

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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Beth Swartzendruber & Quartet

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 - Keith Dickel
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Hearing God's Word: Exodus 31:18, Jeremiah 31:33 & Matthew 22:37-40
- The Lord's Prayer – in unison
- Sermon: “I love to tell the story”
- Celebrating Communion
 - Song of Preparation
 - We have baskets in front and at the back to receive your Sharing Fund contributions.
- Sending Song
- Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School
 Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

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: Josh & Jill Lundberg
 Next Sunday:

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Andy & Jane Swartzentruber
 Next Sunday:

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder
College Students: Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus
Short-time Service in Florida: Dale & Linda Miller
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
Central Plains: Today Nathan Ramer is being ordained for ministry at Wellman Mennonite Church. Pray for God's guidance and blessing for Nathan and the Wellman congregation as they seek God's will together.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Reuben Mgodeli is providing leadership for Bethany Bible School, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in South Africa. Pray for him and his wife, Phumeza, as they model discipleship at home and in their public ministries. Pray also for Bethany students as they share what they learn with their home congregations.
From Mennonite Education Agency: More than 50 Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., students will spend the spring semester in the Middle East, Guatemala/Cuba or Washington D.C. Pray for God's blessing on these life-shaping experiences.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, January 28

- Mennonite Women will have the MCC quilt set up at 1 pm for quilting.

Next Sunday, February 1

- **8:55 - 9:15 am** - Beginning our prayer ministry for our Pastoral search. Join us weekly in the MYF Room.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch** - the MYF will be hosting a "Souper Bowl" Lunch after church. Please join us for chili, cornbread, salad, dessert, and Menno's Best coffee!
- Diane Zaerr Brenneman will be preaching.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 3 Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Anna Yoder, The topic will be: Practicing Presence: in the World and our project will be Food Pantry/Cash. Salad Luncheon.

February 4- 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

March 1 Marriage Care Mentor Couples Breakfast

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 February 10, 17, & 24, at 7:30 pm CST. Janet Geyer will coordinate our participation. Contact Janet to help strengthen our outreach and mission to our neighbors.

Learn with MCC! Everyone is invited to this special Mennonite Central Committee event on Saturday, February 28 at 9am in the Luyken Fine Arts Center on the campus of Bethel College in North Newton, KS. MCC Central States program staff is teaming up with MCC U.S. staff to provide resources and a time of mutual learning on the topics of: immigration, sexualized and gender based violence, Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous people and militarization within the U.S. Lunch at Mojo's Coffee Shop (also on the Bethel campus) will follow the seminars. Mark your calendars to join us. If you plan to attend, please email tinascrag@mcc.org or call 316-283-2720!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the Office Pastor Firman Gingerich is planning to attend Pastor's Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana this week. If you have a pastoral care emergency this week, please call one of our elders: Jeff Swartzentruber, Lauralee Kauffman, Larry Detweiler, or Karen Harvey. Diane Zaerr Brenneman will preach Sunday, February 1.

Sister Care Seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and responding more confidently and effectively to the needs of others in their families, congregations and communities. Sister Care will be April 17 and 18, 2015 at Kalona Mennonite Church. Women of all ages are invited. Our leaders will be: Rhoda Keener, co-director of Mennonite Women USA and Carolyn Heggen. Rhoda lives in Shippensburg, PA and Carolyn lives in Corvallis, OR. If you have any questions, please contact Lauralee Kauffman at nkauff224@yahoo.com or 319-354-3304. Registration information will be coming soon!

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.

Pastoral Search Committee Nominations Due Today

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. 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 1.18.15	
January 18th Giving	\$ 6,768.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 15,785.00

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.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

IMS seniors and their parents will host and serve the annual Senior Chili Supper, raising funds for their class. The meal will be served on *Saturday, February 14* in the gymnasium, and will include chili (and an alternate option, including vegetarian); potato salad; cheese salad sandwiches; veggie sticks; and homemade desserts. Tickets are available from any senior or by calling the school at 656-2073 or 683-2586. Serving will be from 4:30-7:30 pm.

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).

"You are invited to an evening of "Valentine Samplers" Indulge your Valentine or yourself with a variety of chocolate treats, interspersed with musical morsels and nuggets of local love lore. Come and go as you please. Thursday, February 12th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. All donations will be added to the International Student Aid Scholarship Fund for Rudi Macaj. No reservations needed!"