

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
Sermon	Tammy Yoder
Pre-Service, Postlude, Offering	Beth Swartzendruber
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller
Children's Christmas Program	Performed by East Union Youth

WORSHIP

Advent 4: *"O that You would reveal Your Love"*

Call to Worship - back of bulletin
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 Lighting the Advent Candle
 Confession - back of bulletin
 Broadcasting Christmas
 Children's Christmas Program - Directed by Trent Yoder
 Congregational Singing "Reveal Your Mystery"
 The Gospel Reading. Luke 1:26-38
 Sermon: "Say Yes"
 Song of Response
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Offering for "Kids Against Hunger"
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time (MYF Fundraiser with treats)

No 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: Grace Rempel & Avery Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: No Sunday School
 Next Sunday: No Sunday School

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder
College Students: Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus
Serving in Chicago through MVS MMN: Linnea Slabaugh
Praying for God's Healing and Hope for our shared concerns.
Praying for God's Healing and Peace for Praying for the Colombian and Syrian refugees and the many others in this world displaced from their homes. May people of compassion be raised up to offer hope and change.
Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez
From Mennonite Mission Network: Some young adults working with Mennonite Mission Network's short-term mission programs, like Mennonite Voluntary Service and Service Adventure, will be going home for the holidays. Pray for safe travels. Pray also for those who will be experiencing Christmas far from their families this year.
From Mennonite Education Agency: On the "longest night" (the shortest day of the year in the Western Hemisphere), remember Bethel College students and all students at the MEA educational institutions who may be far from their homes and families, for whom the holidays are a lonely time.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deutsches Weihnachten will be held at Zion Lutheran Church (310 N Johnson St, Iowa City) today at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Employment Opportunity The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, Iowa City, is seeking a full time *Workroom Supervisor*. This position would involve orienting, scheduling, and the training of volunteers, and managing the flow of donations through the workroom. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be on your feet, work both independently and as part of a team. Applicant would be required to work 1 or 2 Saturdays a month and occasional evenings. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact Betsy Slabaugh at 319-337-5924 or email crowdedcloset.ic@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until January 12th or until the position is filled.

Vote for your favorites in the Money Talks video contest

Check out the thoughtful, compelling messages and pick your favorite videos among the finalists in the Money Talks video contest, sponsored by Everence. You can watch and vote online at www.Everence.com/moneytalks through January 12, 2015. Prizes will go to the top three finishers and their selected charities.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp:

- **Camp's Fall Fundraiser** will benefit a major renovation: the Pavilion walk in freezer and cooler. We have received \$18,209 or 71% to our goal of \$25,745. See your Fall Fundraiser brochure for more details. Thank you for giving towards a life changing experience for children at camp!
- **Calling 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Remember to register for Winterfest January 16-18, 2015!** Registration and information packets have been sent to your church regarding sponsors, fees and dates. The Hesston College Worship Team will lead worship through music and Andrea De Avila will be the speaker on the topic 'Strangers No More'. Rain or shine, snow or mud we're sure to have lots of fun! Visit crookedcreekcamp.org for more information
- **Come to the Water** is a respite weekend is for adults experiencing grief, loss or health challenges of a loved one or yourself at Crooked Creek Christian Camp, January 16-17, 2015. 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. For reservation and payment to attend please contact the camp office cccamp@iowatelecom.net or call [319-653-3611](tel:319-653-3611) by January 7, 2015.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 21

- **The East Union youth Christmas program**, BROADCASTING CHRISTMAS, will be performed during the church service. 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?
- The MYF will have cookies and various treats available today during coffee time. Funds raised will go towards MCUSA Youth Convention in Kansas City.
- January Chronicle articles due.

Wednesday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service 10:30 pm

Thursday, December 25



Friday, December 26

- Office Closed

Next Sunday, December 28

- No Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

January 7 - CHOW Meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm.

Adult Program: Berean Class
Meal: Koinonia Class

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

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.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Baby Congratulations!

