

**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: Marv Slabaugh & Collin Miller  
 Next Sunday: Kara & Ella Groenewold

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 163	Sunday School: 97
<b>Giving through 11.1.15</b>	
November 1st Giving	\$ 4,708.21
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 239,099.58
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,014.43

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Oaknoll Retirement Home:** Edna Yoder  
**College Students:** Tommy and Gabriela Cikos Rhodes  
**Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Sam Hochstetler, Laurie Droll, Linda Wooldridge  
**Central Plains:** Pray for the schools associated with Central Plains Mennonite Conference: Freeman Academy in Freeman, South Dakota, and Iowa Mennonite School in rural Kalona, Iowa.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for Israel College of the Bible, "the first Hebrew-language Bible college since the days of the disciples," says a Mennonite Mission Network professor. Pray that the Arab Christian and Messianic Jewish students who study together will also be peace-builders in the Middle East.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Goshen College students and employees as they engage in nonstop prayer during the *Prayer Odyssey* this week.

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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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<b>Worship Leader</b>	Matt & Renae Miller and family
<b>Sermon</b>	Joel Beachy
<b>Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude</b>	Nici Bontrager
<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

**WORSHIP**

**"Looking Like Jesus"**

Prelude  
 Call to Worship and Lord's Prayer  
 Congregational Singing  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Matthew 5:9, 7:1-12  
 Sermon: "Remove the Plank"  
 Response Song  
 Giving thanks for those who lived, labored and loved among us  
     Remembering those who died this past year  
     Lighting a candle in loving memory of those who have died here at East Union Mennonite Church this past year.  
 You are invited to come light a personal candle in loving memory of a friend of family member not from our church who died this past year.  
 A song of Hope "For all the Saints" HWB 636  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, and Prayer Requests  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time  
 10:45 a.m. Sunday School

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, Sunday, November 8*

- All Saints Remembrance Day. Today in worship we are lighting candles in loving memory of those who have died this past year from our congregation. We are grateful for the lessons of faith and life that we carry as we remember Mary Kathryn Hochstetler, Jeanette Yoder, and L. David Yoder.
- Elders and Lay Visitors Meeting 2 - 3:30 p.m.
- Congregational Townhall and business meeting 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

### *Tuesday, November 10*

- Church Council Meeting 7 pm

### *Wednesday, November 11*

- Choir practice 7 pm

### *Next Sunday, November 15*

- ***Fanny Crosby Hymn Sing*** Come join us at 7 pm as we gather at East Union in worship, praise, and testimony. We will sing hymn lyrics written by Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) found in current and older Mennonite hymnals. (see Chronicle article) All are welcome! Bring your friends!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ***Sunday, November 22 - Community Thanksgiving Service***

A community Thanksgiving service hosted by area Mennonite congregations will be held at Iowa Mennonite School at 7 pm. Our own Leola White will be one of the speakers sharing a Thanksgiving testimony.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Thank you*** for all of the cards of support and gifts during October's Pastor Appreciation Month! We have felt your love and support and are grateful to be a part of this church community. Do not be surprised to see us out eating in Kalona and Iowa City over the next several months using all of the generous gift cards. Blessings and Peace, Joel Beachy and Firman Gingerich

***We would like to thank everyone*** who helped organize our bridal shower and all who attended and showered us with such wonderful gifts. We are truly blessed to be part of the East Union church family. Thanks again, Brad and Alyssa

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***Mark a change in your December calendars!*** This year, East Union's Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm instead of its traditional 10:30 pm time slot. We know the late service hasn't been an option for many families with young children, and we want to give those families a chance to attend one of the year's special services. So please make a note for your family gatherings on the 24th.

### ***Thank You Lou Miller***

For many years Lou has used her gift of creativity to design weekly floral arrangements for our worship space. Lou has recently told us that she will not be available to do this anymore. Thanks from all of us for the beauty you shared with us Lou. Your creative genius was an inspiration to us all.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Iowa Mennonite School***

\* All are invited to the performance of *The Cotton Patch Gospel*, a musical show sure to entertain and please! This afternoon's performance is at 3:00 pm, with seating still available. Following the performance, all 6th-8th graders, as well as potential transfer students, are invited to enjoy refreshments, a backstage tour, and a chance to meet the cast. Come and enjoy!

\* *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Matthew 25:35-36.* The IMS chapter of National Honor Society is hosting a food drive to benefit area food pantries. We have set a goal to collect 1,000 food items for the holiday season. Please help us reach our goal by bringing your non-perishable food items to IMS (or to an IMS home basketball game) any time between now and Friday, Dec. 4. NHS students will gather and sort the items and deliver them to the Wellman and Kalona food pantries on Dec. 5. Thank you for helping your community in this very special way.

