

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: Carrie Miller & Sam Yoder
Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Micah Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 124	Sunday School:
Giving through 6.21.15	
June 21st Giving	\$ 7,185.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 129,149.25
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,150.58

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
At Home: Nora Dickel
Serving at CCCC with Camping Inquiry Program: Anya Slabaugh
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Joyce Schrock
Central Plains: This week from Tuesday through Sunday, youth and adults from across Mennonite Church USA will gather in Kansas City for convention. Pray that many youth will accept the call of Jesus to follow Him, and that the Holy Spirit will lead the delegate body towards God's will for our church.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network rejoices with Ghana Mennonite Church, which experienced reconciliation between a group of congregations in the northern part of the country that had withdrawn several years ago. Pray for the newly reunited church that now consists of 28 congregations and a membership of about 5,000 baptized members.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Mennonite Education Agency board of directors meeting tomorrow and Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. Pray that God might grant the board wisdom as they serve to strengthen the connection between Mennonite educational institutions and MC USA.

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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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller
Instrumentalists	Jon Miiller, Conrad Yutzy, Micah Miller

WORSHIP

Prelude
Call to Worship
Congregational Singing and Prayer
Announcements
First Fruits Offering
Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43
Sermon: "Growing Wheat or Killing Weeds"
Response Song
Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
Congregational Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, June 28

- **Taco Salad Bar Fundraiser Meal** Gretchen Geyer will be hosting a taco salad bar fundraiser meal after church. Gretchen will be doing voluntary service in Bolivia starting in August. This is one way we can all help Gretchen raise funds towards her \$5800 goal.

Tuesday, June 30 - Sunday, July 5

- Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, MO. Our congregation delegates to MC USA General Assembly are Janet Geyer, Nyle Kauffman and Phil Yoder. Our Youth Group of Jenna Boller & Avery Blauvelt and sponsors Joel & Catrina Miiller are attending Youth Convention.

Next Sunday, July 5

- 8:55 - 9:15 am - Prayer ministry for our Pastoral search. Join us weekly in the MYF Room.
- During Sunday School our Central Plains Conference Delegates will share learnings from recent annual conference gathered around the theme "Joyfully following Jesus: Communities centered in Christ."

UPCOMING EVENTS

CALLING ALL KIDS!!!

All children preschool thru grade 6 are invited to "Son Spark Labs" where kids discover God's Plan 4 U = Jesus!

*Friday, July 17 & Saturday, July 18 from 9 am - 4 pm.
(note: lunch will be provided to all children and staff)*

This summer, children will excitedly explore the amazing SonSpark Labs. They will trace God's life-changing plan as it's revealed from Creation to the present and on into the future. They'll find answers to life's most important questions. They will discover that God loves them and that through Jesus they can be members of God's family and personally experience God's plan for each of us.

Please invite a friend and RSVP by July 10th. You can sign up by visiting the church's website at eastunionmennonite.org and click on "Vacation Bible School" under the Ministries tab. Hope to see you there!

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.

Are YOU 75 years or older? Then you are one of our **Splendid Seniors** and we have something special in store for you. **SAVE THE DATE August 20 from 10 am to 2 pm** for some fun, food and fellowship. More information will be coming.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Firman Gingerich will be out of the office this week to attend General Assembly. For any pastoral care needs this week, please contact one of these elders: Larry Detweiler, Jeff Swartzentruber, or Karen Harvey.

The Gift Discernment Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the following people to fill the position listed beside their name.

Christian Nurture Chairperson - Carrie Schmidt
Extension Committee - Mary Miller
General Assembly Delegate - Nyle Kauffman
Head Usher - Marv Hershberger
Music Committee - Kristi Miiller
Church Historian - Nyle Kauffman
Central Plains Delegate - Nelson Miller

Also, if you haven't already done so, please fill out the ballot forms from last Sunday and place them in the Gift Discernment Box. Thank you.

Photographers Needed: Do you enjoy taking pictures as a hobby? If so, please consider being available at the different functions of East Union to snap photos to be used in the Chronicle, as well as, East Union's Facebook page. If you are interested, please contact Crystal in the office.



Wedding Shower The Stewards Sunday School class is hosting a wedding shower for Collin Gingerich and Charity Springer on Saturday, July 25th at 9:30 am in the church fellowship hall. They are registered at Target and Younkers. We want the ladies of the church to get this event on their calendars. More details of time, etc. will come later. Thanks!

