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 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. Cost for the member booklet for \$20.00. Make your check payable to East Union Mennonite Church. Contact Paulette Hershberger if you have any questions.

**Camp East Union:** September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. \*See insert for details

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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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<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Don & Verna Zook
<b>Sermon:</b>	Firman Gingerich
<b>Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:</b>	Nici Bontrager
<b>Congregational Singing:</b>	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

## WORSHIP

"Seeking Home"

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 Business of the Community of Faith  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sermon Scripture: Luke 15:11-32  
 "Reflections of Home" Interview by Chris Rhodes  
 Sermon: "Welcome"  
 Song of Response  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Blessing our Teachers and Christian Education Leaders  
 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: Rebecca & Tom Miller

Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today: Tim & Denise Litwiller

Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Danny Lam

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

***Pleasantview Home:*** Dorothy Rhodes & Dorothy Helmuth

***College Students:*** Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus

***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:*** Moriah Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network is assuming more responsibility in the community development training program of Praxis, where she teaches in Australia. Pray that God will grant energy and wisdom to Moriah. Pray also for some of her students who are facing major mental health issues.

***From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:*** Pray for Carol Detweiler as she concludes her chemotherapy infusions on Monday, September 8. Scans will likely follow one month later. Pray for good results from these scans.

***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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 117	Sunday School: 41
<b>Giving through 8.31.14</b>	
August 31st Giving	\$ 3,587.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 192,851.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,033.31

**Gift Discernment Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the following people to fill the position listed beside their name.**

Mission Communicator - Janet Geyer

Head Usher - Chase Gingerich

Assistant Usher - Catrina Miiller, Danny Hershberger, Jerry Miller, Sam Hochstetler

Service Committee - Jane Miller, Grace and Marv Rempel

MYF Sponsors - Joel and Catrina Miiller

Delegate to Central Plains Conference - Karen Harvey (2 yr), Nelson Miller (1 yr), Mary Miller (1 yr)

Rep. to Iowa MCC sale - Rebecca Beachy Miller

***It's Church Directory Time!*** Thank you for your help in updating our church directory! If you haven't already done so, please fill out your information on the form provided located in the foyer, and place it in the basket. You may also email your information to [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net). Please only list the information you would like to see in the directory. All updates need to be in by September 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Linnea Slabaugh's new address:*** 2011 S Loomis St, Chicago, IL 60608

***Annual Reports:*** Thanks to everyone who has submitted their annual report! If you haven't already done so, please turn them in to Crystal in the office asap. Thank you!

***School Supply Drive Update:*** A big thank you for all the love and care shown this past month with the purchases of school supplies. There were 207 kits and \$277 given toward the project. These were assembled by the Sunday School children last Sunday and they had lots of fun doing this.

We also want to recognize the efforts of the Sunday School children who earned money during the past year and summer months to purchase 32 kits.

There will be many happy smiles and faces as these school kits are received in the third world countries. *EU Mennonite Women*

***Our Sincere Condolences*** to the family of Marion Detweiler, father of Larry Detweiler, who died on Thursday morning. Family visitation is Today at Ulmann Powell funeral home in Williamsburg from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The funeral will be at St. Peter's Catholic church in Cosgrove on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

### ***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.

### ***Iowa Mennonite School***

- Matthew Butler, the national Secretary/Treasurer for Soldiers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry, will be doing Chapel on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Come enjoy an evening of music with IMS music faculty Josh Tyson, Susan See, and Karenza Yoder, on Friday, September 19 at 7:00. *All Things Bright and Beautiful...All Creatures Great and Small* will be performed in *Celebration Hall*, and will also feature the Southeast Iowa Piano Trio. There will be vocals and piano, as well as violin and cello; admission is by donation and will benefit the IMS *Annual Fund*.

***Save the date!*** The **Pleasantview Benefit Sale** will be **November 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> at IMS** in a similar format to last year. How can YOU help? Volunteer to help serve a meal, serve on a committee, bake for the bake sale, donate a monetary gift, or donate an auction item such as: quilts, meals in homes, hand-made items, gift certificates, donations of labor, themed baskets, a batch of soup or a dessert delivered every month for 6-12 months, etc. **We would like non-perishable items by October 29<sup>TH</sup> to put pictures on pvhome.org.** Committee members: Nyle (chair) and Lauralee Kauffman (319-354-3304), Cheryl Martin Miller (319-331-3190), Carl and Donna Darby (319-887-7097) Grace Rempel (319-683-2681), Julie Gingerich at Pleasantview (319-656-2421), and Treasurer Sandy Gingerich (319-325-8375).

***Thank you from St. Maria's Bread House*** Thank you to all who participated in or donated to the Kalona free lunch sponsored by St. Maria's Bread House this summer. Thanks to you, we were able to provide more than 600 lunches serving 23 families plus 22 individuals. We also got to know a lot of new folks! Keep your ears open for more news on the Bread House and its programs. For more information, email [kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com](mailto:kalonabreadhouse@gmail.com).

