

HOLY WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Palm Sunday, March 29

- Children's parade of Palms.
- Gift Discernment suggestion forms due.

Wednesday, April 1

- Choir practice 7 pm

Thursday, April 2

- Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm. We will meet 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. Child care for children ages 4 and under will be available in the Toddler Room after the meal.

Friday, April 3

- Community Good Friday Service 7 pm at IMS. All the churches in our area Mennonite Church Cluster are joining in this Good Friday Tenebrae Service. Youth from each of our congregations will speak. Jenna Boller is representing East Union.

Saturday, April 4

- Wedding shower for Landon Slabaugh & Emily Gibbs 2 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

- MYF Easter Breakfast 8 am
- Easter Service 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 8 - **CHOW** with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm

Adult Program - Dunamis Class

Meal: Berean Class

Saturday, April 12 - The Transition Advisory Team is planning a round-table Town Hall conversation on homosexuality at 5:00 pm. See conversation guides in your mailboxes.

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 | Marv Rempel |
| Sermon | Josh Lundberg |
| Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude | Verna Zook |
| Congregational Singing | Steve Groenewold & Quartet |
| Special Music | Adult & Children's Choirs |
| Reader's Theatre | Jeff, Jenna, Jacob & Julia Boller |
| Children's Time | Josh Lundberg |

WORSHIP "Upside Down - Inside Out"

Prelude
 Candle lighting
 Call to Worship
 Children's Parade of Palms / Children's Choir
 Adult choir
 Congregational Singing / Prayer
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Parent/Child Dedication Luke & Rachel Yoder dedicating Eve Madelle
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Hearing God's Word: Mark 11:1-11
 Reader's Theatre
 Children's Time
 Sermon
 Song of Response
 Our Call to Commitment *see insert
 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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Micah Miller

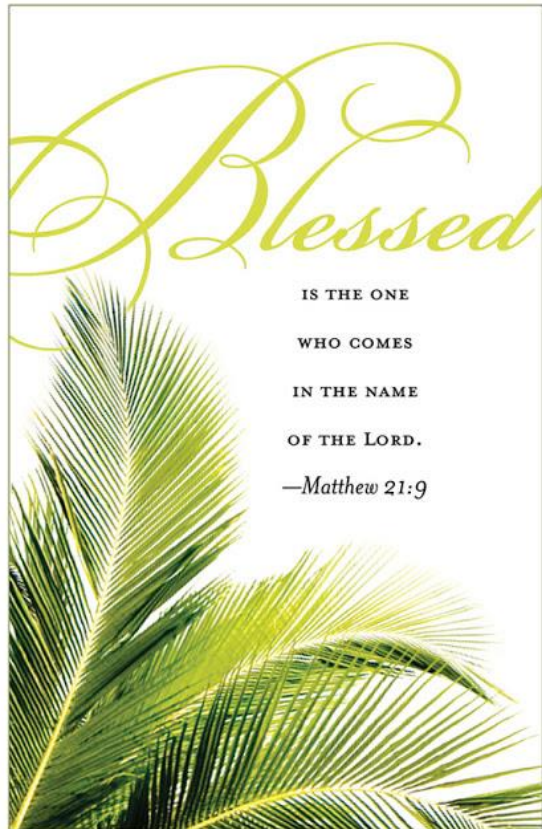
Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today:
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PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
College Students: Cameron Gingerich, Emma Yoder, Ada Gent
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Joyce Schrock
Praying for: Pastor Max Villatoro. Max is Pastor of Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church and was deported to Honduras. Pray for his wife Gloria, Children Anthony, Edna, Angela and Aileen. (see Central Plains website for more information)
Central Plains Pray for MC USA Executive Board meeting in Kansas City next Monday through Wednesday to prepare for the July delegate assembly.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Janet Stucky of Mennonite Mission Network serves as a nutritional consultant at Bethesda Hospital in Benin. Pray for funding to implement a program to improve the diets of pregnant women, children under 5 years old, and people living with HIV/AIDS.
From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for high school seniors as they decide what they will do upon graduation. Pray for those considering Mennonite colleges/universities that they may have the tools needed to choose schools that will fit well and prepare them for lives of faith and service.

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Our Call to Commitment

Leader: God turns things upside down and inside out, choosing what we reject as the centerpiece of the kingdom.

Congregation: **God, we will look to you as the arbiter of faithful living in an uncertain world.**

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you! Thanks to Kara Yoder for filling in for Crystal while she was away last week. Your willingness to step in and help is appreciated!

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, & JCPenney.

