

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, Offering, Postlude	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
The Prophecy	David Charles
Special Music	Choir
Children's Time	Chris Rhodes & Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

"Your Saving Mystery Revealed"

Call to Worship - back of bulletin
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 The Prophecy - Isaiah 60:1-6
 Children's Time
 Confession - back of bulletin
 The Gospel Reading. Matthew 2: 1-12
 Adult Choir – The Star
 Sermon: "Home by Another Way"
 Singing Together
 Confession of Faith - back of bulletin
 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: Elvesta Hochstedler & Evelyn Gerber
 Next Sunday: Kara & Cade Groenewold

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Andy & Jane Swartzentruber
 Next Sunday: Andy & Jane Swartzentruber

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank & Mary Hochstetler, Darlene Logan

College Students: Will DeHogues, Tommy Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber

Serving in MCC in Bangladesh: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey

Praying for God's Healing and Hope for Loretta Kauffman.

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: Mary Raber, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is currently in the United States for a few months. She requests prayer for Ukraine and the upheaval that touches all levels of society. Pray for wisdom and restraint for government authorities, and pray that churches will model Jesus' way as an alternative to violence.

From Mennonite Education Agency: As we begin a new year, pray that students at Mennonite educational institutions would pursue the Lord with all of their heart.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, January 6

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Jane Yoder Short, The topic will be: Practicing Presence: in the Wilderness and our project will be Cash for Central Plains. Sack Lunch. *The quilt that we will be working on will also be in the Fellowship Hall on CHOW night.*

Wednesday, January 7

- **CHOW** Meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm. The activity for Chow is to pack meals for *Kids Against Hunger*. There will also be a quilt available for quilting and a comforter for knotting.

Thursday, January 8

- Elders meeting at Lauralee Kaufmann's 7 pm

Next Sunday, January 11

- Town Hall Meeting from 4:30 - 6 pm 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. Preparation documents are in your mailbox today.
- New Study and Worship series, "Seeking God's Will Together, a congregational study on communal biblical discernment," begins next Sunday and runs through February 15th. All adult classes are to meet in the Fellowship Hall around tables for our Adult lesson and discernment. Please prepare by reading the blue Unit 1 Study Guide in your mailbox today.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Volunteers are needed at Helmut 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.

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 132	Sunday School:
Giving through 12.28.14	
December 28th Giving	\$ 6,990.56
End-of-Year Giving	\$ 299,495.23

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Past, Present and Future adult Sunday school teachers or Bible study leaders: Studying the Bible has never been more important for serious disciples of Jesus, and skilled leaders are key to a good Bible study. Come to a workshop to learn skills for leading adults in Bible study whether in Sunday school or a small group!

Sunday School Teacher Workshop; Sunday, January 18th

Wellman Mennonite Church, fellowship hall

Lunch provided at 12:15 PM; Workshop at 1:00 PM

RSVP to Shana Boshart (shanaboshart@centralplainamc.org)

JPOG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Vanessa Hershberger describe her recent term with MCC at the United Nations focusing on food and justice issues in Haiti as well as the African Great Lakes region. Vanessa will soon leave for Congo as MCC's Eastern Congo Coordinator. Join us on Sunday evening, January 11, 2015, at Wellman Mennonite Church, 1215 - 8th Ave, Wellman, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear Vanessa's presentation. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at yodershort@netins.net.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp:

- Camp's Fall Fundraiser goal was exceeded this week receiving \$30,658. Thank you for your gifts that will enable Crooked Creek to provide generous hospitality for our guests and your church retreats in a place you can reconnect with God!
- **WinterFest** 2015 January 16-18: Send your registrations in as soon as possible!
- The entire month of January is Coins for Camp! Collect your loose change or dollar bills and donate to camp for outdoor rec equipment.
- **Come to the Water** still has openings for an adult respite weekend. Join others at Crooked Creek, January 16-17, For all questions about the weekend's content please contact Diane Zaerr Brennehan 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 Jan 7,