***Polish your Wheels:*** Sunday, September 14, 2014 will be "Biker Sunday" at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Pastor Matthew Butler, *the national Secretary/Treasurer for Soldiers for Christ Motorcycle Ministry* ([www.reverbnation.com/matthewbutler4](http://www.reverbnation.com/matthewbutler4)), has been in the ministry at First Bikers since July of 2007. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 he won the 2014 A&G Entertainment Talent Search in Emory, Texas. Reserve the date and plan to bring your wheels. Potluck with a sandwich provided - please bring a side dish or a dessert. A motorcycle tour will take place 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.

***Mennonite Church USA*** Heritage Sunday, a Sunday set aside to honor and celebrate Mennonite Church USA's history and roots, is October 26. This year, Mennonite Church USA invites congregations to remember the gifts that young adults have offered to our church. You can download the free resources, including dramatic readings, sermon prompts, scripture ideas and more online: <http://bit.ly/HeritageSunday>.

***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](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

***Webinar:*** A webinar is being offered to Central Plains Sunday School teachers to introduce the new Shine curriculum. The same webinar will be offered twice; choose the date that works for you: Monday, September 15 at 7:30 pm or Thursday, September 25 at 7:30 pm. To register, go to [www.centralplainsmc.org/shine](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/shine). Please register at least four days prior to the webinar. For more information, contact Shana Peachey Boshart at [319-936-5905](tel:319-936-5905) or [shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org](mailto:shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org).

***Cookbooks*** Last spring, while on SST, I compiled 30+ recipes from my Peruvian hosts and then Jake Smucker, at friend at Goshen College, designed the cookbook this summer. I volunteered at "El Comedor Luz y Vida" for six weeks, preparing food for 50-60 little children who otherwise would have next to nothing to eat. All the money for the food comes from donations and the prep work is voluntary. It costs only \$20 each day to serve all of these children. Each cookbook costs \$4.50 for us to print and we are suggesting a \$10 donation per cookbook. All the proceeds will go back to the Comedor. Please email me at [gegeyer@goshen.edu](mailto:gegeyer@goshen.edu) if you are interested in placing an order. I will get them back to East Union within the next month and a half. Thanks! ~Gretchen Geyer

## ***Seeking Home***

"Seeking Home" is our worship series theme for September - October. Our Worship will focus on Biblical stories and texts of forgiveness, reconciliation and renewal that celebrate our seeking to be home with God and at home with others in God's Kingdom. We recognize that in faith and in life "Home" prompts many differing perspectives.

Each week we will have a "Reflections of Home" interview, helping us all ponder the meaning of home for our life and faith. Where in your life are you "Seeking Home"?

## ***Camp East Union!***

Camp East Union is coming up - please mark your calendars! Camp East Union is a time for fun and building community with our church family, while also inviting others outside our church to join in. Festivities will be held outside at the picnic shelter and on the church lawn.

5:30 - Pizza supper: please sign up in the foyer if you plan on eating pizza, so we know how much to buy. Donations will be taken that night to cover the costs.

6:30 - Games and fun with the Bailey Family! You know this will be awesome!

Dusk - Movie, "Heaven is for Real", under the stars on our outdoor screen. Popcorn will be served. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. After the movie, we will roast marshmallows and eat S'mores.

Overnight - Camping! Bring your tents/campers/sleeping bags and camp on the lawn. You can sleep in until 9:55 the next morning! If you want to camp, but don't have gear, please talk to Renae Miller, Lisa Schmidt, or Judy Showalter; we know people who are willing to lend theirs to you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10:00 am and will take place outside. Please bring lawn chairs to sit in for this casual service featuring testimonials from your fellow church family members.

Lunch will be provided in the fellowship hall after the service - this is NOT a potluck. There will be no Sunday School. Don't forget to invite your friends, neighbors, former church family members, and co-workers to this event, as we "Seek Home", together.

*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.*

## **Our Dedication to a New Christian Education Year**

One: There are many gifts but the same Spirit. There are many kinds of service but the same God. There is a variety of activities but one God who energizes them in everyone.

All: We are all part of the body of Christ.

One: God has called some to be teachers. Today marks the beginning of another year of Christian Education at East Union Mennonite Church. We invited God's blessing upon all of our Sunday School classes and Christian Education ministries.

All: As a faith community, we commit ourselves to growing in our relationship with God and each other through worship, education, and service. Faith is a life long journey which never ends.

Teachers: As Sunday School teachers, we commit ourselves to this holy calling. We invite God's spirit to equip and energize us for service. We dedicate ourselves to developing relationships of trust and learning in our classrooms. We open ourselves to learn from those we teach.

All: We invite God's Spirit to be with us as we teach and learn together. We are all part of the body of Christ.

One: There are many gifts but the same Spirit. There are many kinds of service but the same God who energizes us. Let us strive for the greatest gift of all.

All: And now faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.