

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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 129	Sunday School:
Giving through 8.2.15	
August 2nd Giving	\$ 3,281.10
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 160,576.67
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,411.35

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Jeanette Yoder, L. David Yoder
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Laurie Droll, Joyce Schrock
Central Plains: Today Gordon Scoville will be installed as transitional pastor at First Mennonite Church, Iowa City. Please pray for Gordon and the congregation as they do important work together in the coming months.
From Mennonite Mission Network: Laura Schlabach of Mennonite Mission Network is speaking in churches throughout the United States this month and in September. Pray that she will be able to share the good news about what God is doing in Mongolia with passion and in an invitational way.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for college and university students beginning classes in the next few weeks. May the coming year provide many opportunities for academic growth and spiritual development.

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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	David Charles
Sermon	Tammy Yoder
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing and Prayer
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- "Stories that shaped my life" Interview by Chris Rhodes
- Matthew 6:25-34 "The birds of the air and the lilies of the field"
- Sermon: "Know that You Are Loved"
- Response Song
- 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

The result of the vote at East Union last Sunday was 88% affirmative for extending an invitation to Joel Beachy to be a half-time pastor starting September 1, 2015, and full-time effective January 1, 2016. Joel, Christine and their sons have accepted this calling. East Union rejoices in their willingness to accept this calling and looks forward to continuing our journey of following the path of Jesus with them.

Celebrating our Splendid Seniors To all of our Splendid Seniors, 75 years or older and their spouses, we look forward to spending the morning with you for food, fun and fellowship on Thursday, August 20. If you haven't done so already, please turn in your RSVP slip that is attached to your invitation. You may place it in the box labeled 'Splendid Seniors' on the counter underneath the mailboxes in the foyer.

Pictorial Directory News

Thank you to those of you who have turned in your information sheet for the new pictorial directory! If you haven't already done so, please look over the information on the form, make any necessary changes and return it to the box labeled "Church Directory" underneath the mailboxes in the foyer by Sunday, August 23. You may also email your information to eucares@kctc.net.

Our directory will include all families who submit a photo and information page. If you do not have a photo to submit, Susan Gingerich will be available to take directory photos on August 16 and 23 between worship service and Sunday School. There are additional information forms underneath the mailboxes for you to share with family members and friends living elsewhere who want to be included. Please contact the office with any questions you might have.

CHOW helpers needed Want to spend time with the little ones from church but are short on time? We are looking for a few good Christians to help with CHOW during the program time. There are two groups - preschoolers and K-2 graders. One hour, once a month, the first Wednesday, from September through April (no meeting in December) You will be blessed and you will get to spend some time with great kids! Please see Sally Miller if you are interested.

Teachers Needed! Primary/Junior Sunday School Department

The new quarter for Sunday School begins in a few weeks and we are in need of teachers for many classes. Below are the teaching opportunities to be filled by August 30th:

Early Childhood - 3 year olds
Early Childhood - 4 and 5 year olds
Primary - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade
Junior Youth - 6th, 7th and 8th grade

Gift Discernment A ballot to affirm the names submitted in last week's bulletin is in your mailbox today. Please fill it out and return it to the Gift Discernment box on the counter underneath the mailboxes. Thank you.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, August 12

- Senior Citizen Dinner at Kalona Mennonite Church Banquet Hall 11:45 am. All senior citizens welcome to attend!

Next Sunday, August 16

- 8:55 - 9:15 am - Prayer ministry. Join us weekly in the MYF Room.
- Blessing for students going back to school
- Photo taking for new directories. If you need a photo taken for the new pictorial directory, please meet in the office immediately after church service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Splendid Senior Day - Thursday, August 20 from 10 am - 1:30 pm.
See bulletin announcement.

Camp East Union - Saturday & Sunday, August 29 and 30
Please mark your calendars! Camp East Union is a time for fun and building community with our church family, while also inviting others outside our church to join in. Festivities will be held outside at the picnic shelter and on the church lawn.

5:30 - Pizza supper with surprise dessert: please sign up in the foyer if you plan on eating pizza, so we know how much to buy. Donations will be taken that night to cover the costs.

6:30 - Games and fun with the Bailey Family! You know this will be awesome!
Dusk - Movie under the stars on our outdoor screen. Popcorn will be served. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. After the movie, we will roast marshmallows and eat Smores.

Overnight - Camping! Bring your tents/campers/sleeping bags and camp on the lawn. You can sleep in until 9:55 the next morning! If you want to camp, but don't have gear, please talk to Renae Miller, Lisa Schmidt, or Larry Detweiler; we know people who are willing to lend theirs to you.

The Sunday service will begin at 10:00 am and will take place outside. Please bring lawn chairs to sit in for this casual service featuring testimonials from your fellow church family members.

Lunch will be provided in the fellowship hall after the service - this is NOT a potluck. There will be no Sunday School. Don't forget to invite your friends and neighbors.

We're Going Back To School



CALLING ALL CHILDREN, WOMEN & MEN of our Congregation!

During the month of August E.U. Mennonite Women are asking for your help to purchase school supplies for overseas children. At most places, less than **\$3.00** can purchase one kit. Donations can be given to Mennonite Women if this would be easier for you and we can purchase supplies. Please give donations to Loretta Kauffman, Dorothea Moberly or Linda Wooldridge.

