

East Union Mennonite Church

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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: Kim & Drew Blauvelt
Next Sunday: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Chase & Angie Gingerich
Next Sunday: James & Ruth Boller

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
College Students: Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly, Carmen Fernau
Serving in MCC in Bangladesh: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey
Praying for God's Healing and Hope for: our shared concerns
Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez
Central Plains: The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board met this weekend in Kansas City to make plans for next summer's convention and delegate assembly. Pray that God would grant wisdom and guidance to the MC USA board and staff as they plan this important event.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners, Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, serve as directors of Menno Village, a sustainable agriculture initiative in Japan. Pray that more people will join this farming community, and pray for healing for their son, Kazu, who has been hospitalized with Crohn's disease.

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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	Carey & Joani Miller
Sermon	Diane Zaerr Brenneman
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Beth Swartzendruber

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 - Tom Miller
Hearing God's Word: Matthew 16:18-19; Matthew 18:15-22
The Lord's Prayer – in unison
Sermon: “Binding & Loosing: the Church's Sacred Task”
Song of Response
Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
 Sharing our highlights from retreat, Jr. MYF
Congregational Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School
Adult Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall

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

Today, Sunday, February 1

- **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!

Tuesday, 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.

Wednesday, February 4

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

Thursday, February 5

- Elder Meeting 7 pm at Detweilers

Next Sunday, February 8

- 8:55 - 9:15 am - Prayer ministry for our Pastoral search. Join us weekly in the MYF Room.
- Adult Membership Exploration Class during Sunday School hour
- Weekly Sunday School Discernment Study; 4:30pm Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15 - Final Sunday School Discernment Study
4 pm Fellowship Hall

February 21 - Jr. MYF Valentine's Banquet

March 1 - Marriage Care Mentor Couples Breakfast 8am

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

As is tradition, the rosebuds in front of the sanctuary this morning are in honor of Declyn Dean and Evelyn Elizabeth born to Neil and Karenza Yoder on December 2nd.

Save the date: Saturday, February 21! The Jr. MYF is planning a belated Valentine's Banquet to help fund their future activities this spring and summer. Tickets are available to purchase following the service the next three Sundays. Thank you!

FEBRUARY IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH! THINK 3,000!

For the past 4 years East union has made a huge impact on the Food Pantry that supports families in need from the Mid Prairie district. This year our goal is the number 3,000. We are trying to have the number of items + the number of dollars donated = 3,000. EU children will be receiving your donations of any kind each Sunday in Feb so bring something each week!

Easter Breakfast - Traditionally the MYF hosts a breakfast in the fellowship hall before our worship service on Easter Sunday. It is nearly impossible to accomplish this event with the small MYF we have this year, but we would like to avoid disappointing anyone who enjoys this annual event! This year Easter is Sunday, April 5, and we are asking for a group to volunteer to help the MYF with the breakfast. If your Sunday School class, or other group of friends, are willing to help the MYF, please talk to Catrina Miller.

-Worship Committee

Friendly Reminder When planning an event or activity at the church, please remember to write it on the calendar in the foyer, noting the room and time. Doing so will assist in efficiently heating and the opening of the building for your events. Thank you!

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. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Trafficking Awareness Event On behalf of Restore Innocence, Jane & Andy Swartzentruber will be hosting a human trafficking awareness event at Upper Deer Creek Church on Sunday, February 22nd at 7 pm. The evening will consist of a brief overview of two phenomenal non-profit organizations working to end human trafficking, as well as the screening of Nefarious: Merchant of Souls, a documentary produced by Exodus Cry. While this film is not rated, Exodus Cry recommends viewing to those 18 and older, given the disturbing and intense content of the film. Please contact Jane Swartzentruber with questions at janer777@hotmail.com.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp of Washington, Iowa, is looking for an experienced and energetic Food Service Manager to start on or about May 15, 2015. This position will provide overall leadership to the kitchens for year-round guests with a reputation of great hospitality and great food including summer camp and events. The full job description can be viewed at www.crookedcreekcamp.org. For more information, applications or to submit your resume' please contact Tim Friesen, Administrator, 2830 Coppock Rd, Washington, IA 52353 or email foodservice@crookedcreekcamp.org. Applications accepted through March 27, 2015.

MCC Sale Mark your calendars for the 36th annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale May 29 and 30 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. The sale relies on your participation to support the mission of Mennonite Central Committee, sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. What can you make, build, create, craft or donate to the general auction at this year's Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale? Contact Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670 or ey5840@netins.net if you're planning on supporting the sale in this way.

Employment Opportunity First Mennonite Church of Iowa City is in search of a half-time Secretary/Administrative Assistant. Please visit the website www.firstmennoniteiowacity.org and follow the link on the home page for a complete job description and application instructions. All inquiries are welcome. E-mail firstmenno@msn.com.

Pathway Baked Potato Bar & Auction will be on Friday, February 20. Please mark your calendars.

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.

"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!"

Aging Well Group You are invited to attend the Aging Well Group which will meet on Tue., Feb. 10th at 10:00 on the Pleasantview Campus in the Friendship Center. Danielle Stouder, who works with Hospice of Washington County will be presenting on "Seasonal Depression."

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

"Tuesdays with Dave" Preparations continue for "Tuesdays with Dave," a video teleconference for congregations scheduled for Tuesday, February 10/17/24 at 7:30 pm CST. Dave Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central PMC will address questions of congregational outreach. All CPMC congregations have been invited to participate in this video teleconference. Please plan to attend. More information is available from your pastor or from David Boshart at 319.936.5904.

Your 2015 Peace Mug Nominations Know someone who has exemplified Christ's way of peacemaking? Nominate them for the annual Peace Mug Award at Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting! Send your nomination to Peace & Justice Taskgroup member Nick Stoddard (nick.southchurch@goldenwest.net) by Friday, March 6th. Please include their name, contact information, and a simple description why you're nominating them.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 151	Sunday School:
Giving through 1.25.15	
January 25th Giving	\$ 4,271.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 20,056.00

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.