

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, March 18

- Mennonite Women quilting 1 pm
- Choir practice 7 pm

Friday, March 20



Next Sunday, March 22

- 8:55 - 9:15 am - Prayer ministry for our Pastoral search.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Maundy Thursday Service - April 2nd at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to join together in the Fellowship Hall for a simple meal and remembrance of Jesus' last supper. For our meal together, please bring a plate of fruit, cheese and bread to share with those seated at your table. This service includes communion. Babysitting for children ages 4 and under will be available in the Toddler Room after the meal. This is a wonderful and meaningful service open to all ages and we hope to see you there!

Easter Service - April 5th at 9:30 am. Please bring flowers to contribute to the living cross as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection together! There will be no Sunday School in anticipation of an extended worship service.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 136	Sunday School: 102
Giving through 3.8.15	
March 8th Giving	\$ 8,241.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 55,147.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,715.90

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	Denny & Becky Yoder
Sermon	Steve Bustos
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager & Quartet
Special Music	Children's Choir - Primary 1 & 2

WORSHIP

- Prelude
- Candle lighting
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing / Prayer
- Announcements
- Children's Choir
- First Fruits Offering
- Hearing God's Word: John 15:1-8
- Sermon: "Faith Rooted Choices"
- Song of Response
- 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: Josh & Jill Lundberg
Next Sunday: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: Tim & Denise Litwiller
Next Sunday:

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Pleasantview Home:** Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder
- College Students:** Will DeHogues, Tommy Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber
- Serving in Chicago through MVS MMN:** Linnea Slabaugh
- Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Joyce Schrock
- Praying for Peace:** for Christian's around the world, persecuted for taking up their cross and following Jesus
- Praying for:** Pastor Max Villatoro and his family. Max is Pastor of Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church and is being held in jail prior to likely deportation to Honduras.
- Central Plains:** For the next two weekends, Freeman Academy and the whole Freeman community will host Schmeckfest, a festival weekend of exhibits, food, and a musical. Pray for the community and for the school as they work together to host many visitors.
- From Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the language-learning progress that Mennonite Mission Network's Radical Journey team in Southeast Asia has made. Pray that they will use their increased fluency to share God's love in words as well as deeds.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is hiring for a regional Human Resources Coordinator. This position is available starting on April 1st. Location can be flexible and some travel is expected. Check out the job description at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/human-resources-coordinator-central-states> or contact Melissa Waltner at MelissaWaltner@mcc.org for more information.



March 15th Bulletin insert

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the Office Crystal will be out of the office this Tuesday through Friday, however, she will be in the office tomorrow from 8:30 to 5 pm. You may still call or email your bulletin announcements up through Friday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Wedding Shower! Please join us for a wedding shower in honor of Landon Slabaugh and Emily Gibbs on Saturday, April 4th, at 2 in the afternoon. Landon and Emily are registered at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Penney's.

Gift Discernment The Gift Discernment suggestion forms were placed in each mailbox this morning. Prayerfully consider who could fill each of the positions and return them to the Gift Discernment box under the mail boxes by March 29th.

Update on Pastoral search committee formation

In response to your affirmations, the following persons have been called to form our pastoral search committee: Nyle Kauffman chair, Janet Geyer, Will Miller, Phil Yoder, and Wanda Yoder. Larry Detweiler will serve as an Elder representative. Church council has appointed Derek Bontrager to serve.

We thank you for the many ways you have been participating in calling this group. Your prayers and suggestions for nominations are appreciated. We give thanks as well for all who considered serving, and for those we called. Let us continue to surround this group with our prayers and our counsel as they lead us in calling a pastor to serve as a leader among us at East Union Mennonite Church.

Save the date The Women's Fellowship Spring Banquet will be held April 29th at 6:30 pm. All 3rd grade girls and older are welcome to attend. More details coming soon!

