

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: Kara & Cade Groenewold
Next Sunday: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber

Toddler Room Staff during Sunday School:

Today:
Next Sunday:

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oskaloosa Care Center: Marilyn Yutzey
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
Praying for; victims of the earthquake in Nepal: for those who have lost their homes and livelihood, who lost their friends and family members. Bring hope and peace to persons experiencing pain and despair.
Central Plains: Pray for Monica Clem, office manager for Central Plains, as she oversees registration, prepares delegate packets, and arranges many other details in preparation for Annual Meeting 2015 in St.Paul.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for Mennonite Church members in Sidi, Burkina Faso, where village leaders withhold land to punish Christians. Pray for resolution and that Christians would be able to grow food for their families on the land.
Mennonite Education Agency: Restorative justice is "taking off" in settings at home and abroad. Pray for Eastern Mennonite University educators who are specialists in the field as they network and equip those with new awareness and openness to alternatives to criminal justice systems.

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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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Worship Leader	Chris Rhodes
Sermon	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
'My Coins Count' Helpers	Adrienne Blauvelt, Norah Yoder, Drew Blauvelt
Children's Time	Larry Detweiler

WORSHIP "Because He Lives"

Prelude
Call to Worship: Sing the Story #190
Congregational Singing and Prayer
Announcements
First Fruits Offering
"My Coins Count" - Collection & Song
Hearing God's Word: Acts 2:1-21
Children's Time
Sermon: "Bewildered, Amazed and Astonished"
Singing Together
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

New Address: Firman & Susan Gingerich, 726 Croell Ave., Tiffin, IA 52340

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed~

We have two Primary/Junior Sunday School classes in need of teachers this summer (June 7-August 30). Please see Jon Miiller or Sarah Yoder if you are interested in teaching for some or all of the summer months for the following classes:

Middler: 5th graders

Junior High: 6th-8th graders

Congratulations! Emma Yoder graduated last Sunday, May 17th, from the University of Iowa with a Major in Health & Human Physiology and a Minor in Counseling & Rehab. We pray God will lead and bless her as she makes plans for the future.

Cancellation The trip to Fun Fest in Gary, Indiana on June 13th to help with God's Children's House project has been cancelled.

Stay connected to summer delegate sessions for Central Plains Mennonite Conference and for Mennonite Church USA General Assembly.

Central Plains annual delegate sessions will be June 18-21, 2015 at Woodland Hills Church St. Paul, MN. We expect to receive the conference agenda shortly and will make that available for everyone. Our delegates to Central Plains Mennonite Conference are Nelson Miller, Mary Miller, Karen Harvey, Bruce Harvey, Elvesta Hochstetler and Firman Gingerich. (Elvesta is a substitute delegate for Janet Geyer our missions communicator for this year)

Mennonite Church USA General Assembly will be June 30 - July 5, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri. Our delegates to General Assembly are Nyle Kauffman, Janet Geyer and Phil Yoder. Full preparation documents are available at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/delegate-resources>.

We will also keep copies of resolutions on our literature table for you to take to become familiar with. Additionally we are planning to have two Sunday School forums open in the sanctuary for you to be in conversation with our delegates. You will find a daily prayer and reflection guide at this Mennonite Church USA Convention planning site <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/where-is-god-leading-us-as-a-people/>. Meditations are to help prepare folks for being together as God's people in Kansas City.

Our scheduled delegate led forums:

- June 14 Overview of Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual session agenda
- June 21 Overview of Mennonite Church USA General Assembly

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, May 24

- Favorite Parable suggestion forms due.
- Chronicle articles due.

Monday, May 25



Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 127	Sunday School: 106
Giving through 5.17.15	
May 17th Giving	\$ 7,090.25
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 100,939.25
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,071.12



May 29th & 30th

YOU ARE INVITED to the 36th annual Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, **May 29 and 30**, in Iowa City. The Sale opens at 3 pm Friday and ends early afternoon on Saturday. Your presence and support of the sale helps us raise funds for the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). MCC works globally in the areas of relief, development and peace building, all "in the name of Christ." More information at iamccreliefsale.org. Invite your neighbors, coworkers and friends!

PARKING Volunteers are needed to park cars both Friday evening and Saturday morning. If you are available for a shift, contact Lonnie Bartel at 319-400-1363 or lonnie.bartel@gmail.com.

