

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: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller
Next Sunday: Tim & Denise Litwiller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: James & Ruth Boller
Next Sunday: Jon & Kristi Miiller

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan

College Students: Will DeHogues, Tommy Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber

Praying for God's Healing and Hope

Iglesia Centro Christiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

Central Plains: The Central Plains Annual Meeting Task Group met recently to make plans for our conference annual meeting June 18-21 in St. Paul. Pray for the task group and for the local host committee as they make plans for a weekend of fellowship and discernment.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners, DOOR Denver and DOOR Hollywood, are hosting local junior and senior high youth groups next weekend. Pray that students and leaders will be open to seeing the face of God in the people they encounter.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that God will bless Daniel Grimes, new director of enrollment and financial aid at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, as he enters into significant relationships with current and future students.

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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	Steve, Cade & Ella Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller

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 - Joe Schmidt
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

Coffee time will be in the Fellowship Hall so we can gather around tables more readily.

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 8

- ***Souper Bowl Sunday Lunch*** - Join us today for the MYFs belated "Soup"er Bowl lunch immediately after Sunday School.
- Weekly Sunday School Discernment Study Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 10

- "Tuesdays with Dave" video teleconference at 7:30 pm in the classroom by the south entrance. This week's topic: "How to talk to people about Jesus."

Wednesday, February 11

- Mennonite Women will have the MCC quilt set up at 1 pm for quilting.
- Church Council Meeting 7 pm
- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, February 15

- 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
- 4 - 4:30 Congregational Meeting
- 4:30 - 6pm Fellowship Hall Adult Sunday School Discernment Study; child care provided

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 21 - Jr. MYF Valentine's Banquet

Sunday, March 1 - Marriage Care Mentor Couples Breakfast 8am

Attendance Last Sunday:	<i>Cancelled due to weather</i>
Morning Worship:	Sunday School:
Giving through 2.1.15	\$ 700.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 20,756.00

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES
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"Tuesdays with Dave" a video teleconference for congregations, will begin this coming Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at 7:30 pm CST. Dave Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central PMC will address questions of congregational outreach. More information is available from Janet Geyer 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.

Mennonite Church USA Convention registration is open! These winter temps may make summer seem far away, but the Mennonite Church USA convention in Kansas City, June 30-July 5, 2015, will be here before you know it. The Executive Board is encouraging congregations to identify and register delegates early, so that they can participate in a survey of all delegates which will be sent out in February. For more information on the delegate role, visit the convention website: <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/delegate/>. You can also register online: www.MennoniteUSA.org/convention.

You are invited to attend Iowa Wesleyan College's Annual Manning Lectures with Shane Claiborne, activist and author, on Sunday, March 1st.
 2:30 pm Lecture: "Living as an Ordinary Radical" - Chapel Auditorium
 4:00 pm Lecture: "Another Way of Doing Life (Christian Troublemakers!)" Chapel Auditorium
 7:00 pm Service Challenge - Packaging Hygiene Kits for the Fellowship Cup - Social Hall

Donations Needed by February 23: Travel size deodorant, shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, soap, razors (for men & women), toilet tissue.

Shane writes and travels extensively speaking about peacemaking, social justice, and Jesus. His adventures have taken him from the streets of Calcutta where he worked with Mother Teresa to some of the most troubled regions of the world - from Rwanda to the West Bank - and he's been on peace delegations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Free and open to the public. For more information: joy.lapp@iwc.edu or 319-385-6403.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Mary Hochstetler who passed away Monday, February 2nd. Services were held here at East Union on the 5th.

Menno's Best Coffee Next Sunday (February 15) is the deadline for getting your orders in for Menno's Best coffee! The bags are 12 oz, available in whole bean or ground, and are \$12 each. If you misplaced your envelope with the order form on it, you can get a new one from the box on the bulletin board by the women's restroom. Return orders to Joel or Catrina Miiller.

Spring Choir The Spring choir season is getting underway. New members are always welcome. We rehearse Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 starting this Wednesday, the 11th. If you're interested, you can call Steve Groenewold (936-4113) with questions, or just show up!

FEBRUARY IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH! THINK 3,000!

3K

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 Miiller.

- Worship Committee

Thank you to so many of you for sharing salads and desserts for Mary Hochstetler's funeral meal here on Thursday! Your help adds a lot to our hospitality. If you haven't done so already, please pick up empty dishes in the foyer. - EUMC Service Committee

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 today and next Sunday. Thank you!

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!

Skating! The Doulos Sunday school class has reserved the Wellman Skating Rink on Friday, February 27th from 6-8pm! We'd like to invite the entire church to join us! \$2 per skater

Updated Schedule "Discerning God's Will Together"

- February 15th we return to our regular Sunday morning adult Sunday School sessions.
- We will have our scheduled afternoon discernment lesson on the theme of "When We Don't Agree" (Feb 15th: Brief congregational meeting from 4 - 4:30pm; Discernment session from 4:30 - 6 pm)

One Call Now

- There were several messages that went out this past week through the One Call Now messaging system. If you did not receive these messages, please contact the office. There seems to be consistent issues for people with landlines. If you would like to add a cell phone please let us know. To help with missed calls, we will be including email messaging for all future messages to cover a broader range. If you would rather not receive messages through email, you may unsubscribe at any time. Also remember to check KCRG TV when there is a threat of weather as cancellations will be listed there in addition to One Call. Thank you for your continued patience as we continue to work out any bugs in the One Call Now system!
- Through the One Call System, there is a Subgroup feature which allows messages to only go to select members. Subgroups may include Sunday School classes, Mennonite Women, Choir, etc. If you are head of a committee or group and would like a Subgroup created, please contact Crystal in the office for further information.

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 15 - March 8. 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.

MORE 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.

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.

"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."

Message from Everence The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$1350 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Bruce Harvey serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

* February 10th 6th-8th grade girls are invited to participate in basketball scrimmages during half-time of the boys' JV and boys' varsity games at IMS. Meet in the cafeteria below the gym with 5 minutes left in the 2nd quarter to get jerseys. The boys' JV game starts at 6:00 that evening.

* 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.

* Visit Day: 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for the day on February 16th. Parents are invited for an informational meeting at 8:15. We will discuss the enrollment process and any questions you may have. You may also stay for chapel at 9:45. Students are invited from 8:00 am - 3:15 pm to tour facilities, visit classes with a host student, eat lunch, meet faculty & other future students. Please contact Director of Enrollment, Candi Schmieder, with any questions: 319-656-2073 or cschmieder@iowamennonite.org. Online registration will be available at our website on February 1st.

* IMS PTO fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A: Come to the Coral Ridge Chick-Fil-A for IMS Spirit Night on February 23th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Flyers will be available online or at the mall to help IMS PTO earn up to 20% of the sales that evening.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* CCCC 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.

* CCCC is in need of volunteers for the following dates: Feb. 11-13, 16-18, March 30-31, April 6-7. Projects include helping to install the new walk-in freezer in the pavilion, removing items in the Retreat Lodge so that the floor can be replaced due to the vandalism and then replacing the items after the new floor has been completed. If you would be able to help with any of those dates please contact Chris Rhodes. 319-330-1243 or rhodes@kctc.net.