

# 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: Tim & Denise Litwiller  
 Next Sunday: Kara & Cade Groenewold

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Jon & Kristi Miiller  
 Next Sunday: Jon & Kristi Miiller

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Oskaloosa Care Center:** Marilyn Yutzey

**College Students:** Gretchen Geyer, Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber

**Serving in Chicago through MVS MMN:** Linnea Slabaugh

**Praying for God's Healing and Hope**

**Iglesia Centro Cristiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez**

**Central Plains:** Next Sunday, Aaron Carlson will be ordained at Manson (Iowa) Mennonite Church. Pray for God's guidance and blessing for Aaron and the congregation as they embody and proclaim the reign of God in Manson.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for chaplains in businesses in Paraguay. May they encourage Christian employees to exercise their calling to be salt and light in the marketplace, thus creating a more favorable spiritual climate at their companies and among their families.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** This semester at Bluffton (Ohio) University, please pray for all students as they discern their calling for life and vocation, to further the purposes of God's universal kingdom.

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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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller & Quartet

## WORSHIP

**"many stones, One Foundation; Seeking God's Will Together"**

Call to Worship \* see insert  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 My Foundation - Kristi Miiller  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 My Foundation - Tom Miller  
 Building on Our Foundation -  
 "Bringing our Ebenezer stones marking Jesus' presence in my life"  
 Song "Come Thou Fount"  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Hearing God's Word: Romans 14:1-12  
 Sermon: "Meatballs or tofu, learning to see Christ in you"  
 The Lord's Prayer - in unison  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 Regular adult & children classes  
 Adult membership explorative class in balcony

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today Sunday, February 15**

- 4 - 4:30 Congregational Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 - 6 pm Fellowship Hall Adult Sunday School Discernment Study; Lesson 5 "When We Don't Agree"; child care provided
- Menno's Best Coffee order deadline.

### **Tuesday, February 17**

- "Tuesdays with Dave" video teleconference at 7:30 pm in the classroom by the south entrance. This week's topic: "What to do if a visitor shows up in church."

### **Wednesday, February 18**

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

### **Thursday, February 19**

- Elders meeting at church 7 pm

### **Saturday, February 21**

- Jr. MYF Valentine's Banquet

### **Next Sunday, February 22**

- 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
- Chronicle articles due

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, February 27** - All church skating with the Doulus Sunday School class. Wellman Skating Rink 6-8 pm. \$2 per skater.

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

**Wednesday, March 4** - **CHOW** with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm

Adult Program - Koinonia Class

Meal: Stewards Class

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 156	Sunday School:
<b>Giving through 2.8.15</b>	
February 8th Giving	\$ 10,517.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 31,273.00

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**"Tuesdays with Dave,"** a video teleconference for congregations, continues this coming Tuesday, February 17 at 7:30 pm CST. Dave Boshart will address questions of congregational outreach. Join over 125 persons in 25 congregations who participated in last week's teleconference. Please plan to attend. More information is available from Janet Geyer or from David Boshart at [319.936.5904](tel:319.936.5904).

**Nurturing Faith at Home with Lent Family Devotionals** Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, gives us an opportunity to focus on the life and death of Jesus in preparation for Easter. We have a special worship guide for families with children called "Upside Down & Inside Out." Families are encouraged to use the guide in whatever way works for them. It begins with ideas for a special dinner on Tuesday, February 17, and provides a weekly worship guide for each week from then until Easter Sunday. Copies of the Lent Family Devotional book may be found on the literature table in the foyer.

**Mennonite Church USA app.** Mennonite Church USA now has a mobile app, and if you're planning to attend convention this summer, you'll want to download it soon to get all the latest updates. On your mobile device, search for the "Mennonite Church USA" app, and view the KC2015 event! Thanks to the Mennonite colleges for sponsoring the development of this app.

**Mennonite Mission Network** Thank you, East Union Mennonite Church, for your gift to Mennonite Mission Network in 2014 of \$12,861.70! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world. Because of your generosity this year, we have been able to respond to new calls to ministry!

- Gratefully, Stanley Green, Executive Director, and staff of Mennonite Mission Network. [www.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.MennoniteMission.net)

**You are invited** to attend Iowa Wesleyan College's Annual Manning Lectures with Shane Claiborne, activist and author, on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

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.

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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Community Blood Drive** There will be a Wellman community blood drive on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 - 6:30 pm at the Banquet Hall located at 525 13<sup>th</sup> Street. To donate contact Leroy Powell at 319-646-5474 or [lpshprin@gmail.com](mailto:lpshprin@gmail.com) or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:janer777@hotmail.com).

**Everence** Lutheran Social Services Financial Counseling (in partnership with Everence) offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to any one in our church community who faces financial struggle, or who would like to know a little more about financial wellness. At no cost, LSSFC will take a comprehensive look at a person's budget, debts, and income and then provide personalized recommendations and options to help individuals and families move toward their financial goals. Call 877-809-0039 for more information.

