

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: Jed Seward & Will Higdon
 Next Sunday: Kyle & Allison Troyer

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 141	Sunday School: 107
Giving through 11.15.15	
November 15th Giving	\$ 4,116.25
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 249,601.83
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,602.20

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
College Students: Vince Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber, Emma Yoder
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Sam Hochstetler, Laurie Droll
Central Plains: Pray for Central Plains finances. Seven months into the fiscal year, we have a significant shortfall. Pray for generous giving to enable support for our congregations in the areas of pastor transitions, formation resources, church planting, resolving conflict and thought leadership.
Mennonite Mission Network: Colleen and Pablo Fast of Mennonite Mission Network are rejoicing because of church growth in Brazil! Pray for continued commitment of six members of a small group who all made a decision to follow Christ this summer.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that Bethany Christian High School's, Goshen, Ind., cast of *The Nerd* will be granted health and the ability to perform their best after many weeks of practice.

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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	Matt & Renae Miller and family
Sermon	John Ruth
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir

WORSHIP

Prelude
 Call to Worship HWB #661
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 Moments in Mission
 Sherilyn Ortman, Central Plains Mennonite Conf.
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Scripture Reading: Psalms 39:4-7; Romans 8:18-39
 Sermon: "Looking back for wisdom, forward in hope"
 Response Song
 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 22

- Our Preacher today John Ruth is a lifelong pastor, writer and historian with comprehensive knowledge of Amish and Mennonite belief and culture. For many years John has led Mennonite Anabaptist "Historical Tours" to Europe helping many persons understand both their spiritual and family roots. John will also lead a Sunday School forum in the sanctuary. On Monday evening at 7:00 p.m., he will be speaking at the Fall meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa which will meet at Kalona Mennonite.
- **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.

Thursday, November 26



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 6 - Jr MYF Fundraising Meal

Mark your calendars! The Jr. MYF will be having a potato bar immediately following the service to help provide funds for the Junior Youth WinterFest 2016 located at Crooked Creek. Hope to see you there!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Firman Gingerich will be away over the Thanksgiving Holiday. He and Susan will be in Ohio with family.

Office closed this Friday so please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox. Thank you!

Words can't express our gratitude in thanking you for your prayer support, thoughtful cards, loving visits, and your efforts in preparing a fellowship meal following mom's funeral. Our family is thankful for each of you and that our mom, Linda Wooldridge, had a loving, caring, and supportive church family. Thank you for walking with her in faith and for your support of our family during this challenging time of our lives. Sincerely, Lyle & Lori Miller Family, Mike & Julie Devlin Family, Mark, and Wes Wooldridge

Congratulations to Jon and Carrie Miller on the birth of a daughter! Josephine Mae was born Saturday, November 14 and weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. Grandparents are Nelson and Mary Miller.

Thank you to all of those that helped us move into our new home on Tuesday! We appreciate all of the love and support we receive from East Union Mennonite Church. Our new address is P.O. Box 533, 412 E Ave. Kalona, IA 52247. Joel, Christine, Isaac, and Lucas

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cookbooks for sale! During the month of November, East Union cookbooks are on sale for \$10 which is a savings of \$2. All proceeds go the MYF.

Delays and Cancellations It's that time of year again! Weather related delays and cancellations will be announced through KCRG, WMT and Facebook, as well as through our One Call phone service. Pastor Joel and congregational leaders will make decisions and communicate in the ways listed above. Above all we want you to be safe!

Mark a change in your December calendars! This year, East Union's Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 pm instead of its traditional 10:30 pm time slot. We want to give families with young children a chance to attend one of the year's special services. Worship Committee will use our participation and council about this year's service to help plan for future Christmas Eve services. So please make a note for your family gatherings on the 24th. Members of worship planning committee will be happy to hear from you. Committee members are Lisa Schmidt, Larry Detweiler, Steve Groenewold, Grace Rempel, Firman Gingerich and Joel Beachy.