- ❖ Congratulations to Tom, Rebecca & Ava Miller on the birth of a son and brother, Jack Thomas, born Friday, December 12th. Jack weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Paul & Laura Miller, John Beachy, Patrea Hamm and Tom & Julie Meyers.
- ❖ Congratulations to Derek, Nici & Ryleigh Bontrager on the birth of a son and brother, Kellen William, born Thursday, December 18th. Kellen weighed 9 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Gene & Judy Bontrager and Roy & Janet Beachy.
- ❖ As is tradition, the rosebud this morning is for Jack Thomas born to Tom & Rebecca Miller on Friday December 12th.

Office closed this Friday please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox. Thank you!

Out of the office. Firman is in Goshen, Indiana for a gathering with his siblings this weekend. He will be back home but out of the office December 22 - 27 spending Christmas holidays with family. Please call one of our Elders, Jeff Swartzentruber, Lauralee Kauffman, Larry Detweiler or Karen Harvey if you have a pastoral care emergency during this time.

Helping Opportunity As part of East Union's efforts in supporting Iglesia Centro Cristiano we have been asked to help provide a teacher for their children (2-5 kids normally) which could be a couple or one family a month during their weekly church service. Interested individuals need not have any knowledge of Spanish in order to participate. We are looking for up to 12 families to participate. If interested in helping out, please contact Greg Yoder at 319-541-4678.

Primary/Junior Department Substitute Teachers Needed

The children will continue to meet in for Sunday School lessons during the January/February Adult Sunday School study and discernment sessions this winter. We are in need of substitute teachers in order to allow Primary/Junior Sunday School teachers to attend some of the study and discernment sessions. Please contact Sarah Yoder or Jon Miiller if you are interested in being a substitute teacher. There will be sign up sheet available on the table outside of the library.

The Berean Class is sponsoring Food For Kids Against Hunger as the project for January 5th, CHOW night. We need approximately \$1800 to cover the cost of supplies and invite you to help us get to this goal. A second offering will be taken today for this project.

Offering Envelopes There are a few boxes of offering envelopes for 2015 left on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use envelopes next year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. If they are out and you want a box, please write your name on the list and we will get a box to you as soon as possible. Delivery may be shortly after the first of the year. Thank you!

Christmas Giving Opportunity MCC Meat Canning is coming to SE Iowa! Helmuth Repair will be the site and the dates are Monday & Tuesday, January 5th & 6th. The Old Order Amish will supply the labor on January 5th, but other volunteers are needed to help set up on Saturday afternoon, January 3rd and for canning January 6th. The shifts are morning (7:30-noon), afternoon (noon-5pm), and evening (5pm-??). An immediate need is for cash to purchase meat and supplies. The meat (frozen turkey thighs) is purchased from West Liberty Foods. Send your checks to **Southeast Iowa Meat Canning, c/o David Lee Miller, 5541 Cosgrove Rd. SW, Kalona IA 52247**. MCC canned meat finds its way to hungry people all over the world. Your support is very much appreciated.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

The Central Plains Mennonite

The Central Plains Mennonite Conference Ecuador Partnership is organizing a work team to travel to Ecuador late February-early March, 2015 to work on a church building located 2 hours outside of Quito, Ecuador. There is still room for you to join this work & fellowship group! For more information contact Doyle Roth at 402-761-2847 or 402-641-0266 or by email at doyleroth@hotmail.com

Combine faith with your career! Serve for a year with Mennonite Voluntary Service and join a team of talented people making a positive impact in communities across the U.S. MennoniteMission.net/Serve.

Register now for PA 2015, the Mennonite World Conference Assembly to be held July 21-26, 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1,000 persons have registered already, including 150 people from Zimbabwe! To register go to: www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 185	Sunday School: 110
Giving through 12.14.14	
December 14th Giving	\$ 5,779.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 280,760.67
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 12,110.50