

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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Postlude	Janet & Gretchen Geyer
Offering	Kristi & Jon Miiller, Lisa Schmidt, & Conrad Yutz
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller
The Prophecy	David Charles
Special Music	Choir
Children's Time	Doyle Geyer and Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

Advent 5: *"God's Beauty is Revealed"*

Call to Worship - back of bulletin
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 The Prophecy - Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
 Lighting the Christmas Candle
 Confession - back of bulletin
 Children's Time
 Adult Choir
 The Gospel Reading. Luke 1:8-14, 26-30 ; Luke 2:8-14
 Sermon: "Time to listen to angels"
 Singing Together
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time
 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: Joel & Catrina Miiller
 Next Sunday: Elvesta Hochstedler & Evelyn Gerber

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: No Sunday School
 Next Sunday:

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
College Students: Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly, Carmen Fernau
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: Kelly and Brian McPhail of Mennonite Mission Network serve in China as teachers and administrators through Mennonite Partners in China. Pray for them as they seek to live out Christian values through English teaching in Beijing and through providing logistical support for MPC's relationship with other agencies.
From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Penn View Christian School, Souderton, Pa. and Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pa. as they pursue a plan to create a unified school system to be implemented for the 2015-16 school year.

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As is tradition, the rosebud this morning is for Kellen William born to Derek and Nici Bontrager on Thursday, December 18th.

Dear Ladies at East Union Mennonite Church,

Thank you so, so much for all of your love and gifts at that lovely bridal shower!! Your generosity was completely over the top! This whole experience of God bringing us together has been wonderful and our joy has been increased because of your kindness to us and celebration with us. Thank you, again, for your outpouring of support. May God abundantly bless you in return! ~With much love & gratitude, Jessica & Jeff

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 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.

Offering Envelopes for 2015 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes next year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. Thank you!

MCC Meat Canning Volunteers are needed at Helmuth Repair located 1 mile north and 2 ½ miles west of Kalona to help set up on Saturday afternoon, January 3rd and all day on Tuesday, January 6th. Shifts are morning (7:30 - noon), afternoon (noon - 5pm), and evening (5pm -??). Lunch and supper and snacks for breaks are provided.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 229	Sunday School:
Giving through 12.21.14	
December 21st Giving	\$ 11,744.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 292,504.67
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 12,879.33

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 28

- No Sunday School

Thursday, January 1



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." Inserts regarding the series were placed in mailboxes last week. Extra copies are on the literature table in the foyer.

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

Employment Opportunity The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop 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.