

**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: Kara & Cade Groenewold  
Next Sunday: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today: Chase & Angie Gingerich  
Next Sunday: Chase & Angie Gingerich

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Pleasantview Home:** Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth  
**College Students:** Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly, Carmen Fernau  
**Serving in Chicago through MVS MMN:** Linnea Slabaugh  
**Healing for Members:** Darlene Logan  
**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:** Today, DOOR's city directors and national staff are gathering in Chicago for a week of meetings and fellowship. Pray for them as they reflect on last year's programs and plan for 2015. Thank God for the DOOR program through which Mennonite Mission Network and Presbyterian Church USA's Young Adult Volunteers partner.  
**From Central Plains Mennonite Conference:** Pray for those preparing for the Ecuador Partnership meetings to be held in November. Representatives from Central Plains, the Mennonite Churches of Ecuador, the Columbian Mennonite Church, and Mennonites in Venezuela will gather for fellowship and planning.

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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:	Doyle & Janet Geyer
Sermon:	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offertory, Postlude:	Stirred
Congregational Singing:	Stirred

**WORSHIP**

**"Seeking Home"**

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- First Fruits Offering
- Business of the Community of Faith
- Parent Child Dedication
- "Reflections of Home" Interview by Chris Rhodes
- Scripture: John 3: 1-17
- Sermon "Coming Home Late"
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

*We will conclude our "Seeking Home" worship series next Sunday October 26. We will end with an anointing service led by Firman and our Elders inviting us all to, bring our "Seeking Home" burdens and dreams to God.*

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, Sunday, October 19*

- The Shekinah class is hosting another NOOMA dvd video today. All adult SS classes are welcome to join the discussion in the church council room after coffee/fellowship time.

### *Tuesday, October 21*

- Worship Planning Committee 7 pm

### *Wednesday, October 22*

- Choir Practice 7 pm

### *Thursday, October 23*

- Women's Bible Study 7 pm

### *Saturday, October 25*

- MYF Progressive Dinner starting at 5 pm. If you live in the Kalona area and would like to host the MYF and sponsors (8 people) for appetizers, salad, soup, dinner, or coffee/dessert please contact Catrina Miiller *today*.

### *Next Sunday, October 26*

- Business Meeting immediately following worship to receive the annual report.
- Transition team led Town Hall conversation 4:30-6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare provided.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MarriageCare Couples:** Save the date for our Annual Fall Get-Together. We will have breakfast at the church for mentors and mentees before the service on **Sunday, November 2 at 8 am**. Childcare will be provided. If you plan to attend and/or need childcare, please contact Kendra Bailey at 679-4020.

**Lay Visitation Ministry Meeting** -- Hold the date -- The Elders would request that persons involved in East Union's Lay Visitation Ministry hold open Sunday afternoon **November 2nd at 2pm** for our annual sharing and reporting session. Please let an Elder know if you are unable to attend. Documents will be placed in your mailboxes soon.

**November 5th CHOW** with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm  
Adult Program - Doulos Class  
Meal: Dunamis Class

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend sympathy** to Will Dehogues and his family. Will's grandfather, Willis Miller, passed away October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Our Journey Wall:**

You will notice we have on display in the hallway the start of an illustrated history of our journey of faith as a congregation we are calling our, "Journey Wall." We hope all of you take time to add important highlights like your baptism, and significant events like service terms in our congregations history that you remember. We want our Journey Wall filled with your personal notes.

As we build this Journey Wall we believe that reflecting on learnings from this will help us grow in our understanding of God's guiding hand throughout our history as God's People at East Union Mennonite Church, We believe this will help us as we look for God to guide us into a hope filled future. Please grab a marker and name your place on our Journey Wall. Thanks to Nyle Kauffman and Carolyn Detweiler for developing this.

**October 26 Townhall Conversation Guidelines** In your mailboxes today you will find outline guides for our townhall conversation for next Sunday October 26, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Child care will be provided. We invite you to prepare for this in reflection and prayer on the proposed conversation outline. We also invite you to begin conversation in your Sunday School classes about East Union Mennonite Church and our journey with our lay and pastoral leaders. We look forward to your participation.

