

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: Grace Rempel & Micah Miller
Next Sunday: Emma Yoder & Lincoln Schrock

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Tom & Rebecca Miller
Next Sunday: Karen & Bruce Harvey

East Union Mennonite Church

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Worship Leader:	Don & Verna Zook
Sermon:	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing:	Kristi Miiller

WORSHIP

“Seeking Home”

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- First Fruits Offering
- Business of the Community of Faith
- Blessing for 2014-2015 Congregational Leaders
Welcoming Karen Harvey as incoming elder and dedication for all leaders.
- Scripture: Micah 6:1-8
- “Reflections of Home” Interview by Matt Miller
- Sermon
- Response: Matthew 5:1-12
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Parting Song
- Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

PRAYER REMINDERS

Bickford Cottage: Ervin Miller

College Students: Gretchen Geyer, Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber

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: David Shenk, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, is representing Quito Mennonite Church's ministry among refugees at a forum that includes not-for-profit organizations and government officials who are working on a city ordinance about the social inclusion of migrant groups. Pray that David and his colleagues will be able to promote justice in Ecuador through this process

From Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Today Dave Schooley will be licensed toward ordination at Eicher Emmanuel Mennonite Church in rural Wayland, Iowa. Pray that Dave and the congregation will together be guided by the Holy Spirit to witness to the gospel in their community.

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Today, Sunday, September 28

- **JPOG** (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Marcus Miller speak on "The Trail of Tears: The Survival of the Cherokee Nation." Join us at Kalona Mennonite Church at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for Marcus' presentation. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Wednesday, October 1

- **CHOW** - Program: Stewards Class
Dining: Shekinah Class/Young Adult Class
- Choir Practice following CHOW

Thursday, October 2

- Transition Advisory Team Mtg at 7pm, 764 West Side Dr., Iowa City

Friday, October 3

- **Gospel Echoes Banquet** 7 pm at Fairview Mennonite Church. You are invited to join in an evening of food, music & inspiration along with a prison testimony by Arceli, an ex-convict. Call to reserve a seat or choose to host a table also. Call Steve & Norma Miller at 319.430.8759 or 646-2482 for tickets or further questions.

Next Sunday, October 5

- Communion in morning worship
- Opportunity for music lovers! *see insert for more details

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday October 14

- Aging Well Group will focus on Medicare Open Enrollment. A representative of the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) will be present to help Medicare recipients better understand how to choose the supplemental plan that is best for them. This program will be held at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center at 10:00 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Sunday, October 26

- Transition team led Town Hall conversation 4:30-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship:	Sunday School:
Giving through 9.21.14	
September 21st Giving	\$ 7,274.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 208,843.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,426.23

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Youth Worship Night - On Sunday, October 19 at 6 pm, the Christian band The Elim Arrival will be in concert at Kalona Mennonite Church performing their songs, sharing testimonies, and leading worship. Free admission and refreshments afterwards. For more information, contact Jeff Miller (319-471-1279) or visit theelimarrival.com."

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 (Paul Roberts) and the Banjoy Band (Bob & Kristie Black). \$25 per person includes lunch and program. Visit crookedcreekcamp.org for more information and to register or call camp. You don't want to miss this! Sign up today!
- October 10-11, Come to the Table: For 27 hours women of all ages are invited to socialize, eat, make, laugh, create and work on their favorite craft project. Visit crookedcreekcamp.org to learn more and sign up today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church USA - Urban Anabaptist Ministry Symposium: Mennonite Church USA and MCC East Coast plans to co-sponsor this event, aiming to connect Anabaptist leaders and workers from Philadelphia, New York City, D.C. and surrounding urban areas. The event will take place from October 2-4, 2014 in Philadelphia. For more information, visit: <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/transformative-peacemaking/urban-anabaptist-ministry-symposium/>

Ecuador Partnership. At 6:30 pm on October 11, all are invited to West Union Mennonite Church to hear stories and testimonies about the deep connection that Central Plains Conference and Mennonite Mission Network have with God's work across Ecuador. The celebration will include a special offering and dessert reception. Speakers to include Stanley Green, James Krabill, Linda Shelly and David Boshart. Please RSVP to KarenR@Mennonitemission.net by October 1.

Dedication for our congregational leaders 2014-2015

LEADER: Jesus has invited us to be his body in the world. We are to experience the growing Kingdom of God in our midst. We are to share the gospel in our world.

CONGREGATION: We have responded to this invitation. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have committed ourselves to being the body of Christ.

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

LEADER: God has given us the church for mutual support and vision, as we seek to faithfully together serve God's Kingdom in our world.

CONGREGATION: We have again called people to leadership responsibilities. They are our servant leaders to help us bring life to our vision. We give thanks for the dedication of each person who gives leadership within our congregation

LEADER: Servant leaders are called to help us in our tasks.

CONGREGATION: We commit ourselves to pray for our servant leaders. We dedicate our Holy Spirit gifts, to be used mutually in the task of service in this church.

ALL 2014-2015 LEADERS: We accept with humility and dedication, the tasks you have called us to. We treasure your continued prayer support and encouragement. We will seek to be faithful to God and the calling we have received from the church.

Prayer of Dedication

RESPONSIVE READING: Matthew 5:1-12

Leader: When Jesus saw the crowds,
He went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak, and taught them saying;

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Women: Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Men: Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

All: Blessed are those who hunger
and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Women: Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

Men: Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

All: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Leader: Blessed are those who are
persecuted for righteousness sake,
for theirs in the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when people revile you
and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is
great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who went before you.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Elder Covenant. In your mail box today you will find a copy of the annual covenant that is signed by pastors and elders each year. I discovered this has been a part of East Union's history and want you to see what previous elders and former Pastor Jay Miller would commit themselves to each year. This is a slightly edited and reformatted version of the document used here for many years. I share this to both honor the earlier pattern in place and to invite all leadership groups to pay attention to building a trusting cooperative leadership group. Firman

East Union music lovers! You're invited to come be part of a new group on Sunday afternoon, October 5 at 4:30. Young, not so young, singers, instrumentalists, accomplished musicians, those just getting started - we want you all to be there. We'll come together to play and sing mostly contemporary songs, but bring all of your favorites. We hope this becomes the start of a regular get-together on Sunday afternoons, and for those that feel up to it, to participate in music on Sunday mornings as well. If the idea sounds right up your alley but you can't make it on the 5th, talk to Beth Swartzendruber or Steve Groenewold and we'll make sure to let you know of the next one.

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 it out and place it in the Gift Discernment box located on the counter underneath the mailboxes. Thank you!

IMS Pork Supper Jenna Boller, a junior at IMS, is selling Pork Supper tickets. The Pork Supper is October 11th. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact Jenna at 319-683-4342 or see her after church.

Missing a Dish? There have been several dishes left at the church the past several weeks. Please check the table in the foyer to see if any are yours.

One Call: If you've had problems receiving One Call messages in the past and would like to add a phone number and/or an email address for future messages, please let the office know.

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