

# 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 & hope.*

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*"O That you would reveal your Mystery"*

Worship Leader	Phil & Judy Yoder
The Prophecy	David Charles
Sermon	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Postlude	Verna Zook
Offering	Stirred
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Children's Time	Joel & Catrina Miiller

## WORSHIP

Advent 1: "O that You would reveal Your Hope"

Call to Worship - back of bulletin  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 The Prophecy: Isaiah 64:1-9  
 Lighting the Advent Candle  
 Confession - back of bulletin  
 Children's Time  
 Advent Song "Reveal Your Mystery"  
 The Gospel. Mark 13:24-37  
 Sermon "Our Hearts are Broken, Yet!"  
 Song of Response  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

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: Josh & Jill Lundberg  
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Micah Miller

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Mark & Angela Beary  
 Next Sunday:

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth  
**College Students:** Will DeHogues, Tommy Rhodes, Christian 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.

## Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Nearly 50 participants are three months into their Mennonite Voluntary Service assignments, a Christian Service program of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for these young adults as they adapt to life in community and work in fields that include public health, immigration law, and home repair.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Give thanks for a time of rest and giving thanks with family this past weekend. Pray that students and teachers may transition back easily as they complete these last few weeks of the semester following Thanksgiving.

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**CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES**

*Mennonite Church USA Executive Board Staff* wishes you a blessed Thanksgiving. At this time of year, we want to let each of you know how grateful we are that you have chosen to be a part of this church and journey with us. May you also find time to celebrate all God's good gifts in your life this weekend!

**CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Our thoughts and prayers* go out to the family of Bill & Judy Schmidt. Bill, a brother to Joe, died last Saturday and Joe, Carrie, Ian & Behla are in Michigan attending the memorial service.

*Address Change* (from Dec. 1 - April 1)  
Dale & Charlene Rhodes, 945 Red Sandstone Rd. B-2, Vail, CO 81657

*Wedding Shower.* Attention women of the church: There will be a wedding shower on Monday, December 15th at 7:00 pm for Jeffrey Miller and Jessica Sheley. They are registered at **Bed Bath & Beyond** and **Target**.

*Calendars for sale.* The MYF still has calendars for sale for \$10! We only have a limited number left, so stop by the table in the foyer between Church & Sunday School today or next week to make sure you get one!

*Our Journey Wall:* Please make sure you have a part of your families story on our Journey Wall

*Delays and Cancellations.* It's that time of year again! Weather related delays and cancellations will be announced through KCRG and WMT, as well as through our One Call phone service. Elders and the Pastor will make decisions and communicate in the ways listed above. Above all we want you to be safe!



**THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION**

*Today, Sunday, November 30*

- Church membership planning conversation immediately following worship in Firman's office.

*Wednesday, December 3*

- Choir Practice 7pm
- Elders meet at Jeff Swartzentruber's at 7pm.

*Thursday, December 4*

- Women's Bible Study 7pm
- Planning Meeting for Discernment Study Worship Series at East Union at 7pm.

*Next Sunday, December 7*

- Church Potluck

**LOOKING AHEAD**

*No CHOW in December.*

*Looking Ahead,* our Transition Advisory team and our Adult Superintendents are planning on an adult Study and Worship series, for January 11 - February 15. We will engage in the study produced by Central Plains leaders and pastors, titled; "Seeking God's Will Together, a congregational study on communal biblical discernment."

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 152	Sunday School: 99
<b>Giving through 11.23.14</b>	
November 23rd Giving	\$ 6,925.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 264,161.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 10,305.75

*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.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Iowa Mennonite School** The IMS music department, under the direction of Josh Tyson, will present the annual Christmas Concert at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 14. All choral groups, including Chorale, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers will present...as well as the Symphonic Band. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken in support of the music program at IMS. All are invited to attend.

**Thank You!** Crowded Closet would like to thank you for your generosity in making school kits this fall. We find it helpful when kits are brought in closed boxes so they can be stacked and store until they are transported. We would also like to share with you that Crowded Closet was voted one of the best resale stores in the Iowa City Press-Citizen Media's Best of Area survey! Thank you volunteers.

