



## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Out of the office*

- Crystal will be out of the office on Friday. Please have your bulletin announcements in by Noon on Wednesday. Thank you!
- Firman will be out of the office Tuesday through Thursday of this week. For pastoral care emergencies, please contact one of the elders: Larry Detweiler, Lauralee Kauffman, Jeff Swartzentruber or Karen Harvey. Firman will be back in the office on Friday, May 8.

***Congratulations!*** to Josh, Jill & Livia Lundberg on the birth of a daughter and sister, Natalia Rebecca, born Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>. Natalia weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. The rosebud this morning is in celebration of her!

***Enjoy a snack for a good cause!*** Next Sunday, May 10, there will be baked goods during coffee time with a donation basket. I will be participating in Ladies Football Academy on June 6, sponsored by the University of Iowa Foundation, which is a fundraiser for the Children's Hospital. Each participant must raise a minimum of \$500 and every cent goes to the hospital. I am looking for your help! Please stop by the table, have some goodies, and learn more about the new hospital. If you'd like to donate electronically to my fundraising efforts, feel free to use this site to do so here: <http://www3.uifoundation.org/iowaladiesfootballacademy/donation/?kwoAdvocateld=EQMEZH7> Thanks in advance for your support! - Nici Bontrager

### ***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.

***The Pastoral 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

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### ***Today, Sunday, May 3***

- The IMS Touring Choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson, is leading our worship service this morning. We will be receiving a 2<sup>nd</sup> offering in worship for support of the IMS Touring Choir.

### ***Tuesday, May 5***

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Leola White, The topic will be: Practicing Presence: through Healing Touch and our project will be cash for MCC/Seeds and gardening supplies. Potluck.

### ***Wednesday, May 6***

- 6:00 light meal and then **Spring Cleaning** for all ages. Babysitting available for young children. Please come help with the many projects inside and outside the church!

### ***Thursday, May 7***

- Guest Speaker Dr. Glen Miller 7pm \*See bulletin announcement

### ***Next Sunday, May 10***

- Glen Miller will be preaching.
- During the Sunday School hour there will be an open forum with Glen Miller, Nyle Kauffman and Firman Gingerich in conversation about Glen's writing theme, "Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well." Bring your thoughts and questions about both living and dying well.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 127	Sunday School: 106
<b>Giving through 4.19.15</b>	
April 19th Giving	\$ 4,870.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 85,250.00
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,999.00

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**HELP PEOPLE IN NEPAL:** Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is requesting donations to support its response to the 7.8-magnitude earthquake that shook Nepal April 25. Focusing its initial emergency response on hard-hit rural communities, MCC is providing food, tarps, blankets and cooking pots and utensils. A longer-term response will be determined as MCC and its partners assess the situation. Please pray for the people of Nepal and the work of MCC. Donations can be made at [mcc.org/nepal-earthquake](http://mcc.org/nepal-earthquake) or by calling 888-563-4676. Checks may be sent to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500.

# BECAUSE HE LIVES

*Because He Lives:  
We have hope for tomorrow  
He brings joy instead of sorrow*

*Because He lives:  
We can be free from all sin  
He gives us peace from within*

*Because He lives:  
We have nothing to fear  
He is besides us, always near*

*Because He lives:  
We have been born again  
He gives us a new life to begin*

*Because He lives:  
We have life beyond the grave  
He died for us, His life, He gave*

*Because He lives:  
We are destined to forever be  
His bride, in heaven for eternity*



**May**  
**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

**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 [janetegeyer@gmail.com](mailto:janetegeyer@gmail.com) or call at 319.321.0995. Joy comes in serving Christ together! Thanks

**PARKING Volunteers** are needed to park cars both Friday evening and Saturday morning. Any adult who can point can help! There are two shifts each day. The shifts are 3-6 pm and 5-8 pm on Friday, May 29 and 7-10 am and 9-noon on Saturday, May 30. Seven volunteers are needed on each shift! If you are available for a shift, contact Lonnie Bartel at 319-400-1363 or [lonnie.bartel@gmail.com](mailto:lonnie.bartel@gmail.com). If you contact Lonnie, please also inform Bruce or Rebecca, so we can know if we are at least meeting our East Union quota.

**COMPUTER-savvy** volunteers are needed to serve at welcome centers to efficiently and accurately enter the required information for persons requesting bidding numbers. For more information contact Dan Landes at 319-383-1895 or [danamylandes@gmail.com](mailto:danamylandes@gmail.com).

