

# 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, Offering	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Beth Swartzendruber & Quartet
Special Music	Choir
Children's Time	Chris Rhodes & Catrina Miiller

## WORSHIP

### Advent 2: "O that You would reveal Your Peace"

Call to Worship - back of bulletin  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 The Prophecy: Isaiah 40:1-11  
 Lighting the Advent Candle  
 Confession - back of bulletin  
 Children's Time  
 Advent Song "Reveal Your Mystery"  
 The Gospel. Mark 1:1-8  
 Sermon "Road signs; Road Work Ahead"  
 Choir  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Presenting "Shine" Gift Bibles - Sarah Yoder & Jon Miiller  
 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: Loren Hochstedler & Micah Miller  
 Next Sunday: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Tim & Denise Litwiller & Carolyn Detweiler  
 Next Sunday: Gaylord & Shirley Yoder & Janet Geyer

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Frank & Mary Hochstetler, Darlene Logan  
**College Students:** Gretchen Geyer, Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber  
**Serving in MCC in Bangladesh:** Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey  
**Praying for God's Healing and Hope for** our shared concerns.  
**Praying for God's Healing and Peace for** the community of Ferguson, Missouri who are grieving the loss of life, livelihood and trust.  
**Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**  
**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for the transition government in Burkina Faso after violent demonstrations forced Blaise Compaore to relinquish presidential power. Anne Garber Kompaore of Mennonite Mission Network, requests us to pray "that the Lord will lead to a wide consensus for a person full of integrity and wisdom and courage to lead the country to elections next year."  
**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray that the Bethel College community for the peace and light of Christ to come into the world as faculty, staff, students and friends participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Lighting of the Green on campus this evening.

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, Sunday, December 7*

- Church potluck

### *Wednesday, December 10*

- Choir Practice 7pm

### *Thursday, December 11*

- Women's Bible Study 7pm

### *Next Sunday, December 14*

- MYF Breakfast Fundraiser

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you** for all your kind words, cards, and prayers for my brother, Bill, during his illness and recent death. We are very grateful for our East Union church family. Joe, Carrie, Ian, Behla, and the entire Schmidt family

**MYF Fundraiser** Sunday, December 14th the Jr. MYF will be having a fundraising breakfast to raise money to help fund youth winter retreat at Crooked Creek in January. Come anytime between 8:15-9:15 a.m. and enjoy pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, pastry, and juice and/or coffee. Gluten free options will be available.

**The East Union youth Christmas program**, BROADCASTING CHRISTMAS, will be Sunday, Dec. 21 during the church service. It will be a 1940's radio-style detective show (a la Garrison Keillor's Guy Noir). Will Gil Gumshoe and Miss Placed discover the true meaning of Christmas? Don't miss this! **\*\*Parents/SS teachers: Sunday school time will be used for rehearsal on Dec. 7 and 14 and there is a DRESS REHEARSAL SAT. DEC. 20 AT 9:00AM. (No SS on the 21st.)**

**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**.

**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.

*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.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

**Looking Ahead,** Study and Worship series, for January 11 - February 15, "Seeking God's Will Together, a congregational study on communal biblical discernment."

**January 11, 4:30-6:00 pm.** Town Hall Meeting hosted by our Elders. We will begin doing foundational work for calling a new pastor. At this meeting we will work toward developing a Job Description for our future pastor and initiate work at forming a Pastoral Search Committee.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp** You are invited to a respite weekend, *Come to the Water* is for adults experiencing grief, loss or health challenges of a loved one or yourself at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, January 16-17, 2015. Come, rest and share with others who understand. Watch for more information coming soon. For all questions about the weekend's content please contact Diane Zaerr Brenneman at [319-646-2371](tel:319-646-2371) or email at [parsondzb@netins.net](mailto:parsondzb@netins.net). For reservation and payment to attend please contact the camp office [cccamp@iowatelecom.net](mailto:cccamp@iowatelecom.net) or call [319-653-3611](tel:319-653-3611) by January 7, 2015.

**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.

**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>.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 154	Sunday School: 130
<b>Giving through 11.30.14</b>	
November 30th Giving	\$ 3,573.67
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 267,734.67
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 12,549.78