

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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber
 Next Sunday: Kim & Drew Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 110	Sunday School:
Giving through 8.23.15	
August 23rd Giving	\$ 7,215.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 176,316.17
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,605.49

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oskaloosa Care Center: Marilyn Yutzey

Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Laurie Droll, Joyce Schrock, Linda Wooldridge

Central Plains: Today Josh Lundberg begins as associate pastor at Kalona Mennonite Church. Pray that God will bless Josh, Pastor Scott Swartzendruber and the congregation with a fruitful ministry together.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow, Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR Dwell participants will arrive in the cities they will call home for the coming year. Pray for them as they reflect on the challenges they will encounter and as they celebrate life in community.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education programs which are training Hispanic leaders in the Mennonite church. May these programs be a source of blessing for the participants' congregations and communities and Mennonite Church USA.

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***Our Motto:** Growing in the way of Jesus, sharing God's love, Word & hope.*

***Theme:** God's home is now with His people. He will live with them, and they will be His own. Yes, God will make His home among His people. He will wipe all tears from their eyes, and there will be no more death, suffering, crying, or pain. These things of the past are gone forever. Then the One sitting on the throne said: "I make all things new." From Revelation 21:3-5*

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Worship Leader	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Quartet
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Children's Time	Larry Detweiler

WORSHIP

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing and Prayer
- First Fruits Offering
- Children's Story
- "Stories that shaped my life" Interview by Chris Rhodes
- Singing Together
- Revelation 21:1-5
- "God Makes All Things New"
- My story of God's transformation by Jordan Yoder with Adam Nordstrom
- Response Song
- Announcements
- Sharing Time, Testimony and Concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- Benediction

Gathering at the Table: Noon meal for everyone

No Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, August 23

- Camp East Union!

Tuesday, September 1

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Verna Zook. The topic will be: 'God is the original Artist' and we will have a sack lunch. Our project will be cash for the Crisis Center in Iowa City. *Crisis can be anything- problems with family or friends, lack of food, financial emergency, serious illness; the list goes on. It could be a series of small problems that together have become overwhelming.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 9 - CHOW Returns!

It's time for CHOW (Church Happenings on Wednesdays) to start again! On September 9th at 6 PM. we will have a potluck/social held outside (if inclement weather, we will meet in the fellowship hall). Hotdogs, drinks and place settings will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share (donations will be taken to cover cost of food and child care). Children's activities will begin at 6:45 and will end at 7:45 pm (babysitting provided). Bring games and lawn chairs for an evening of fun. (Future CHOW events will be the first Wednesday of each month (no CHOW in December) through April 2016. Sunday School classes are in charge of meals and activities throughout the year. Please see Sally Miller with any questions.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear East Union - Thank you for all of the support you have given me during my MVS term. Whether it was financial or otherwise I am very grateful. I have been lucky enough to appreciate notes, emails, packages, and cards from you all this year. I have felt more connected to my home church this past year than I have in many years. Thank you! ~ Linnea Slabaugh

Projector and Laptop have been moved from the Associate Pastor's office to the lower corner cabinet in the copier room. If you need to check out either of these items, please sign your name and date on the form on the clipboard located on the counter.

Pork for Sale If you're interested in putting some delicious pork in your freezer, contact Susan Gingerich. There are frozen, 1 lb packages of Amishland sausage links and patties, and ground pork left over from the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. You can purchase them from Susan.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Joel Beachy

We are grateful that Joel will begin serving as a pastoral leader here on Tuesday, September 1, 2015. From September 1 - December 31, 2015 Joel will work in collaboration with our Transitional Pastor, Firman Gingerich. During these first 4 months Joel will be serving ½ time while taking seminary classes through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary ½ time. When Firman's commitment is completed on December 31, 2015 Joel will become the full time lead pastor.

Please find ways to connect with Joel, Christine, Isaac and Lucas welcoming them to East Union Mennonite Church and to our community. We are making preliminary plans for a formal installation and licensing to ministry service for Joel on October 4, 2015.

"Looking more like Jesus" will be the theme for our next worship series beginning in September. Sermons will focus on texts from Jesus "Sermon on the Mount," Matthew 5-7. As many voices beckon us today, we hope this series can help guide our faith as disciples serving Jesus. We believe that Jesus words in the Sermon on the Mount were given for disciples in every age. We believe Jesus is speaking to us. There is a series outline on the literature table to help you prepare each week.

Gift Discernment If you haven't already done so, please fill out the ballot forms from last Sunday and place them in the Gift Discernment box located underneath the mailboxes in the foyer. Thank you.

Membership updates from our Elders August Meeting

Elders offered our commendation and blessing to the following persons requesting their membership letters. Jill and Josh Lundberg received their membership transfer letter as they join Kalona Mennonite Church where Josh serves on the pastoral team. Jane and Andy Swartzentruber, and Jay and Sonia Miiller asked to receive their church letters as they each continue to search for new church homes.

Update on Pictorial Directories There has been a wonderful response for the new directories with many forms and pictures being turned in! Forms were due last Sunday so 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. *Please turn in the form even if there are no changes.* If you have any questions regarding the new directory, please contact Crystal in the office.

Annual Reports: Reminder that annual reports are due today. Please turn them in to Crystal in the office ASAP. Thank you to those of you who have already done so!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crooked Creek Christian Camp *Sing and Smores*, our annual event of enjoying the outdoors and singing is **tonight**, at 6pm. We are privileged to have Edie Nebel as our music leader. We welcome all ages to attend!

You are invited to experience the Grillmasters of Kalona Mennonite Church at a bold, benevolent barbeque on Sunday noon, September 13, to benefit the KMC International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is Rudi Mucaj from Albania. Rudi attended IMS as an exchange student and is currently attending Goshen College. (Read more about his IMS experience on the IMS website). The KMC Grillmasters will be grilling chicken breasts, hamburgers and hot dogs. Other menu items include baked beans, coleslaw, chips and a sundae bar.

Iowa Mennonite School IMS parents are invited to join the school's faculty and administration at the first Parent-Teacher Organization meeting of the year on Monday, August 31, at 7 pm in Celebration Hall. Beginning of the year policies and information will be distributed, as well as the chance to meet fall coaches and teaching personnel. Please plan to attend.

Reminder: 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**. 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).

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

There is still time to register for the Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Viborg, South Dakota, September 19 & 20, 2015! Luann will speak on the theme "Time in a bottle." Come to listen, reflect, and celebrate each other as we gather as women who are continually being shaped by and living out of the stories we hold inside. Cost: \$80 which includes meals, camp fees and women retreat expenses. See poster and registration forms on the bulletin board and literature table. Registration due September 13.

Youth Escape 2016 It is time to begin planning Youth Escape 2016, the weekend retreat for Central Plains youth next July 15-17. I am looking for sponsors, pastors, youth and young adults who would like to be on the planning committee. The committee will need folks from various parts of our conference who have experience planning worship, recreation activities or break-outs. The purpose of Youth Escape is to connect youth to Jesus, the church and each other. If you are interested, email me, Shana Peachey Boshart, at shanaboshart@gmail.com by **September 8**.