**BAKING Volunteers** are needed. **Baking supplies** (styro boards, pans, bags, twisties, labels) **for cookies, rolls, cakes, pies and sweet breads** are now on the table in the foyer. Sign your name by a number on the sign-up sheet and put that number on each label that you use along with your list of ingredients for whatever you bake. If you bake a gluten free item, then "gluten free" and the kind of flour used must be on the label. Each label's address will be East Union Mennonite Church. Have your baked items at church by 11 am on Friday May 29 and by 8 am on Saturday, May 30. If you want to order and pay for something at Golden Delight Bakery for the Sale and want Bruce to pick up your order on that Friday, then please tell him. If you have any questions, ask Bruce Harvey or Rebecca Beachy Miller.

**Meals in Homes:** **COOKING** volunteers are needed who are willing to provide an in-home meal to be sold at the annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale on May 29 and 30. To list your in-home meal for proper advertising, contact Marcia and Ellis Miller at 319-656-3242 or [marcia@kctc.net](mailto:marcia@kctc.net).

If you have any Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale questions, please contact Bruce Harvey at 319-656-3009 or [bkharvey@kctc.net](mailto:bkharvey@kctc.net) or Rebecca Beachy Miller at 319-656-2978 or [rabeachy@msn.com](mailto:rabeachy@msn.com).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 a book entitled *Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well* which describes his experience of dying twice and is a collection of stories designed to help us think about and plan for our own or our families end of life experiences. "Thoughtful preparation for a 'good death' can be part of a life well lived."

Dr. Miller will make presentations and offer time for discussion at the following places and times. All are welcome to attend. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

- East Union Mennonite Church Thursday May 7 at 7 pm
- Pleasantview Home Friday, May 8 at 10 am
- Sugar Creek Mennonite Church Friday, May 8 at 7 pm
- Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church Sunday, May 10 at 6 pm

On Saturday May 9 at 7 pm there will be a meeting designed for medical care providers (nurses, doctors, therapists, counselors and allied personnel) at Iowa City Mennonite Church.

**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.

**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.

**Seize the Summer Tour** event with *Polen Band* and *Off The Wall Ministries* will take place on Wednesday, **May 13** at 7 pm at IMS Celebration Hall. This event is free and open to the public. Find and Share the event page on Facebook.

### **How you can help with Kalona Summer Lunch**

Planning for the lunch is well underway, and we're looking forward to some exciting changes this year, including having more people sit down and eat with us! Visit the Food for All website to learn more: [foodforallkalona.weebly.com](http://foodforallkalona.weebly.com). If you'd like to help with setup and cleanup, or provide food or activities, go to the volunteer signup sheet online at [goo.gl/cZmaiV](http://goo.gl/cZmaiV). Or contact us by email at [foodforallkalona@gmail.com](mailto:foodforallkalona@gmail.com) or call 656-3916. Donations are welcome and can be sent to Food for All, PO Box 553, Kalona.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

- IMS is pleased to announce the appointment of Steve Schrag as principal and chief administrator, beginning August 1. Steve and Meghan, along with their daughters Greta and Eden, will move to southeast Iowa from Telford, PA, where Steve has served as Middle School principal at Penn View Christian School in Souderton for the past eight years. The IMS community welcomes the Schrags to the area...we look forward to continuing the mission of educating our students in a Christ-centered environment. More information about the appointment, and the Schrags, is available at [www.iowamennonite.org](http://www.iowamennonite.org).
- Iowa Mennonite School's *Academic & Fine Arts Awards Night* will take place Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 in *Celebration Hall*. The evening will include the recognition of students' academic achievements, plus induction of new members into the National Honor Society. All are welcome to attend.
- The 21-voice IMS Touring Choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson, will present their final church concert of the year on Sunday, May 10 at 6:30 pm. The program will be at Washington Mennonite Church. All are welcome to come and worship with them!
- Iowa Mennonite School's Spring Music Concert will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 17 in Celebration Hall. Both the Touring Choir and Chorale will sing, and the concert will also include music by the Symphonic Band, Chamber Singers, and other smaller ensembles. All are invited to attend the concert, under the direction of Josh Tyson.
- *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)

### **Crowded Closet**

- The Crowded Closet will expand its hours during May-August. We will be opening Monday-Friday from 9:30-6:00 and Saturday from 9:30-4:00. We look forward to seeing you!
- The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, Iowa City, is seeking a full time Furniture Assistant. This position would involve managing the flow of donations through the Furniture area, pricing items, and managing salvaged items. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be on your feet, be able to lift 30-50 lbs., work both independently and as part of a team. Applicant would be required to work two Saturdays a month. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact Dan Landes at 319-337-5924 or email [crowdedcloset1@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset1@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted until May 30th or until the position is filled.