

**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: Kim & Drew Blauvelt  
Next Sunday: Tammy Yoder & Sheila Niemeyer

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Oaknoll Retirement Home:** Edna Yoder

**Serving in MCC in Bangladesh:** Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey

**Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Joyce Schrock

**Praying for**; Praying for victims of flooding in Texas: for those who have lost their homes, friends and family members. Bring hope and peace to persons experiencing pain and despair.

**Central Plains:** Pray for the Villatoro family, separated by deportation. Pray for God's guidance and provision for Max and Gloria and their children in this time of separation and uncertainty. Pray also for Iglesia Torre Fuerte, the congregation in Iowa City that Max and Gloria pastor.

**From Mennonite Mission Network:** Rescue Network Nepal, a Mission Network partner, trains people in remote areas of the country to give emergency aid in case of home, farm or traffic accidents. Pray for director, Jaya Thapa, and these first responders as they deal with the overwhelming needs in the aftermath of last month's earthquakes.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Thank God for the gifts and contributions of Bethel College alumni, and pray for God's presence during the closing worship of Alumni Weekend, which includes a special remembrance of friends and family who have died in the past year.

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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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Worship Leader	Loren and Elvesta Hochstedler
Sermon	Loren Swartzendruber
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Susan Gingerich
Scripture	David Charles

**WORSHIP**

- Prelude
- Call to Worship: Psalms 100:1-5; HWB #821
- Congregational Singing and Prayer
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- "Lord, listen to your children praying" HWB #353
- Hearing God's Word: Luke 8:4-10
- Sermon: "Preparing the Soil of the Soul"
- Response Song
- Congregational Singing
- Celebrating and reaffirming marriage covenant
- Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Summer Series: "Jesus Parables: The Kingdom of Heaven is like..."**

Jesus frequently used parables to teach his followers and the crowds that gathered important lessons about God's Kingdom. Over 1/3 of the Gospels are filled with Jesus teaching parables. It is our hope that the parables of Jesus used in this series will strength and renew ways you respond to Jesus in your journey of faith. Next week we will focus on the 'Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard' from Matthew 20:1-16

**Taco Salad Bar Fundraiser Meal** Gretchen Geyer will be hosting a taco salad bar fundraiser meal after church on Sunday June 28. Gretchen will be doing voluntary service in Bolivia starting in August for one and is required to raise \$5,800.

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

**Wednesday, June 10**

- Church Council Meeting 7 pm

**Next Sunday, June 14**

- 8:55 - 9:15 am - Prayer ministry for our Pastoral search. Join us weekly in the MYF Room.
- Overview of Central Plains Mennonite Conference annual session agenda during Sunday School.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CALLING ALL KIDS!!!** Come join us for Vacation Bible School this summer from July 17-19. We'll have lots of time for crafts, games, skits, yummy snacks, and most importantly LEARNING ABOUT JESUS. Invite a friend and be prepared to have fun! Watch this space for more information to come....

**SAVE THE DATE!** Camp East Union will be held on Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th. Join our church family for games, food, outdoor movie night, camping and more! More information to come.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 167	Sunday School: 114
<b>Giving through 5.31.15</b>	
May 31st Giving	\$ 3,369.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 109,793.25
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,180.73

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp** Camp starts June 8 with 1st & 2nd graders and June 10 with 3rd & 4th graders. Please pray for campers, counselors and all staff as we minister to children and the community. May the presence of God be with us all.

**The Aging Well Group** will meet on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center. Our Presenter will be Dr. Schlader from Eye Associates of Kalona. His topic will be, "Common Age Related Eye Conditions: Keeping Our Eyes Healthy as We Age". He will share ways we can take care of our eyes as we age.

**The Steel Wheels**, a contemporary bluegrass and folk group from Harrisonburg, VA, will present a show in Celebration Hall at IMS on THURSDAY, June 11, 7:30 PM. Tickets are available by calling the IMS office or purchasing them at the door. Adults: \$15; students: \$10.

**Kalona Summer Lunch starts Monday** And you can still help! Please use this URL to visit our volunteer and food donations signup on the internet: [goo.gl/cZmaiV](http://goo.gl/cZmaiV). Or call Amy at 656-3916. Monetary donations can be sent to Food for All, PO Box 553, Kalona, 52247. Please come eat with us too (free or by donation--your choice). The lunch is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, noon to 1:00, at Kalona Methodist, 4th St. and C Ave.

**Community Choir** The Celebration Community Choir is up and running again! Meetings will be Thursdays at 7pm in the Pleasantview Home Chapel starting on June 11th. The choir will remain open to everyone of every age who would like to sing throughout the summer, regardless of experience level. Please join us for some fun singing. Contact Nathaniel Yoder De Avila if you have any questions: [nathanielyoder@gmail.com](mailto:nathanielyoder@gmail.com) and 319-325-3059.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Save the Date!**

September 19 & 20, 2015

Swan Lake Christian Camp - Viborg, South Dakota

A weekend retreat just for women, hosted by Henderson, Nebraska women Annual Central Plains Mennonite Women Retreat

Speaker: Luann Yutze

Theme: "Time in a bottle" with 4 sessions: All she needed that day, Trees don't seem to have trouble, Give me someone, Blessed are you

More details to follow at a later date