

## **Our Call to Commitment**

Leader: God turns the world upside down and inside out,  
bringing life out of death  
and beginnings out of endings.

**Congregation: God, we offer you our hands and hearts.  
Take from them whatever prevents us from  
following Jesus through death and into new life.  
We want to be fully yours.**

### **THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION**

#### ***Today, Easter Sunday, April 5***

- Childcare is available today during and after the sermon.
- No Sunday School

#### ***Tuesday, April 7***

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Jane Miller, The topic will be: Practicing Presence: with God and our project will be cash for Crooked Creek Christian Camp and campers who cannot pay. Sack Lunch.

#### ***Wednesday, April 8***

- **CHOW** with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm  
Adult Program - Dunamis Class - "Depression and Hope"  
Meal: Berean Class

#### ***Thursday, April 9***

- Church Council Meeting 7pm

#### ***Saturday, April 11***

- Ivy Yoder French Toast Breakfast at Kalona Mennonite Church from 6:30 - 10:30 am

#### ***Next Sunday, April 12***

- The Transition Advisory Team is planning a round-table Town Hall conversation on homosexuality at 5 pm. Conversation guides were placed in your mailboxes, extra copies are on the literature shelf under the 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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold, Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Adult & Children's Choirs
Children's Time	Larry Detweiler

## WORSHIP "Upside Down - Inside Out"

Prelude  
 Candle lighting  
 Call to Worship \*see insert  
 Children's Choir  
 Congregational Singing / Prayer  
 Creating the Living Cross  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Announcements  
 Hearing God's Word: John 20:1-18  
 Children's Time  
 Choir: *Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) & This Easter Day*  
 Sermon "While it was still dark"  
 Hymns of Easter Praise  
 Our Call to Commitment \*see back of bulletin  
 Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song - *Handel's Hallelujah Chorus*  
 Benediction

No 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: Loren Hochstedler & Micah Miller  
 Next Sunday: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller

## Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today: (no Sunday School)  
 Next Sunday: TBD

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Oskaloosa Care Center:** Marilyn Yutzey  
**College Students:** Justin Boller, Rebecca Rhodes, Laura Stoltzfus  
**Serving in MCC in Bangladesh:** Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey  
**Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Joyce Schrock, Dale Rhodes  
**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:** On Saturday, April 11, congregational leaders from Central Plains churches will gather in Des Moines to consider the adoption of a covenant for tending to our relationships as a conference. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be powerfully present to guide our discernment.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, as we celebrate Jesus' victory over evil and death, pray with Mennonite Mission Network personnel that god will inspire in each of us the joyful impulse of the first missionaries, the women who shared good news of God's life and love across the street and around the world.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for the seniors at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School as they begin their final quarter. Pray that they may finish well as they anticipate and plan for the future.

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## ***Call to Worship***

Leader: Look, the stone is rolled away!

**People: The Lord is risen!**

Leader: Look, the blood-stained cloth is set aside!

**People: The Lord is risen!**

Leader: Look, the tomb is filled with light!

**People: The Lord is risen!**

**All: *The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!***

## **CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Childcare*** is available today during and after the sermon.

***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.

***The Mennonite Magazine*** Are you wondering what the current issues are within the Mennonite church? Do you feel disconnected with the broader church? Consider subscribing to *The Mennonite!* Our congregation is renewing our group subscriptions and we'd be glad to add you to our group. Each subscription is \$37. Contact Crystal by April 12th if you would like to join our group subscription.

***Women's Fellowship Spring Banquet*** will be held Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All third grade girls and older are welcome to attend. Please bring your favorite salad to share and be prepared for a joyful evening of teaching, song, music, food & fellowship. Please reserve your place today by getting a ticket from Lori Gerber. See Kim Blauvelt for more information and come ready to find your joy!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kalona Summer Lunch** welcomes you to participate. Summer Lunch sponsored this year by Food for All and Kalona United Methodist Church, plans to provide sit-down and carry-out lunches plus activities for at least 8 weeks this summer. Our task, which we do by faith and in the name of Christ, is to treat our guests to good food and good company. No one is too rich or too poor, too young or too old to join in. If you'd like to donate financially, send a check to Food for All, c/o Bill and Amy Spencer, PO Box 513, Kalona, 52247. If you'd like to volunteer, donate food, or find out more, email [foodforallkalona@gmail.com](mailto:foodforallkalona@gmail.com). (Last year's volunteers, we'll be in touch soon.)

**Live Simulcast** Kalona Mennonite is hosting a Priscilla Shirer Live Simulcast on April 25, 9-4:30. This event features speaker Priscilla Shirer and musician Anthony Evans. Registration is \$5 prior to event and \$10 at the door. Make checks payable to Kalona Mennonite and mail to: Shirer Simulcast, PO Box 232, Kalona, IA 52247. An offering will be taken to help cover expenses, including lunch. Contact Dawn Wyse at [kmcsmallgroups@gmail.com](mailto:kmcsmallgroups@gmail.com) or 319-936-0113 for more information.

**The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale** On Sunday, April 12th the wagon will be pulled during offering for MCC Relief Sale (My Coins Count). We'll continue each Sunday through May 24th. Please start collecting those coins!

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* IMS' 21-voice Touring Choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson, will travel to the annual high school choral festival April 10-12. The festival will be held on the Goshen College campus, and hosted by Bethany Christian Schools. IMS is one of 14-16 schools participating...more than 500 voices will join together. Pray for their safety and a wonderful time interacting with their peers from sister schools.

\* 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.

**Sister Care Seminar:** We are looking forward to this women's gathering on **Friday, April 17** with registration beginning at **6pm** followed by Unit 1 from 7pm until **9pm** AND **Saturday, April 18** from **9am** until **4:30pm**. Lunch and snacks are included. We will hear the powerful stories of Dorothy and Liz Miller. We will participate in singing, reading scripture, hearing stories and learning together. You won't want to miss it! So, if you forgot to register, please call Lauralee Kauffman by **Monday, April 6** at 319-354-3304.

**Bluegrass Hymn Sing** On Sunday, April 19, from 2:00-4:00 pm, join Bob and Kristie Black, Paul and Julie Roberts, and other area fine bluegrass musicians as they lead a community hymn sing at the lovely, old St. Michael's Church, Holbrook. Hymn sheets are provided and all who attend have the opportunity to choose their favorites. Everyone is welcome to this informal, come-and-go gathering. Free admission. Sponsored by the Friends of Old St. Michael's. For further information contact Stephen Hanson at 319-396-8674.

**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

**Convention Newsletter** Copies of the KC2015 Convention Newsletter are on the literature table underneath the bulletin board.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 180	Sunday School: 115
<b>Giving through 3.29.15</b>	
March 29th Giving	\$ 6,310.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 64,940.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,904.49

*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.*

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