You are invited to a French Toast Benefit Breakfast on Saturday, April 11th, from 6:30AM - 10:30AM at Kalona Mennonite Church in memory of our daughter, Ivy Jane Yoder. Come join us as we raise money to support El Comedor, a mission of the Peruvian church Luz y Vida that feeds 50 - 60 children living in poverty every day and the location of Gretchen Geyer's service term last year. With your help, we hope to provide meals for 6 months (approx. \$4200). The menu will include French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and homemade rolls. There will be a free will donation and carryouts are available. Questions? Call Trent & Tammy Yoder at 656-3743.



CALLING ALL KIDS!!! Come join us for Vacation Bible School this summer from July 17-19. We'll have lots of time for crafts, games, skits, yummy snacks, and most importantly LEARNING ABOUT JESUS. Invite a friend and be prepared to have fun! Watch this space for more information to come....

The Pastoral Search Committee consisting of: Nyle Kauffman (Chair), Janet Geyer, Wanda Yoder, Phil Yoder, Larry Detweiler, Will Miller and Derek Bontrager met Thursday with Conference Minister Tim Detweiler and our Church Elders to start our search process. Our next step is to begin the process of developing our Congregational description. Please keep the Committee in your prayers.

Thank you so much for the group who came to help with the wood splitting and cutting. There was a lot of fun and it was a good time of working together. We get to know each other better too! Great church family. - Loretta

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

Our theme for summer is *God...Naturally* with an emphasis on water, wind, earth and fire. The four elements have been said to make up everything in this world, what we can see, smell, touch, taste and feel. We'll explore how they affect one another, play into our lives and what they teach us about God. We'll dive into scripture and unpack each element unveiling how God speaks through water, wind, earth and fire and we can learn to see *God...Naturally!*

Iowa Mennonite School

IMS senior Renee Buckwalter, daughter of Tom & Paula Buckwalter of Wellman, will present an evening of music at the school on Tuesday, April 7. The evening will include various lighter musical selections in a coffeehouse setting, and will be held in the lower lobby outside Celebration Hall. It will begin at 7:00 pm and she will be assisted by family and friends. All are invited to attend.

Last week to register: If you have not already done so, please pick up a registration form for the Sister Care Seminar and send it in this week. Sister Care is a special gathering for women of all ages to share our stories and care for one another. This Friday evening and all day Saturday event will inspire and uplift you. We will meet on **April 17 and 18** at Kalona Mennonite Church, but your registration form is due by **April 4**. Turn in registrations and East Union will pay \$25 towards the \$38 registration fee. Please see Lauralee Kauffman for details. We hope to see you there!

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale needs your help. Individuals and businesses can help support the sale with a donation of furniture, a household item, or children's toy or item that can be sold on auction. If an individual or business has no item to donate or if a cash donation is preferred, monetary sponsorship is possible. Individuals and businesses can provide sponsorship at the following levels.

- Relief Sponsorship: \$100 - \$249
- Justice Sponsorship: \$250 - \$499
- Hope Sponsorship: \$500 or more

All donors' and sponsors' names will be listed in the sale booklet given to each sale attendee. Contact MCC sale reps Bruce Harvey or Rebecca Beachy Miller for more information.

International Student Aid Fund: The Seekers Sunday School Class of Kalona Mennonite Church invites you to join us for a fundraiser meal today at noon. We will be serving homemade scalloped potatoes and ham (note change of menu). We will feature a Sundae bar. The proceeds will go to the International Student Aid Fund. Our project this year is helping Rudi Mucaj attend Goshen College. Thank you!

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.

First Mennonite Church of Iowa City will be offering GriefShare, a 13-week discussion/support group for persons who have lost a loved one, on Tuesdays from 6:30 until 8 p.m. beginning on April 14. Each participant will receive a workbook to use during the week. Topics to be covered include: living with grief; the journey of grief; the effects of grief; your family and grief; why?; the uniqueness of grief; when your family member or spouse dies; God's prescription for grief; feelings of guilt and forgiveness; stuck in grief; top twenty lessons of grief; and heaven. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, please contact either Marian Schwabbauer (319-466-3094) or Marilyn Rose (319-887-5285),

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Menno Media Select titles of Believers Church Bible Commentary series are now on sale for only \$10.00 USD at www.MennoMedia.org webstore - but only until March 31st! Know someone who would like to have more in depth study of Scripture? These make a great gift and Father's Day and Graduations are coming soon!

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| Attendance Last Sunday: | |
| Morning Worship: 150 | Sunday School: 114 |
| Giving through 3.22.15 | |
| March 22nd Giving | \$ 4,917.00 |
| Year-to-date Giving | \$ 58,630.00 |
| Average Weekly Giving Needed: | \$ 5,791.70 |

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.