

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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Worship Leader	Joe Schmidt
Sermon	David Boshart
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold

WORSHIP

“many stones, One Foundation; Seeking God's Will Together”

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
 - Coins for Camp
- My Foundation - Janet Geyer & Elvesta Hochstedler
- Song
- Hearing God's Word: II Timothy 3:10 - 4:5
- The Lord's Prayer – in unison
- Sermon: “Whence Comes Biblical Authority?”
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song - Children's Choir
- 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller
 Next Sunday: Josh & Jill Lundberg

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

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

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder
College Students: Cameron Gingerich, Emma Yoder
Serving in Chicago through MVS MMN: Linnea Slabaugh
Praying for God's Healing and Hope for our shared concerns
God's Healing and Peace for persons who are lost, questioning or seeking the one foundation, Jesus Christ.
Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez
From Mennonite Mission Network: This year, Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service program is restructuring to respond to current realities. Pray for Nathan Penner and Neil Richer as they oversee this change, for the 11 congregations and communities that will be hosting larger service households, and for the 10 congregations and communities that will be closing their MVS units.
From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students, faculty and staff at Mennonite schools this week as they honor Martin Luther King Jr's, legacy. May King's life and teachings inspire each person to work for justice.

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The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, January 21

- Worship Planning Committee 7:30 pm at the church

Thursday, January 22

- Transition Advisory Team meeting 7 pm at Phil Yoders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1 - Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch

Super Bowl Sunday, the MYF will be hosting a "Souper Bowl" Lunch after church. Please join us for chili, cornbread, salad, dessert, and Menno's Best coffee!

February 2- CHOW with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm

Adult Program - Shekinah Class/Young Adult Class
Meal: Dulous Class

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

"Tuesdays with Dave" is an online video teleconference for congregations featuring David Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Dave will address questions of congregational outreach including "How to talk to people about Jesus," "What to do if a visitor shows up in church," "What to do if a visitor keeps coming to church," and other congregational outreach opportunities. The teleconference is planned for each Tuesday in February, 2015, at 7:30 pm CST. Janet Geyer will coordinate our participation. Contact Janet to help strengthen our outreach and mission to our neighbors.

Mennonite World Conference Registration for Mennonite World Conference's Assembly, "Pennsylvania 2015," is now open. Go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015registration to learn more, and to register for this global gathering of worship and fellowship, to be held July 21-26, 2015, in Harrisburg, PA. This is a once-in-a-generation event!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your prayers since my sister had open heart surgery in August and since her passing last week. We were thankful for safe travel to and home again from Indiana. Your concern and friendship is a blessing for our family. Ed & Anna Yoder

Mennonite Women will have the MCC quilt set up on Wednesday, January 21st at 1 pm for quilting. Because of the canceled regular meeting due to snow and cold weather, we are needing to work on it with extra days to finish it on time.

Adult Membership Exploration Class We are offering an Adult Membership Exploration class February 8 - March 1. We will meet during Sunday School time. This class is for anyone considering becoming a member in our church. Class outlines are available on the literature table below the mailboxes. We welcome all who are interested in exploring membership here at East Union Mennonite Church to join us.

Update from our Town Hall Meeting Sunday January 11

In your mail boxes today you will find an updated Pastoral Search Committee Charge and Nomination Ballots for calling persons to serve on our soon to be formed Pastoral Search Committee.

The nomination ballot has instructions on them. Please make sure that you return your nomination ballot to the box labeled "Pastoral Search" that is under our mailboxes in the foyer. We want everyone to complete and return a nomination form by Sunday, January 25.

We used your counsel from our Town Hall meeting to update the Pastoral Search Charge into its current draft. This document will serve to guide our pastoral search committee.

Thanks for your engagement in beginning the journey of calling our future pastor. Join us in a prayerful spirit as we all walk together to call our future pastor to serve among us. ~ Your Elders

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 165	Sunday School: 136
Giving through 1.11.15	
January 11th Giving	\$ 4,362.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 9,017.00

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apply for scholarships for 2015. If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for a college scholarship for the 2015-2016 school year. Get your application in by Feb. 28, 2015. Learn more today at Everence.com/scholarships.

Iowa Mennonite School

- All students in 8th grade (or high school students considering a transfer) are invited to visit Iowa Mennonite School on Monday, January 19. Parents are also invited for an hour in the morning, meeting with administrative personnel at 8:15. Students will visit classes, attend chapel and eat lunch on campus; meet potential classmates, current students, and faculty members; and receive valuable information. Call the school at 656-2073 or 683-2586; email Candi Schmieder at cschmieder@iowamennonite.org; or register at www.iowamennonite.org/visit/.
- Iowa Mennonite School principal Tim Lehman recently announced his resignation, effective June 30, 2015. He will assume the duties of Head of School at Bethany Christian Schools in Goshen, Indiana...where he served as a faculty member and assistant principal prior to coming to IMS. Tim cited the difficulties of being separated from family during this year, along with the opportunity to return to a familiar institution. He is highly supportive of IMS, and experienced warmth and hospitality throughout his time at the school. Please continue to keep the school in your thoughts and prayers during this time of transition, as well as the Lehmans.

Employment Opportunity Do you have compassion for the elderly, experience or education in gerontology, human services, social or behavioral sciences? Pleasantview Home is seeking a Social Service Assistant. This position requires 32 hours a week in assisting the Social Services Director in assessing, documenting, and addressing the psychosocial needs of the residents. Additional required skills are the ability to effectively communicate and problem solve with staff, residents, and family & intermediate computer skills. We are taking applications until January 28. Online at <http://pvhome.org/employment> or M-F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Pleasantview lobby (811 3rd Street, Kalona).

Thank you for your support of the cheesecake fundraiser Kalona Mennonite Church had in December to raise funds for our International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is for Rudi Mucaj from Albania. Rudi lived with Dan & Julie Fisher as a foreign exchange student. Because of the influence of his host family, IMS and the Mennonite community, Rudi came to the U.S. as a non-believer and left as a Christian. KMC is raising funds to help Rudi reach his dream to attend Goshen College this fall. Again, thank you for your support!

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
For more information contact Shana Boshart
shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org or 319-936-5905

Budget and Debt counseling: Are you facing financial struggles you feel you cannot overcome or are you interested in better understanding your financial situation? A service sponsored by Everence provides counseling in basic budgeting, consumer debt consolidation, as well as mortgage and credit score education at no cost. Call toll free Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Financial Counseling at (877) 809-0039, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., EST.

Darkness cannot drive out
darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only
love can do that.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.