Easter Breakfast-Can you help? - The MYF is still hoping to host a breakfast on Easter Sunday. A few people have offered to assist the MYF with this event, but we need more volunteers. Easter is Sunday, April 5; if you are willing to help the MYF in any way, please talk to Catrina Miiller.
- Worship Committee

Upcoming birthday Jen Saner-Harvey's birthday is March 18. Jen and her family are serving in Bangladesh thru Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Please shower her with birthday greetings either via postal mail or email. Her addresses are:

jen4harvey@gmail.com. or

4/10 Iqbal Rd. Mohemmadpur, Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh

You can mail a regular card with stamps totaling \$1.15

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* TODAY the climbing wall is available during open gym in the Activity Center for anyone from 3-6 pm. Anyone under 18 must have a parent sign the release form for use of the climbing wall.

* Lenten Quiet Day is March 26th. Register for this free event by calling the camp office or online at crookedcreekcamp.org. Helen Yoder and Lois Gugel look forward to leading anyone wanting to take time out of their busy lives to focus themselves during this Lenten season. Register in advance as lunch is provided.

* Job posting: Crooked Creek Christian Camp of Washington, Iowa, is seeking 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. 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.

* 2015 summer staff applications are being accepted. Please visit www.crookedcreekcamp.org for information and to apply.

MCC Sale

- Donations of new and gently used items are needed for the Relief Sale Children's Auction. Suggested items are toys, books, games, sports equipment, etc. Items can be auctioned individually or put together into themed baskets such as family game night, family movie night, arts & crafts, sports, reading, etc.
- We are collecting gently used books to sell at the MCC Sale. Bestselling books include Children's books, "Bonnet" books, recently published books, mysteries, and newer appearing books. We welcome children's and family DVDs and music CDs. We are not including magazines, or VHS and cassette tapes.
- Boxes for the books and children's auction items are located below the coat rack beside the library. We'll be collecting books now through May 24th. We'll collect the children's items through April 30th. The children's items are needed earlier so that a list can be provided for the auction brochures. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Harvey or Rebecca Beachy Miller. Thanks.

Pathway Christian School Annual Fish Fry - March 27
Serving 5-8 PM Donation Basis Everyone is invited!

International Student Aid Fund Soup Fundraiser Meal on Sunday, March 29th at noon at Kalona Mennonite Church to benefit our current project, Rudi Mucaj, who will be attending Goshen College. More information will be coming.

Community Choir This is an open invitation for people of all ages to sing in the Celebration Community Choir! Our upcoming concert is at 7pm on Saturday, May 9th in Iowa Mennonite School's Celebration Hall. The choir will be engaging a variety of music including selections directly influenced by the cultures and backgrounds of those who choose to sing in it. Kalona Mennonite Church will host rehearsals on Saturdays March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 25, and May 2 at 7pm. Please contact Nathaniel Yoder if you are interested in participating or have any questions: nathanielyoder@gmail.com and 319-325-3059.

Sister Care Seminars Do you want stronger relationships with other women? Do you wish that you knew how to more deeply care for each other? If you answered yes to these questions, then please consider coming to the Sister Care Seminar. You can now have access to these life-changing skills when you attend Sister Care Seminar April 17 and 18 at Kalona Mennonite Church. Turn in registrations and East Union will pay \$25 towards the \$38 registration fee. Please see Lauralee Kauffman for details.

Join Everence for a special evening with Christian artist Marc Thomas Eckel. Marc will lift up the name of Jesus Christ with his amazing artistic performance called "Splat Experience." Part of an annual Everence pastor and advocate appreciation event, the public is invited as well. Join us Monday, March 16, 7 p.m. at Iowa Mennonite School's Celebration Hall, 1421 540th St. S.W., Kalona. Admission is free. For more information, contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (877) 656-4242, (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com.

Iowa Mennonite School

* Anne Buckwalter, daughter of Tom and Paula Buckwalter, will present a senior recital of piano and clarinet works this afternoon at 3:00 pm in Celebration Hall. The program will consist of music from a variety of musical time periods. She will be assisted by friends and family. All are welcome.