**Hymn Sing** Fairview Mennonite Church is hosting a Hymn Sing tonight at 7 pm. All are invited.

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp:** Please remember the camp Fall Fundraiser in your giving this year. A major renovation of the Pavilion walk-in freezer and cooler needs to be done this winter. Other items include beds and a finish mower; see the Fall Fundraiser brochure or call the call camp office. Thank you for your support of the camp's ministry outreach.

**Back by popular demand!** Lower Deer Creek Mennonite church will once again be making and selling cheeseballs! Selection will include ham, pineapple, veggie and pesto at \$9.50 each or 3 for \$27. Pick up date is Saturday, December 13 from 10-noon at the church. To order call (319) 656-2076 or email [ldc@kctc.net](mailto:ldc@kctc.net). Thank you for supporting mission projects at LDC!

**Pathway Fundraiser.** Pathway Christian School will have a Grilled Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 8 pm. Donation basis.

**Crowded Closet news.** December 6<sup>th</sup> is Customer Appreciation Day. We will have Christmas cookies in the store and are also asking for volunteers to come in and share music. It can be a choir, a small group, or an individual and can be either singing or instrumental. If you would like to share music, please contact Betsy at Crowded Closet.

**Holiday Store** Friday, Nov 21, the Ten Thousand Villages holiday store opened. Store hours are: Mon-Wed & Fri 11-6, Thu 11-8, Sat 10-6, and Sun 12-5. The store is located where The Wedge Pizzeria was located, 136 S. Dubuque St., Iowa City. Stop in and support the artisans.

### **Visit the Mission Market on Saturday, December 6**

Looking for the perfect gift for someone who has everything? During Christmas in Kalona this Saturday, stop at the Mission Market at Kalona Methodist Church, 9:00-11:30 a.m. (Fourth Street and C Avenue). Here's how it works: Local and international charities will be there to offer you opportunities to give in a loved one's name. For example, you might "buy" ten lunches for children in Wellman's Summer Lunch Program. Then you will receive a card to give to that person, showing what you gave in his or her honor. Gift items from Crowded Closet International Gift Shop will also be on sale! Coffee and cookies for everyone!

**Dinner Theatre 2014:** Order your tickets for the Washington Mennonite Dinner Theatre now! Saturday (Dec 13th) is already sold out thanks to several Sunday School classes who have seized this opportunity for a festive holiday activity. To register pick up a brochure located on the literacy table in the foyer. Seats will be filled in the order in which reservations are received. Proceeds will go towards the various missions Washington Mennonite Church supports

**Fundraiser** Kalona Mennonite Church is having a fundraiser for their International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is for Rudi Mucaj from Albania. In 2012-13 he was a foreign exchange student and lived with Dan & Julie Fisher. He attended Iowa Mennonite School and KMC. Rudi came to the U.S. as a non-believer and left as a Christian due to the influence of IMS and the Mennonite community. Rudi's dream is to attend Goshen College next fall. To raise funds, our church is selling Cheesecakes made by our very own renown cheesecake chef, Dan Fisher. Pick up will be at KMC on December 13 and 21, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Orders must be received by December 7. Cheesecakes may be frozen. Three decadent varieties to choose from - turtle, white chocolate lemon and chocolate with ganache. There is a limited supply. Cost is \$35 each (\$20 charitable contribution, \$15 value). Checks may be made out to Kalona Mennonite Church. To order please call Wanda Miller Beachy at 683-3983. You may also make a donation to the International Student Aid Fund at KMC. Thank you!

**Advent At-Home Family Devotionals.** Families, we have available for you a set of Advent At-Home Devotionals so you can celebrate Advent at home this holiday season. Nurture your family's identity as Christ-followers with these daily scripture readings and activities. Research shows that the best way to pass faith to children is family worship in the home. These family devotions give you just the tools you need! Here is the link where you can find the devotionals in several formats. You could even use the "booklet" form of the document and print booklets for your families!

<http://resources.mennonitechurch.ca/SelectDownloadFormat/43/17175>.