Lost - Purple flowered tote used to carry SS material was left in basement supply room and has disappeared. If you happened to use it would you please return it to the supply room. Thank you

Subscriptions Forms to subscribe to the Rejoice and/or Purpose can be found under the mailboxes. Please fill out, attach payment and put in my mailbox, or call me at 656-2537. Thank you, Shirley Yoder

MYF Money Wall fundraiser This is the last week of the MYF Money Wall fundraiser. Grab an envelope, use the card inside to remind yourself to pray for us this coming week at convention, insert the amount of money indicated on the front of the envelope and return it to the box on the bulletin board or to Joel and Catrina! Thanks!

Jose Gutierrez
Pastor of Iglesia Zoar
Reynosa, Tamps. Mexico
Guest Preacher on July 12, 2015

Jose Gutierrez and his wife Raquel began their ministry at Iglesia Zoar about 6 years ago on a part time basis while holding down other full time jobs. Iglesia Zoar is a small church in the deeply impoverished community of Flores de Mayo on the outskirts of Reynosa, Mexico, about a 10 minute drive from McAllen Texas.

Reynosa is a large and exceptionally violent city, controlled by the Gulf Drug Cartel which is in constant conflict with the Mexican military and other Cartels for control of the lucrative drug smuggling routes into the US.

The small community of Flores de Mayo is made up of people from the poor states of southern Mexico who have sold everything they own in attempt to travel to the US. They have run out of resources and don't have the money to cross the border or to return home. Illiteracy rates in this community are 75 to 80%. Houses are made of scraps of plywood, cardboard or whatever they can get their hands on. Many children eat only once a day and are malnourished. There is no drainage, electricity or running water in the community. Joining the cartel is seen as the only viable career path to many of the youth. In this environment Jose Gutierrez and Raquel provide pastoral services to Iglesia Zoar and the community.

The church provides a daily feeding and nutrition program for children and families, literacy classes, occasional job training, clean drinking water, a mentoring program for youth, as well as several church services each week and a family visitation program. Jose, Raquel and their supporters in the US have identified a critical need to broaden the base of prayer partners as well as financial partners for the work in Reynosa. Jose along with several supporters has arranged a 3 week tour of various groups in the US that have interest in issues related to poverty, violence and immigration. Raquel is at home in Reynosa caring for their newly adopted 2 year old girl.

Currently they are supported by a foundation and several individuals in the US who see this as a critical ministry to some of the most at risk people along the US - Mexico border.

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the MYF this past year! We started off with an empty bank account and we have been able to raise more than needed for this year's activities and convention! We're so grateful to have a good start on fundraising for our service activities over the next few years and the next convention! We leave this Monday at 2pm for Kansas City and return next Sunday evening. We're looking forward to opportunities for spiritual growth, Kansas City BBQ, and touring the Royals stadium!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Water for Life Benefit July 4th & 5th A celebration for Water for Life in Haiti will be at the Kalona Park. The Thirst Ride - a cross country bike ride to benefit WFL, the bikes are coming from Newport OR and will continue on to Boston MA. They will be in Kalona on July 4 & 5, the celebration on Saturday will start in the afternoon, a time for fun, food, and fellowship. A meal will be served at 6:00 donation for WFL then at 7:30 there will be a program. On Sunday morning there will be a breakfast at 9:00 donation for WFL and the church service at 10:30. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate!

Iowa Mennonite School IMS summer camps are in full swing, and there is still room in some of them! Boys basketball will run July 20-24; drama camp is July 27-31 (mornings); and volleyball camp is also July 27-31 (afternoons). For more information, to register, and to find out specific times and grade levels, please go to www.iowamennonite.org/camps

Crooked Creek Christian Camp 6th-7th grade camp is next week June 28-July 3. Please pray for campers, counselors and all staff as we minister to children and the community. Thank you for your continued prayers this summer as you join with us in camp ministry!

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 am and 6:30 pm on Tuesday July 7. (Same information in both sessions) 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

Budget and debt counseling Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Financial Counseling, in partnership with **Everence**, offers confidential, non-judgmental financial counseling to any one in our church community who faces financial struggle, or who would like to know a little more about financial wellness. At no cost, LSS will take a comprehensive look at a person's budget, debts, and income and then provide personalized recommendations and options to help individuals and families move toward their financial goals. Call 877-809-0039.