

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: Joel & Catrina Miiller
Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Drew Blauvelt

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Loren Hochstedler & Danny Lam
Next Sunday: No Sunday School

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank and Mary Hochstetler

College Students: Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly, Carmen Fernau

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: Homeless in our own country and the refugees worldwide because of war, violence and poverty.

Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

From Mennonite Mission Network: Justin Shenk and Valerie Showalter, who serve through Mennonite Mission Network, are helping the Round Chapel, a congregation in London, England, find new ways of engaging the community - a weekly parent-toddler time, and intergenerational sessions of exploring arts and cooking. Pray that people will be drawn to Jesus through these activities.

From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Pray for those participating in the women's retreat at Swan Lake camp next weekend, that each would find a path to a deeper relationship with God, God's people and God's mission.

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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:	Don & Verna Zook
Sermon:	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Beth Swartzendruber
Congregational Singing:	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

“Seeking Home”

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- First Fruits Offering
- Business of the Community of Faith
- Blessing and Sending
 - Our Circle of Support for Jennifer, Kerry, Idonea and Halid Saner Harvey who leave this month for a 3 year term of service with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Bangladesh.
- Sermon Scripture: Luke 15:1-3; 25-32
- “Reflections of Home” Interview by Chris Rhodes
- Sermon: “The One Who Stayed Home”
- Song of Response “Farther Along”
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Parting Song
- Benediction & Postlude
- Dismissal
- 15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, September 14

- Church Directory forms due.
- The Shekinah class is resuming the viewing of the NOOMA dvd series this Sunday. All adult Sunday School classes are welcome to join us during the Sunday school hour. The NOOMA dvds are short films (10-14 min.) which we follow with group discussion. Today's film is entitled 'Open' and asks the question, "Does prayer really help?" Join us in the Choir Room after Coffee/Fellowship time!
- **Polish your Wheels:** "Biker Sunday" at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. Potluck with a sandwich provided - please bring a side dish or a dessert. A motorcycle tour will take place in the afternoon. Please see Andy Blauvelt with any questions.

Wednesday, September 17

- Elder meeting 7 pm at 4154 Maier Ave. SW, Iowa City

Thursday, September 18

- Church Council Meeting 7pm
- Women's Bible Study: At 7pm we will start studying Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy; which is a 12 session study by Beth Moore. 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.

Friday, September 19

- An evening of music with IMS music faculty Josh Tyson, Susan See, and Karenza Yoder, 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*.

Saturday, September 20

- Camp East Union begins *See insert for details

Next Sunday, September 21

- Chronicle articles due.
- Camp East Union continues *See insert for details
- Crooked Creek Christian Camp: Sing & Smores at the new Sunset Shelter at 5pm. Canoeing and kayaking at the pond also available.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Thank you! ****CORRECTION on ballot: Joe Schmidt is to be listed in place of Chase Gingerich as Head Usher.**

Thank You. We would like to thank all of you who remembered us in the last few months and years as we walked with Dad, as he went through his health issues and death. The concern, prayers, visits, food, flowers, kind words, and hugs really mean a lot. Thank you. Larry and Carolyn Detweiler

Exploring membership

Are you interested in exploring membership in our congregation? Several of you have been in conversation with our Elders in the past months about becoming members. Firman and the Elders are planning to host a class for conversation and preparation. If you are interested in becoming a member in our congregation by transfer or by adult baptism let Firman or one of our Elders know by October 15.

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. Please only list the information you would like to see in the directory. All updates need to be in by **today**.

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"?

College Student List In your boxes today you will find the updated East Union College Student, 2014-2015 list. If there are any updates, please let the office know.

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 today 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 Smores.
- **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.

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 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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Reading Evie Yoder Miller, a Kalona native, will conduct a book reading on Monday, Sept. 22, 7 p.m., at the Kalona Public Library. Her second recently published book, *Everyday Mercies*, is a novel of four generations of women from Mennonite backgrounds whose lives reveal the tensions and humor of family living. Come spend the evening with Evie and *Everyday Mercies*.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- 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*. \$25 per person includes lunch and program.
- October 10-11, Come to the Table Craft Retreat is an overnight get-away for women to socialize and work on craft projects together.
- November 18, Crooked Creek Christian Camp Annual Meeting. All supporters and interested people of camp are invited to attend (membership not required to attend). We will share the story of Crooked Creek with pictures, dinner, and a program with a short business meeting.

Iowa Mennonite School

Mennonite College USA institutions will be represented on the IMS campus Monday, September 15 & Tuesday, September 16...meeting with students and parents, and available to answer questions and promote their colleges. Admissions counselors will be present from Bethel College (N. Newton, KS); Bluffton University (Bluffton, OH); Eastern Mennonite University (Harrisonburg, VA); Goshen College (Goshen, IN); and Hesston College (Hesston, KS). Please contact Dwight Gingerich, IMS guidance counselor, for more information.

Save the date! The Pleasantview Benefit Sale will be **November 7 & 8 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 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), & Treasurer Sandy Gingerich (319-325-8375).

Mennonite Church USA - Immigration. The word is tossed around and debated in our media, government, classrooms, and churches. What are the basic facts about U.S. immigration? Who are the people involved? What does the Bible have to say to us as Christians about immigration? What role might we fill as Anabaptists within this age-old challenge? These questions and more are unpacked in the Bible study, Radical Hospitality: responding to the issue of immigration. This free resource is specifically designed to be flexible and accessible -- all materials are available below for download and the curriculum can be customized to meet your group's needs. The core curriculum is based on 5 videos (each 15-20 mins) with the accompanying Resource Guide. This resource is ideal for adult Sunday School classes, small fellowship groups, weekend adult Bible Schools, and congregational inservices. <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/immigration/radical-hospitality-discussion-guide/>

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. 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.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 169	Sunday School:
Giving through 9.7.14	
September 7th Giving	\$ 4,952.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 197,803.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,172.07

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

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RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression
is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me
My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you.
And I did not hide my guilt.

Men: I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,
Who takes away my guilt and forgives my sin.

Women: Therefore let all the faithful offer prayers to you;
Lord God, you are a hiding place for me;

All: You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

Leader: I the Lord will instruct you
And teach you the way you should go.
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

All: Those who trust in the Lord
are surrounded by unfailing love,
Rejoice and be glad, you who are honest of heart,
Let us sing praises to our God!