Script Fundraising Program at IMS Scrip is fundraising while you shop (R). You can support IMS by purchasing gift cards. There are dozens of retailers, restaurants and other businesses. Values range from \$5 on up depending on the business. If you have questions or would like more information on how you can participate then contact Candi Schmieder at IMS or Jeff and Carol Boller 936-0537. Our family has been participating since the program started at IMS. If you order through us we can get the cards to you.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

East Union Families! Advent is the perfect time to model faith at home with your kids. Download the FREE Advent Family Devotions. Find prayers and activities to use from November 29 through January 9 at <http://tiny.cc/adventathome>. An early childhood supplement makes these useful even for families with preschoolers.

Mennonite Central Committee Central States is accepting applications for a Director of Programs. The Director of Programs will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all of MCC Central States Programs. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This position is open within the Central States Region. Find more details at serve.mcc.org (look for Director of Programs -CS) or email Heidi Huber, Human Resources Coordinator, at heidihuber@mcc.org.

Max Villatoro petition Just as the persistent widow cries to the unjust judge and to God for justice in Matthew 18:6, we call upon the Department of Homeland Security to bring Max Villatoro home. Join us by signing a new petition at tiny.cc/bringmaxback. Please help us meet our goal of collecting 5000 signatures to hand-deliver to the Secretary. -- www.FriendsofPastorMax.org

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free community Thanksgiving dinner Please join us for a free community Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, November 26 from 11 am - 1 pm at Holy Trinity Parish, 571 Howard St., Richmond. For reservations call Joyce Mattes at 656-3276 by Tuesday, November 25. Dinner is free. Donations will be given to local organizations helping local families.

Ten Thousand Villages, Iowa City has two holiday pop-up stores through December to help artisans in developing countries earn a fair wage, be treated with dignity and respect, and be able to live a life of quality. You're invited to join in this vision.

- **112 E Washington St., Iowa City** Mon-Fri 11-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 12-4
- **720 14th St., Kalona** (Schlabaugh & Sons) Mon-Fri 9-5, Sat 10-3

For more information or to volunteer in the pop-up store, contact (and follow) at:

iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com

www.tenthousandvillages.com/iowacity

facebook.com/tenthousandvillagesiowacity

Pathway Christian Annual Grilled Chicken Dinner - Dec. 4 Serving: 5-8 PM Donation Basis Proceeds: tuition assistance

Please join us on Tuesday, November 24 @ 6:30 PM as we "Tune In" to the **Sound of Washington Radio Show** presented at the Washington Community Theater. The Sound of Washington is an adult special needs choir, directed by Amy (Swartzendruber) Drayfahl, made up of 30+ individuals from Washington County. They are excited to take the stage and share songs from all decades and styles. All who attend will be entertained and truly blessed by their performance.

Iowa Mennonite School

* *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. Please help us reach our goal of 1,000 food items by bringing your non-perishable food items to IMS (or to an IMS home basketball game) by 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.

* Two upcoming visit days at IMS will afford potential students the chance to check out the school. Eighth-grade and transfer students are invited to join us for the day and visit classes, eat lunch, attend chapel, and meet faculty and staff...as well as other students. The dates are Wednesday, November 25 and Monday, November 30; parents are also encouraged to meet with administrators from 8:10 - 8:45 am either day. Register by contacting the school (656-2073) or on-line at www.iowamennonite.org/visit

Cheesecakes for sale Dan Fisher and his elves will be making cheesecakes once again for the Christmas season. The following flavors will be offered: lemon, turtle and chocolate ganache. The cost is \$35 each (\$15 for ingredients and \$20 for donation). Pickup will be on Saturday, December 12 or Saturday, December 19 from 9-11 am at Kalona Mennonite Church. The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is assisting Rudi Mucaj from Albania attend Goshen College. To place your order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or email at beachydw@sharontc.net. The deadline to order is December 6. Thank you!