

**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: Bev Swartzentruber & Jenna Boller  
Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Avery Blauvelt

**Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:**

Today:  
Next Sunday:

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Parkview Manor:** Ervin Miller

**College Students:** Vince Rhodes, Aimee Moberly, Carmen Fernau

**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:** Next Friday and Saturday, a Sister Care seminar is taking place in eastern Iowa. Pray that the Spirit of God would accomplish his purposes for the women gathered there.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children who are experimenting with a ministry in which they will serve six months in Ecuador and six months in the United States, sharing spiritual insights between South and North America. This is a joint ministry of Goshen (Indiana) College and Mennonite Mission Network.

**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for students of Mennonite high schools who have been participating in the Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) Choir Festivals at Bethany Christian Schools, April 10-12, in Goshen, Ind.

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# 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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<b>Worship Leader</b>	Matt Miller
<b>Sermon</b>	Firman Gingerich
<b>Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude</b>	Verna Zook
<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Kristi Miiller

**WORSHIP "Because He Lives"**

Prelude  
Call to Worship "Sing the Story" 177  
Congregational Singing / Prayer  
Announcements  
First Fruits Offering  
"My Coins Count"  
Hearing God's Word: John 20:19-31  
Sermon "My Lord and My God"  
Hymns of Easter Praise  
Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns  
Congregational Prayer  
Sending Song  
Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"Because He Lives,"** will be our worship theme from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2015. Sermons in this series will focus on encounters Jesus followers had with Jesus after His resurrection. Each worship service will ask you to name where Jesus has shown up in your life.

**MCC Sales Quilters** Please give your quilts to one of these members of the quilt committee by Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>: Merle & Marlinda Beachy of Kalona (656-3586), Perry & Carolyn Miller of Kalona (656-2883) or Bob & Pam Miller of Iowa City (319-325-6159). Tags for your quilts are located on the counter underneath the mailboxes. Thank you for your hard work and generosity!

**The Quilt** displayed at the back of the auditorium is the one the East Union Mennonite Women quilted and will be donating to the MCC Sale. It was pieced by Leola White. Also displayed is a small "John Deere" quilt for the sale. It was donated by Crowded Closet and finished by Lauralee Kauffman.

**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!

**Cemetery Mowing** The MYF will be mowing the cemetery this summer but we need also need other people to mow as well. The church pays \$150 for each mowing. If you would be willing to help out or have questions, please contact Chris Rhodes at [rhodes@kctc.net](mailto:rhodes@kctc.net) or 319-330-1243.

### **Upcoming birthday:**

Kerry Saner-Harvey's birthday is April 27. Kerry and his family are serving in Bangladesh thru Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Please shower him with birthday greetings either via postal mail or email. His addresses are:

KerrySanerHarvey@[mcc.org](mailto:mcc.org) or

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

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

**Spring Cleaning** is coming up! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 6. There will be a light meal at 6 pm, followed by cleaning. The Trustees and Custodians have a long list of projects for us!

**The Mennonite Magazine** Our congregation is renewing our group subscriptions and we'd be glad to add you to our group. Each subscription is \$37. Contact Crystal **Today** if you would like to join our group subscription.

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, 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. Light snacks, childcare provided.

### **Friday & Saturday, April 17 & 18**

Sister Care Seminar. *See announcement for details.*

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

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

**Thinking of registering for PA 2015? The time is now!** Register while options are still available for tours and service opportunities. PA 2015, the global Assembly of Mennonite World Conference, will be held July 21-26 in Harrisburg, PA. For more information and to register, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/PA2015>

**Just released: PA 2015 News 6**, the latest newsletter about PA 2015. To see snapshots and learn more about worship and music, speakers, programs for young adults, youth, and children, friendship groups, and more, go to <https://www.mwc-cmm.org/news6>. Click on the newsletter to enlarge and read, or click on the links beside for more detailed information.

**Art Exhibit:** There is still time to submit entries to the juried art exhibit at the MWC Assembly. The deadline for submissions has been changed from April 1 to April 30. For more details, go to <https://www-cmm.org/content/call-artwork-mwc-assembly>

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 207	No Sunday School
<b>Giving through 4.5.15</b>	
April 5th Giving	\$ 8,957.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 73,897.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,824.16

*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.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You are Invited:** Everyone is invited to the spring meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa at the Steve Weeber farm located at 4892 Kansas Ave, SW at 7:00 on Monday, April 27. Steve has an interesting collection of agricultural tools and equipment stored in a peg and mortis constructed barn. He will speak about his collection and how he got started collecting.

**JPOG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Jim Fitz speak on "Non-violence and Peace with ISIS". Jim has 13 years of peacemaking experience in Colombia and will also share his experiences accompanying 80 Colombian farm families who were threatened by guerillas and paramilitaries. Join us on Sunday evening, April 19, 2015, at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church, 1408 540th St SW Kalona, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear Jim's presentation. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

**Last Call:** If you would like to come to the **Sister Care Seminar**, please call Lauralee Kauffman today at 319-354-3304. You can still register for this uplifting weekend **Today Only!** On Friday, April 17, check-in begins at Kalona Mennonite Church (902 6th Street, Kalona, IA) at 6:00pm. We will also meet from 9:00am until 4:30pm on Saturday, April 18. **Be sure to bring your Bibles.** Please let Lauralee, Diane, Marcia or Tamara know if you have any further questions. Hope to see you there!

**Thank you** to all who supported Pathway at our fundraisers this year! May our Lord bless you richly! The Pathway Staff, Parents and Students

**Informative webinar** Everence Financial will present an informational webinar, Understanding long-term care insurance, on Thursday, April 23, at 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. (EDT). Financial Advisor Craig Foor, CLU®, ChFC®, CASL® will discuss how you can cover the high cost of long-term care - without wiping out your life savings. He'll also talk about ensuring quality of care and maintaining your independence. You'll get the information you need to make informed decisions. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact or Melissa Short at Everence: (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or [melissa.short@everence.com](mailto:melissa.short@everence.com)

**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. 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),



## MCC Relief Sale

The wagon will be pulled during offering beginning today through Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> for **My Coins Count**. This year the money will be going to Guatemala: Project Harvest.

This project aims to help 25 families learn to grow nutritious food. This project reaches out particularly to women to help them provide food for their families. Many of the men are away working in cities. Women are given seeds and trained on how to make a garden, make their own organic fertilizer using worm compost, and how to create a drip irrigation system which allows them to continually water their vegetables so that they can grow vegetables year round. They also create compost from kitchen and animal waste. Not only are the participants able to eat their vegetables, they have enough to sell vegetables to other people and increase their family income.

\* 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. Your MCC sale representatives will put out a collection box for your donations or your books can be brought directly to the Book Booth at the south end of Building B on Thursday afternoon or by noon on Friday of the Sale. If you would like to work at the Book Booth, let your MCC rep know.

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.

Please also make sure to check your mailbox for this year's MCC Relief Sale brochures. Pass it along to a friend or co-worker who has never attended the sale.

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Harvey or Rebecca Beachy Miller. Thank you.