**2014 Money Talks video contest.** What do YOU want to say about money? EVERENCE is inviting young people, ages 15 to 25 to create videos focusing on how money "talks" in their world, in their community, or in their personal lives. Visit [www.everence.com/moneytalks](http://www.everence.com/moneytalks) for details including examples, deadlines and awards. Enter before November 15<sup>th</sup> for a chance to win \$2000 split between you and your favorite charity.

**Thank you!** We want to say a huge thank you to all of you for your loving support of our Peruvian Cookbook. The Ayacuchan community, where both of us did voluntary service, was unbelievably welcoming to us and we are happy to be able to give back to them. We sold nearly 200 cookbooks and thus we will be donating over \$1,000. Because of the overwhelming support we decided to split the donations between the comedor, the soup kitchen where Gretchen volunteered, as well as the hogar, an orphanage where another student volunteered. You are all a blessing in our lives and we are forever grateful for your support. If you have any feedback or suggestions on the recipes we'd love to hear them. If you would like to order more for extra Christmas gifts or anything, let us know. Thanks!

Gretchen Geyer & Jake Smucker

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 142	Sunday School: 120
<b>Giving through 10.12.14</b>	
October 12th Giving	\$ 3,839.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 224,152.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 8,123.20

## CENTRAL PLAINS & 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](http://theelimarrival.com)."

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

- **October 25** Wood cutting day at camp. Starts at 8:00am. Bring a chainsaw, wood splitter or both.
- **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 tell the story of Crooked Creek with pictures, dinner, and a program with a short business meeting.

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

The IMS chapter of National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on **Monday, November 3, from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.** in the lower lobby of Celebration Hall. Donors may call ahead for an appointment at 656-2073 or 683-2586...or may also walk in.

**Informed Choices** On Tuesday, **October 21<sup>st</sup> 7 - 9pm**, the Iowa City Informed Choices Medical Clinic will be holding their annual banquet at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Coralville. Cost is free. Please register at [www.InformedChoiceIA.org](http://www.InformedChoiceIA.org) or call 319-337-0575 by Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the mission and vision of Informed Choices.

***Be intentional. Be transformed!*** Serve for year with DOOR: Dwell in urban areas like Atlanta, Chicago, Denver, L.A., Miami, or San Antonio. Join other young adults (ages 19-30) from many Christian backgrounds! [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve)

***Come enjoy a Fundraiser Kickoff*** on **October 24** to help bring Ten Thousand Villages to downtown Iowa City. Drop-in kickoff is at the Fair Grounds Cafe located at 345 S. Dubuque St. from 5 to 7 p.m. Silent Auction, complimentary appetizers and entertainment provided by Dan Padley and Duology. Court Street parking ramp and Fair Grounds are fully accessible. Please contact [iowacity@tentousandvillages.com](mailto:iowacity@tentousandvillages.com) or [319/541-7853](tel:3195417853) if you have questions.

***You are invited*** to a "Town Hall" meeting with Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, on **Thursday, October 30 at 7 pm** at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. The format of the evening will be a short update from Ervin and then a time of questions and conversation with those gathered. The meeting is open to anyone and is scheduled to last for 90 minutes.

***JPOG*** ( Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Roger and Mary Lou Farmer describe their recent trip to Israel. Join us on Sunday evening, Oct 26, 2014, at Washington Mennonite Church, 815 Polk Street, Washington, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear Roger and Mary Lou's report. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

***It's not too late*** to sign up for the MCC 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 **\$1100** per person, which includes food, lodging, and in-country transportation. Airfare needs to be purchased separately. For more information contact Anna Yoder by **Monday November 3, 2014** at [annayoder@mcc.org](mailto:annayoder@mcc.org) or 316.283.2720.

### ***Got pillows?***

Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. At Kalona Mennonite Church 902 6<sup>th</sup> Street Sponsored by the Kalona Mennonite WMSC

*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.*