Please bring supplies and place them on the table in the foyer thru the month of August. These will later be assembled into bags. ***Thank you!***

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 11 inches and 70 pages)
- 8 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 flat, flexible plastic ruler (30cm & 12 inch markings)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)



August 9th Bulletin insert

Geodes

- By Carrie Newcomer

You can't always tell one from another.
And it's best not to judge a book by its tattered cover.
I have found when I tried or looked deeper inside,
What appears unadorned might be wondrously formed.
You can't always tell but sometimes you just know.

'Round here we throw geodes in our gardens.
They're as common as the rain or corn silk in July.
Unpretentious browns and grays the stain of Indiana clay,
They're what's left of shallow seas, glacial rock, and mystery;
And inside there shines a secret bright as promise.

All these things that we call familiar,
Are just miracles clothed in the commonplace.
You'll see it if you try in the next stranger's eyes,
God walks around in muddy boots, Sometimes rags and that's the truth,
You can't always tell, but sometimes you just know.

Some say geodes were made from pockets of tears,
Trapped away in small places for years upon years.
Pressed down and transformed, 'til the true self was born,
And the whole world moved on like the last notes of a song,
A love letter sent without return address.

No, You can't always tell one from another
And it's best not to judge a book by its tattered cover.
I don't open them to see, folks 'round here just like me,
We have come to believe there's hidden good in common things.
You can't always tell but sometimes you just know.
You can't always tell but sometimes you just know.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to an event at First Mennonite Church/Iglesia Menonita Torre Fuerte in Iowa City, on Sunday evening August 16 at 5 p.m. Anton Flores-Maisonet, a well-known activist and public speaker from LaGrange, Georgia, will host a conversation about immigration and justice. He will be speaking on how 'Love Crosses Borders,' reflecting on stories of deported individuals, providing information about political systems, and giving hopeful insight on how we can help. This community came together to support the Villatoro family in their time of great need. The conversation on immigration continues. For more information, contact Rachel Schrock of First Mennonite Church: rachelsch2012@gmail.com / [319-541-3065](tel:319-541-3065).

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* To ALL former Crooked Creek Christian Camp Counselors: Join us this summer as we REMINISCE and tell stories, RELIVE our camp days making s'mores and playing capture the flag and REJUVENATE in the beautiful camp setting we've all known as home at THE REUNION! August 14-15 \$40/person for overnight and \$25/person for day fee. Review the schedule and register online at crookedcreekcamp.org.

* *Sing and S'mores*, our annual event of enjoying the outdoors and singing is Sunday, August 30, at 6pm. We are privileged to have Edie Nebel as our music leader. We welcome all ages to attend at Sunset Shelter!

Crowded Closet

* The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop, Iowa City, is seeking a full time Workroom Assistant. This position would involve managing the daily operations of the workroom, overseeing donations for the shop, and volunteer jobs. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, work both independently and as part of a team. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact Betsy Slabaugh at 319-337-5924 or email crowdedcloset.ic@gmail.com. Applications will be accepted until August 10th or until the position is filled.

* Crowded Closet, Iowa City, is hiring a full-time General Manager, who will have general responsibility for all Crowded Closet daily retail operations, including business administration, finances, marketing and computer operations. Qualifications include a commitment to the goals of Mennonite Central Committee, and willingness to work with a team of staff and volunteers. This position is available immediately and applications will be accepted until Monday, August 24, 2015, or until the position is filled. For an employment application form, job description, mission statement and other information, please contact Vi Graber, Crowded Closet Board Secretary, at 319-256-5701 or email vigraber@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Quilts, comforters, and wall hangings for the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale (November 6 & 7) should be taken to Stitch 'N Sew in Kalona or given to any quilt committee member by September 18th, so they may be displayed at area businesses and banks. Please include the following information: 1) name of donor, 2) name of quilt pattern, 3) finished measurements, and 4) any information of interest about the item. Quilts continue to be a big part of the sale; we thank you for your support. (2015 Quilt Committee: Dorothy Yoder (683-3270), Jane Miller (656) 2121, Mary Yoder (656-3388), and Norma Nisly (656-2475).

You're Invited Bonnie Smith invites you to hear from her son and family, Daniel and Kathryn Smith Derksen, about their upcoming assignment with Mennonite Mission Network in Capetown, South Africa. Dan and Kathryn have felt called to this work and would like to acquaint you with the increasing problems in South Africa concerning immigration from many other African countries, and to ask for your prayer and possible financial support for this 3 year assignment for their family. Refreshments (fingerfoods and desserts) will be served. Join Bonnie and friends at West Union Mennonite Church, 3253 305th Street, Parnell, Iowa, at 6:00 pm. on **FRIDAY**, August 14, 2015, to hear the story of Daniel and Kathryn's call to mission in South Africa.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

David Boshart, executive conference minister for Central Plains Mennonite Conference, is on sabbatical until October 15. Shana Peachey Boshart is the acting executive conference minister during this time. You may contact her at [319-936-5905](tel:319-936-5905) or shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org.

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.