

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: Grace Rempel & Avery Blauvelt
Next Sunday: Joel & Catrina Miiller

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today:
Next Sunday:

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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PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna 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, 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 updates.)
Central Plains: Pray for the annual retreat of Central Plains pastors, chaplains and their spouses at Schuyler, Nebraska today through Tuesday. Pray also for the Pastoral Leadership Committee meeting today.
From Mennonite Mission Network: JCS International, the umbrella agency through which Mennonite Mission Network ministers in Mongolia, is searching for an executive director as Kwai Lin Stephens will not be renewing her role when she completes her current term. Pray that the person God is calling to this role will say, "Yes."
From Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that the thirty-two students graduating from Eastern Mennonite Seminary on April 25 will have the courage and grace to follow the next steps in God's call.

Worship Leader	Matt Miller
Sermon	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Kristi & Jon Miiller, Conrad Yutzy, Micah Miller
Special Music	Choir
'My Coins Count' Helpers	Jenna & Julia Boller, Ava Miller, Sarena Gerber

WORSHIP "Because He Lives"

Prelude
Call to Worship "HWB #820" ; Psalms 96:1-3, 9-13
Congregational Singing / Prayer
Announcements
First Fruits Offering
"My Coins Count" - Collection & Song
Choir
Hearing God's Word: Luke 24:36-48
Sermon "Learning How to Live"
Singing Together
Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the Office Firman will be out of the office next Friday April 24. He and Susan will be in Ohio with family and plan to return on Monday evening the 27th. For pastoral care emergencies please call one of our Elders: Larry Detweiler, Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber, or Karen Harvey.

Missing Dish Looking for a 9 x 12 smooth Pyrex casserole dish with red lid. The lid actually has my name on it in black marker. Was left Easter Sunday. Thanks. Judy Showalter

Central Plains Conference Registrations are open! If you are interested in attending this year's Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting in St. Paul, MN from June 18-21, please register online or contact Crystal in the office. Early Bird registration ends April 30th.

MCC Sale Breakfast Volunteers Needed Please let Janet Geyer know if you would be available to help at the breakfast on May 30. I need 16 persons -all ages welcome- from 9:00-10:30 and to help cleaning up after the meal. Please email Janet at janetgeyer@gmail.com or call at 319.321.0995. Joy comes in serving Christ together! Thanks

Save the date for a May 17 Townhall Meeting at 6-7:30 p.m. This Townhall meeting is planned by our Pastoral Search Team and Elders. The subject of this Townhall conversation is exploring possibilities of team ministry as we prepare to call new pastoral leadership to serve and lead us. We want to test and invite counsel on potential models for future team ministry.

Prayer Shawl Ministry exploration

We as Elders have seen the valuable extension of our congregational patterns of care in past "Shawl Ministry" expressions here at East Union Mennonite Church. Shawl ministries focus on giving a gift of a prayer shawl to persons with health or life transition concerns. We currently have no designated "Shawl Ministry" here. We as Elders would welcome a new form of "Shawl Ministry," to emerge to compliment the many expressions of mutual care and prayer already happening. If you would be interested in making "Prayer Shawls" please contact Lauralee Kauffman.

Summer Church Wide Calendar reminders

- * June 18-20 Central Plains Mennonite Conference in St. Paul, MN.
- * June 30 - July 5 Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention and General Assembly, Kansas City, KS.
- * July 21-26 Mennonite World Conference Harrisburg, PA.

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 are not listless, they have lots of projects for us to do.

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MCC Sales Quilters Please give your quilts to one of these members of the quilt committee by Sunday, April 26th: 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!

Women's Fellowship Spring Banquet will be held Wednesday April 29th 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 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 or 319-330-1243.

MCC Washington office has sent information along with other faith groups to the US Court of Appeals in New Orleans. They are advocating the injunction which stopped President Obama's Executive action of November 2014 be lifted. This would enable the Deferred Actions for Parents of America, or DAPA, to proceed along with an extension of deferred actions for childhood arrivals. The court began hearing arguments on Friday, April 17th. Your prayers are solicited. Information can be obtained as the case proceeds from Tammy Alexander at the Washington office at 202-544-6564.

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 or

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

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

Membership Transfers Shawna Huber transferred her membership to United Methodist Church in West Chester on February 5th and Nevin Bontrager transferred his membership to Parkview Church on March 25th.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 146	Sunday School: 121
Giving through 4.12.15	
April 12th Giving	\$ 4,239.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 73,897.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,867.00

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, April 19

- Chronicle articles due.

Wednesday, April 22

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, April 26

- Tim Friesen Director of Crooked Creek Christian Camp will be preaching.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **tonight** 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.

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

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 or 319-936-0113 for more information.

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.

Bible Interpretation Workshop On Sunday, **May 3**, at 1 p.m., Meghan Good will lead a workshop at Wayland Mennonite Church, "The Word Wore Red: Interpretation and Imagination in the Biblical Canon." You are invited to come and examine in fresh terms what Scripture is, learn a few simple tips that will transform the way you read it, explore specific strategies for engaging the Bible's toughest texts, and look at what it means to interpret those texts distinctively as Anabaptists. Meghan will also share her testimony during the 9:30 Sunday School hour and preach in the 10:30 worship hour on the nature of God's Kingdom in small town settings. A potluck will follow the worship service.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- Crooked Creek requests continued prayers for our search of a Food Service Manager. We remain faithful that this position will be filled and trust in the power of God's providence to provide. If you have questions about the job or any announcements please let me know and I would be glad to dialogue with you. - Tim Friesen
- **Job posting:** Crooked Creek Christian Camp of Washington, Iowa, is seeking a Food Service Manager. This position will provide overall leadership to the kitchens for year-round guests with a reputation of great hospitality and great food including summer camp and events. 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.
- On **May 9**, Crooked Creek Christian Camp hosts the 2nd annual **Camp-A-Palooza**, our camp scholarship fund. Registration forms available online now for the Color-Me-Fun 5K Run where participants receive the official 2015 T-shirt and get doused in color. Visit crookedcreekcamp.org for more information.
- **Register for Summer Camp at Crooked Creek!** Camps are available for children in grades 1st-12th. You can register online at www.crookedcreekchristiancamp.org. Early Bird Discount ends May 1.

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.

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