

Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out
by keeping covenant forever with every living creature.

People: God, Even in our mistrust and wanting more,
We will live in your promise
And seek a deeper relationship with You.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, February 22

- Chronicle articles due
- JPOG Meeting with Dean Rhodes 6 pm

Tuesday, February 24

- "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 keeps coming to church."

Wednesday, February 25

- Choir practice 7 pm

Friday, February 27

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

Next Sunday, March 1

- Marriage Care Mentor Couples Breakfast 8am
- 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

East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW (319) 656-2590 www.eastunionmennonite.org

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	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Choir
Children's Time	Larry Detweiler & Josh Lundberg
Reader's Theatre	Jeff, Jenna, Jacob & Julia Boller

WORSHIP

“Upside down, inside out”

- Prelude
- Candle lighting by Worship Leaders
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Hearing God's Word: Genesis 9:8-17
- Reader's Theatre: “God makes a Covenant”
- Choir
- Children's Time
- Sermon: “When God takes a second look”
- Song of Response
- Our Call to Commitment *see back of bulletin
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- 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: Kara & Cade Groenewold
Next Sunday: Joe Schmidt & Sam Yoder

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Jon & Kristi Miiller
Next Sunday: Doug & Pam Stoltzfus

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller

College Students: Cameron Gingerich, Emma Yoder, Ada Get

Short-time Service in Brownsville Texas: Dale & Linda Miller

Praying for God's Healing and Hope Joyce Schrock, Bob Moberly

Iglesia Centro Christiano & Pastor Martha Hernandez

Central Plains: Next weekend, the conference board meets in Omaha. Pray for them as they discern together with the Holy Spirit how to lead our conference.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Thank God for Mission Network personnel involved in building relationships with Muslims. Pray for their protection and that they may find appropriate and compassionate ways to bridge this great divide in today's world.

From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Rafael Barahona, director of Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) who will be teaching the course “Introduction to Anabaptist Theology,” February 20-22, 2015 and February 27-March 1, 2015. Pray for safe travel and for God's guidance and wisdom upon Rafael as he teaches these weekends. Pray that this course and visit may be a source of learning and blessings for the students and their congregations.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Meal: Stewards Class

Adult Program - All are welcome to hear Ken & Wanda Yoder share insights and reflections from their MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) trip to Ethiopia last November.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 139	Sunday School: 108
Giving through 2.15.15	
February 15th Giving	\$ 4,902.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 36,175.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,756.44

*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.*

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

"Tuesdays with Dave," The third and last session of "Tuesdays with Dave," a video teleconference for congregations, will occur this coming Tuesday, February 24, 2015, at 7:30 pm CST. Dave Boshart, Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference, will address the topic, "How a congregation can be a place where new people find a spiritual home." 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. Copies of the Lent Family Devotional book may be found on the literature table in the foyer.

Mennonite Church USA *Begin Anew: Christian discipleship resource available now!* Are there people in your congregation or community who are new to the Christian faith? Or who have been in the church for a long time and would like to grow in discipleship? Begin Anew is a 16-session series of studies to make disciples in small groups and congregations. This discipleship resource is for anyone interested in growing in Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective, regardless of their background or previous church experience. Available online at www.MennoniteUSA.org.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Chase, Angie, and Grant Gingerich on the birth of a son and brother, Garrett Isaiah, born Thursday, February 19. Garret weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Easter Breakfast - Traditionally the MYF hosts a breakfast on Easter Sunday. It is nearly impossible to accomplish this event with the small MYF we have this year and we are asking for people to volunteer to help the MYF with the breakfast. Easter is Sunday, April 5; if you are willing to help the MYF, please talk to Catrina Miiller. - Worship Committee

Thank you! The Coins for Camp offerings totaled \$294.32. Thanks to all the kids who helped pull the wagon and for all those who donated. It is much appreciated!

"Upside Down and Inside Out," is the theme for our Lent - Easter worship series beginning today 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 janeteger@gmail.com by today re: your plans to attend the breakfast and if you are wanting childcare.

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. Join us to hear about Dean's experiences and see pictures of his trip on Sunday evening, February 22, at East Union Mennonite Church 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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS!

 After the first two weeks the total number of items + dollars = 654. That's 22% of our goal! EU children will be receiving your donations of any kind each Sunday through March 15! *"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed."* Proverbs 19:17

Pastoral Search Brainstorming: Through various conversations in the past few weeks, Elders have heard a theme from some in the congregation a desire to explore/consider the options of a pastoral team. We are open to that counsel from you. It is the hope of the Elders that a meeting with the Search Committee, soon after the committee is formed, to discuss and discern this possibility as we move forward with the search(s) process(es).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Passion Play Day Trip A one day bus trip has been planned to attend the Passion Play in Bloomington, Illinois on March 28, 2015 Leaving Kalona at 7:30 AM and returning at approx. 10:00 PM. The cost is \$67.50 per person and includes travel and ticket to the performance. For information contact Don and Ila Yoder at 319-656-2774 or 319-530-4490 If interested you may want to contact them soon as the bus is filling. This is a great way to start the Easter week.

Mennonite Disaster Service The Iowa Unit annual MDS meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m., March 1, 2015 at Kalona Mennonite Church.

Crowded Closet Spring meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held Monday, March 16, 7:00pm at First Mennonite Church, Iowa City. ALL volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

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.

Pleasantview Home Would your gifts and talents be a good fit for Pleasantview Home Activity Assistant? Could you assist the Activity Coordinator in planning, implementing, and evaluating individual, small, and large group activities for the residents? Are you detail oriented, well-organized, with problem solving skills, creativity, patience, compassion, and integrity? Do you have experience with Computer/Internet? Would you be able to work scheduled hours as well as extra hours occasionally in evenings, weekends, etc. as needed? Previous experience working with elderly or groups preferred. Apply for this full-time position by March 3. Applications are available online <http://www.pvhome.org> or in the lobby M-F 8:30 am- 4:30 pm. Pleasantview Home 811 3rd Street, Kalona."

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 or 319-354-3304. Registration information will be coming soon!

Iowa Mennonite School

* 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.

* Kaylin Brokaw, daughter of Joel and Karma Brokaw, will present a senior recital on Saturday, March 7 at 7 pm in Celebration Hall. She will be assisted by friends and family, and the program will consist of piano and vocals in a variety of styles. All are welcome.

* The IMS Alumni Association and the Washington Township Optimists will collaborate to host and serve the annual Turkey Steak Supper at Iowa Mennonite School, on Saturday, March 14. Serving will be held in the cafeteria (lower level of the gym) from 4:30 - 7:30 pm. The meal, to include turkey steak, baked potato, tossed salad, dinner roll, and homemade dessert, will be donation only. Please contact the school for more information.

* A "Piano Hullabaloo" is taking place at Iowa Mennonite School on Saturday, February 28, from 1:00-5:00 pm; the event will take place throughout the school, and is for all age groups. There will be musical performances, games, and piano-inspired events. One need *not* a pianist to enjoy the activities! There will be drum circles, an opportunity to play with a back-up band, a scavenger hunt....and much, much more! There's no charge, but a donation box to help with expenses. Come one, come all!

* IMS graduate Abbie Miller ('09) has her drawings on display in the school's art gallery. Entitled "Architectural Portraits", the exhibit will run through the rest of the semester. Abbie graduated from Goshen College in 2013 with a BA in Art, and is currently living in Pittsburgh, PA. Her show is open during public events on campus, and also by making arrangements with the IMS office.

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 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.