**What does it mean to embody the Spirit of Christ in today's changing world as persons and as church?** Theologian Brian McLaren will give a talk "Living Christ on the Edge" Friday, March 6, at 7 PM. This talk is free and open to the public. On Saturday, March 7 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, Brian will present a workshop for lay and ordained leaders entitled "Following Jesus on the Way: Scripture, Spirituality, Mission". This event is \$25/person or \$20 for groups of 4 or more. Both events will take place at Zion Lutheran Church, 310 N. Johnson in Iowa City, with free parking in the Mercy Hospital Ramp on Bloomington. For more information and to register, visit [www.zionlutheranic.360unite.com/mclaren-event-information](http://www.zionlutheranic.360unite.com/mclaren-event-information) or call 319-338-0944. These events are sponsored by an ecumenical group of area churches including: Faith UCC, First Baptist, First Christian, First Mennonite, Full Circle, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, and Zion Lutheran.

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

*February 15<sup>th</sup> Bulletin insert*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel  
Children: You lead your people gently and kindly  
All: **You sent us your light and your salvation.**  
Leader: Hear us and restore us, Lord God Almighty  
Children: Help us to hear you and know you are here  
All: **Jesus Christ is our Lord, our light and our salvation.  
Let us praise and worship Him together.**

## 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.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Change of Address:** Ervin Miller, Parkview Manor, Wellman, IA 52356

**Gone Missing** If you accidentally picked up a 9 x 13 light green tinted glass baking dish / cake pan off of the coat rack after the funeral here on the 5<sup>th</sup>, please return it to the church so it can be reunited with its owner.

"Upside Down and Inside Out," is the theme for our Lent - Easter worship series beginning February 22 and ending on Easter Sunday, April 5. The 40 days of Lent are always times for repentance. This series understands how upside down and inside out our lives feel. The Biblical texts in Lent show us ways God accepts our repentance and offers forgiveness guiding us to walk in renewed faith.

**MarriageCare** Reminder to MarriageCare mentors and Mentorees. Our "Spring Fling" Breakfast will be Sunday, March 1 at 8 am. Snacks only will be provided for children. PLEASE RSVP to Janet at [janetegeyer@gmail.com](mailto:janetegeyer@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 22 re: your plans to attend the breakfast and if you are wanting childcare.

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**JPOG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Dean Rhodes describe his experiences on "El Camino de Santiago," a 500 mile Christian pilgrimage in northern Spain. Over 200,000 persons walked this path in 2014 in a search for spiritual inspiration among the plains and mountains of northern Spain. Join us to hear about Dean's experiences and see pictures of his trip on Sunday evening, February 22, 2015, at East Union Mennonite Church, 5615 Gable Avenue, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for Dean's presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

### **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 Miiller. - Worship Committee

**Valentine's Banquet** 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.

**One Call Now** 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 to send messages to, 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 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](mailto:nkauff224@yahoo.com) or 319-354-3304. Registration information will be coming soon!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pathway Christian School** Auction/Potato Bar - Feb. 20.  
Potato Bar: 4-7:30 PM Menu: Baked Potato, cheese sauce, chili, etc.,  
homemade pie with ice cream, beverage Cost: Donation Basis  
Auction: 5 PM until all is sold  
Children's Auction: 6:30 PM with carnival to follow Everyone is welcome!

**The annual World Day of Prayer** service in the Kalona area will be held Friday, March 6, 2015 at Pleasantview Home.

9:15 am - Coffee & treats in the Friendship Center

9:45 am - Service in the Chapel

All are invited to attend. An offering will be taken. Women from East Union Mennonite, Kalona United Christian and Baptist, Kalona United Methodist, and Lower Deer Creek Mennonite congregations are leading the service.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* Iowa Mennonite School is hosting a visitation day tomorrow (Monday, February 16) for all interested 8th-grade students and their parents. Students will visit classes and experience life on campus...parents may meet with administrative personnel to talk about pertinent issues and have a chance to ask questions. Students should be here at 8:00 am; the parent session will be from 8:15-9:00 am.

\* Students (and parents) interested in attending IMS for the first time in the fall of 2015 are invited to an informational session on the IMS campus, on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 pm. Teachers and administrators will be present, and will answer questions and provide valuable information about registration, curriculum, etc....and will be available to discuss options with prospective families. Refreshments will also be served. Please contact the school for further information.

\* 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**

\* During Sundays in March (1,8,15,22,29) camp is hosting open gym afternoons from 3:00-6:00pm at the camp Activity Center. This is a free family event open to all.

\* CCC is in need of volunteers for the following dates: Feb. 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](mailto:rhodes@kctc.net).