

**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: Joel & Catrina Miiller  
Next Sunday: Elvesta Hochstedler & Evelyn Gerber

**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**

**Pleasantview Home:** Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook  
**College Students:** Gretchen Geyer who graduates from Goshen College today, Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber  
**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 Central Plains Christian Formation Committee meeting next Saturday. The CFC equips formation leaders through such activities as teacher training, Shalom Readers, and web resources.  
**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Today, DOOR Denver is hosting its annual *Cinco de Mayo* festival fundraiser. Pray that relationships will deepen as three churches minister to their community through food, local performers, and children's activities. DOOR is a Mennonite Mission Network partner.  
**From Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Goshen College students who will graduate this weekend, as they go forth into the world and into a new chapter in their lives.

Worship Leader	Matt Miller
Sermon	Tim Friesen
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Steve Groenewold, Micah Miller
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager
'My Coins Count' Helpers	Norah & Ethan Yoder, Henry Yoder, Ian Schmidt

**WORSHIP "Because He Lives"**

Prelude  
Call to Worship: Sing the Story #184  
Congregational Singing / Prayer  
Announcements  
First Fruits Offering  
"My Coins Count" - Collection & Song  
Hearing God's Word: Psalm 104:1-35  
Lessons from Camp - Chris Rhodes  
Sermon "The Splendor and Majesty of God"  
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** Pastor Firman Gingerich is away this weekend with family in Ohio. If you have a pastoral care emergency please contact an elder: Larry Detweiler, Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber or Karen Harvey. Firman will be back in the office next Tuesday April 28. He will be out of the office again from May 1 - May 7 during which time Firman and Susan will move to their new address, 726 Croell Ave. Tiffin, IA 52340. Please use his cell phone for calls, 319-855-8379.

### **Summer Worship Series**

The Parables of Jesus will be the focus of our summer worship-preaching series for the months of June-August. Believing that Jesus is the center of our faith we want to plan worship services that help us grow in ways we know who Jesus is.

Our Worship Committee and Firman will plan a variety of worship expressions to help guide us. Here is where you can help, you can choose the Jesus Parables that we will use for worship and preaching. Between now and May 24 give your parable suggestions to Firman Gingerich or to Renae Miller, Worship Committee chair or Worship Committee members: Lisa Schmidt, Steve Groenewold, and Larry Detweiler.

**Thank you!** We are so very grateful for the meals, monetary gifts, and other gifts that East Union and its members have offered us as we have welcomed Declyn and Evelyn into our family. Thank you for your generosity, support and kindness. -Neil, Karenza, Declyn, and Evelyn Yoder

**Congratulations** to Gretchen Geyer who is graduating from Goshen College today! Prayers and blessings on your graduation and for your future endeavors.

**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 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 clean up after the meal. Please email Janet at [janeteger@ gmail.com](mailto:janeteger@ 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.

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**The leadership search committee** is ready to take names from the congregation of persons you would wish us to consider for the position of pastor. The candidate can be from outside the congregation or can be someone inside the congregation who you feel has the gifts and abilities to be our minister. We will process these with Tim Detweiler[conference minister] and anyone who wants to be considered as a candidate will need to fill out a ministerial leadership information form with Tim. Thank you very much and please pray for us and for any future candidate. Nyle Kauffman

### **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.

**MCC Sales Quilters** Please give your quilts to one of these members of the quilt committee by **today**: 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 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!

*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.*

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, Sunday, April 26*

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

### *Wednesday, April 29*

- Women's Fellowship Spring Banquet 6:30 pm, \*see announcement

### *Thursday, April 30*

- Worship Committee Meeting 7pm

### *Next Sunday, May 3*

- The IMS Touring Choir will be leading our worship service. We will be receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> offering in worship for support of the IMS Touring Choir.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 159	Sunday School: 75
<b>Giving through 4.19.15</b>	
April 19th Giving	\$ 6,483.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 80,380.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,967.64

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Iowa Mennonite School*

- "Spring Fling" will bring a variety show atmosphere to the *Celebration Hall* stage on Friday, May 1; many IMS students will share their talents through short skits, musical acts, and other surprises. The show is geared to children of all ages, and begins at 7:00 pm. Following the show, edible treats (created by the Culinary Arts class) will be served in the lobby. Admission is by donation only; come and support the arts!
- *Camp Creamery Drama Camp* at IMS will again take place this summer, from July 27-31...for children ages 7 and up (through high school). Rehearsals will be during the day, with a performance on Friday, July 31. For more information regarding cost and registration, go to [www.iowamennonite.org/camps](http://www.iowamennonite.org/camps)
- Do you have gently worn shoes you or someone in your family no longer wears? Iowa Mennonite School's Compassion Club would like to donate them to Soles4Souls. **This organization advances its anti-poverty mission by collecting new and used shoes then distributing those shoes both via direct donations to people in need and by provisioning qualified micro-enterprise programs designed to create jobs in poor and disadvantaged communities.** Our shoe drive will end May 13th. Bring shoes to IMS or put them in the box at your church labeled "Soles4Souls". An IMS student will bring them to school. Thank you!

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**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.

**POPULAR SPEAKER COMING:** Dr. Glen E. Miller will be in the Kalona area to speak on the topic of how to live knowing life might end. He is a well-known speaker on this subject and has written book entitled Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well. Dr. Miller is a retired physician with theological training who himself had a near death experience that shaped his writing, thinking and living. He will be at East Union Mennonite Church on Thurs. May 7 at 7 p.m. and Pleasantview Home in Kalona on Friday May 8 at 10 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Copies of his book will be available for purchase. Glen will also be preaching here at East Union on May 10<sup>th</sup> in our morning worship. His sermon title is "Finding Jesus in the use of technology".

**The Celebration Community Choir** will perform at 7 pm on Saturday, **May 9** at Iowa Mennonite School. The program, which was based on the singers' own musical interests, will include pieces spanning from Palestrina to contemporary pop and will also engage the music and cultural significance of several traditional Mexican songs. The singers have enjoyed an open and inviting music-making experience and are excited to share. Everyone is invited and admission is free.

**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***

- 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](http://crookedcreekcamp.org) for more information.
- **Register for Summer Camp at Crooked Creek!** Camps are available for children in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. You can register online at [www.crookedcreekchristiancamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekchristiancamp.org). Early Bird Discount ends May 1.