***The Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa*** will welcome renowned Mennonite historian and story-teller John Ruth to their Fall Meeting at Kalona Mennonite Church on Monday, November 23 at 7 pm. As part of his presentation he will speak about "where the Mennonites came from, where they settled, what the Natives said and thought about this, where they went, and how the French and Indian War finished William Penn's dream of a Peaceable Kingdom." Donations will be taken to provide for John Ruth's expenses. He will have his recently published memoir, *Branch*, for sale. This will also be a time to renew your membership or join the Mennonite Historical Society. Everyone is welcome. John will also preach here at East Union on November 22.

***Pathway Senior Class Haystack Supper*** is scheduled for November 20 from 5-8 pm and the cost is on a donation basis. Proceeds will go towards the senior class trip and senior gift.

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**The Ten Thousand Villages** pop-up store in Iowa City is seeking volunteers who are interested in assisting customers with gift and holiday purchases. Three-hour shifts are available from now through December. Contact [iowacity@tentousandvillages.com](mailto:iowacity@tentousandvillages.com) or 330-310-3750 if you can help. Volunteering also gives you opportunity to check out the Villages fair trade items for your Christmas gift giving.

**Pumpkin Cheesecakes** Dan Fisher and his crew will be making 40 pumpkin cheesecakes for the Thanksgiving season. The cost is \$35 (\$15 for ingredients and \$20 donation). The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid Fund. Cheesecakes may be picked up at Kalona Mennonite Church on Tuesday, November 24, from 4 - 7 pm. To place your order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 [beachydw@sharontc.net](mailto:beachydw@sharontc.net). The deadline to order is November 18.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

\* The Annual Meeting at Crooked Creek Camp is November 17. Turkey tenderloin meal is served at 6:15pm followed by program and meeting at 7pm. Members and all who are interested in Crooked Creek to celebrate the past year are invited to attend.

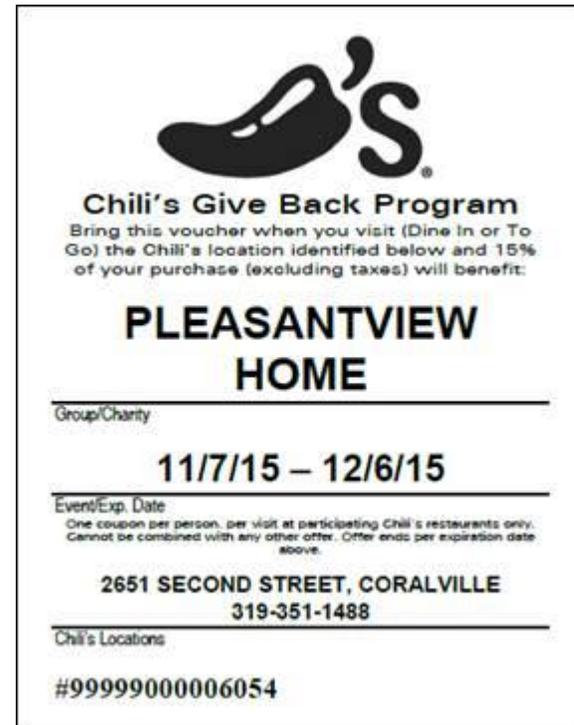
\* November 14 at 8 am is the rescheduled Wood cutting day. Bring a chainsaw, wood splitter and if you want lunch please call in advance.

\* Come to the Table Craft Retreat is November 20 & 21. This bring-your-own-craft weekend features an opportunity to work on your project and connect with others as crafty as you. See more details at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org)

**Feed the Kids!** In order to raise money for Operation Backpack and other local programs meeting the needs of food insecure children in our community, there will be a dinner and auction at Parkside Activities Center in Wellman on Saturday, November 21 at 6 pm. We are in need of desserts, food servers, auction items, and people who would like to attend the dinner and auction. Tickets can be purchased by free will donation at Wellman Produce, Bright Future Chiropractic, M-P FFA Members, or [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). Questions? Please contact Julie Gordinier 319-936-6390.

**The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop**, Iowa City, is seeking a full time Furniture Coordinator. This position would involve managing the daily operations of the Furniture area, overseeing donations, managing volunteers, pricing and organization of furniture items. This position has a competitive wage and a friendly working environment. Applicant must be able to lift heavy items, work quickly, independently, and as part of a team. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at [319-337-5924](tel:319-337-5924) or email [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).

**Thank you everyone for your support of the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale!** The community has been very generous in their donations, and we are grateful! There is still a unique opportunity to help benefit Pleasantview. If you eat at Chili's in Coralville anytime through December 6 and give them a Pleasantview voucher when you pay, 15% of your purchases (excluding taxes) will be sent to Pleasantview. You may request an electronic copy by e-mailing [recep@pvhome.org](mailto:recep@pvhome.org) or take this bulletin with you. Please note, Chili's does NOT allow distribution of the vouchers on their premises or parking lot, and if witnessed, may void our contract. Thank you!



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

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