GARDEN PRODUCE is needed for the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. You may bring it washed or unwashed. **Rhubarb** sells well! For questions, call Donna Yoder at 319-430-3728

BAKED GOODS Today is the last Sunday to pick up the boxes and pans for baked goods brought to the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. Your baking supports the work MCC is doing around the world, in "the name of Christ." Contact your church rep with questions. If you would like Bruce or Rebecca to deliver your baked items to the Sale, bring them to church by 11 am on Friday May 29 and by 8 am on Saturday, May 30.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urgent Need: We have several dozen quilt tops for Nepal that need to be knotted. We are planning a work night at Kalona Mennonite Church between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, the 26th. Men, women and youth - anyone who can tie a square knot - is needed. We could also use a few sewing machine to sew binding down. We want to get these comforters finished by the MCC sale, because we will have people to transport them to Newton, Ks and Goshen, Ind. and get them to those in need. If anyone has any finished comforters that they would like to donate, you can bring them along that evening. Prayerfully consider helping, even if only for an hour. Any questions, call Juanita at 319-656-3939.

Pleasantview Home The Summer Wheelchair Rides provided by community volunteers will run June 2 and through August 25. If you enjoy the outdoors, getting exercise and the benefit of friendship, please consider offering of yourself and your time. The rides are offered from 9:30-10:30. Call Pleasantview at 319-656-2421 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator, Wanda Yoder.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp needs our help in the kitchen. Each church is asked to provide 4 volunteers to work a half day shift. Please contact Chris Rhodes at 319-330-1243 or rhodes@kctc.net. There is also an internet sign up sheet at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fafa62ea7fb6-summer>

Volunteers and food donors needed for Kalona Summer Lunch
Signup has been slow so far this spring, so please consider joining this ecumenical ministry of hospitality! Visit our signup online at goo.gl/cZmaiV, or call 656-3916. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup, and to provide some foods, like homemade cookies and lunch meats. If you enjoy helping with activities, please join us anytime!

Kalona Summer Lunch, a ministry that reflects Jesus' love for all, provides make-your-own-lunches on MWF starting June 8 (with pack-and-take available for days in-between), at Kalona Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome; it's free or by donation. For more information, email foodforallkalona@gmail.com. For news, Like our Facebook page: Food for All - Kalona.

Iowa Mennonite School

Iowa Mennonite School's annual *Fairway Fun Golf Outing* is set for Saturday, June 13 at the Kalona Golf Course...grab your foursome or register as an individual! \$75 per person, with proceeds going to the school's general fund. The cost includes pastries at 7:30 am; 18 holes of golf beginning at 8:00; a sleeve of balls; lunch following play; and the chance to win prizes. The format is a 4-person best shot. Come and enjoy the day with other IMS supporters...register online at www.iowamennonite.org or by contacting Larry Swartzendruber at lswartzendruber@iowamennonite.org or 319-656-2073.

Getting ready to retire?

Everence Financial will present an informational seminar, *Retiring soon? Make sense of your Medicare and Social Security choices* at 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on two upcoming Tuesdays - June 2 and July 7. Everence Financial Advisor Kent Blossom will speak on Medicare and Social Security, provide instructions on how to enroll, strategies to consider, and answer related questions. The seminars will take place at Kalona Coffee House, 211 5th St. No registration required. If you have questions, contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242, (877) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com.

May is National Foster Care Month! Come learn about the ongoing and urgent need for more foster and adoptive families and how you can make a difference in your community. There is an Iowa KidsNet Information Session being held at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church on Thursday, June 4 at 6 p.m. Questions? Call Addie Martinez 319-784-2148 or amartinez@fouroaks.org

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Help Wanted:

Mennonite Mission Network is looking to fill a few final positions in three of our programs for this fall. Apply by June 1. For more info, contact JohnM@MennoniteMission.net.

- **Service Adventure Unit Leaders:** Live in a unit house with a small group of youth and offer support as they serve and live in Christian community. Positions open in Albany, Ore. and Albuquerque, N.M. Age: 24+, term: 2 years.
- **Journey International:** Grow spiritually, learn passionately, and serve in Indonesia as a teacher or digital media content creator. Ages 18-27, term: 1 year.
- **Mennonite Voluntary Service:** Serve, live, and grow in places like Chicago, Madison, San Antonio, and Kansas City. Age: 20+, term: 1-2 years.

Attention All MCC Alumni! Stop by the Mennonite Central Committee display table at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale May 29 & 30. We have a special MCC Alumni sticker for you to wear during the sale! Please don't be shy about the sticker. It's simply a way of honoring the contribution of service you gave through MCC and a way for others to recognize you as alumni of MCC. It's a win, win - plus, the sticker might help you make connections with other alumni at the sale! Drop by, pick up a sticker and then enjoy the sale!