

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 132	Sunday School: 98
Giving through 11.22.15	
November 22nd Giving	\$ 6,239.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 255,840.83
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,874.83

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: Kyle & Allison Troyer
Next Sunday: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller

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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	Doyle & Janet Geyer
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Instrumentalists	Jon & Kristi Miiller, Conrad Yutzy, Micah Miller

WORSHIP

Advent 1: "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

Call to Worship / Prayer

Leader: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's burst of light into our dark world.

People: Lift up your eyes! God's justice is on the way.

Leader: Redeeming God, sustain us and help us to walk in your ways.

People: Free us from our prejudice and our sin.

Leader: This is the moment to wake from sleep. Be ready, Jesus is coming to set us free.

All: Let us worship God, whose mercy promises us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

(From Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36)

Congregational Singing

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Lighting the Advent Candle Collin Miller and Marv Slabaugh

Leaders: We watch and wait for Christ's coming.

We light a candle each week remembering the promise of God.

Today we light a candle of Hope, "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

All: "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

"Yonder Come Day" (Theme song) STJ 115

Moment in Mission

Sarah Yoder video with Gretchen Geyer who is serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Bolivia

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon "A Day of Hope is Coming"

Song of Response

Advent response

Sharing Time, Prayer concerns

Congregational Prayer

Announcements

First Fruits Offering

Sending Song

Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

10:45 a.m. Sunday School

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan

College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber, Danny Lam

Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Sam Hochstetler, Laurie Droll

Central Plains: Pray for Tim Detweiler and Dave and Shana Boshart as they attend the annual gathering of Mennonite Church USA Conference ministers in Orlando, Florida. Pray that God's Spirit would be powerfully present in this gathering.

Mennonite Mission Network: Jason Boone of Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of "moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat." Pray for Jesus' peace in their lives as Mennonites share from "our deep history of peacemaking."

Mennonite Education Agency: Give thanks for the Thanksgiving weekend and time spent with loved ones. Pray for safe travel for students and their families returning to school or home today.



LIGHT THE FIRE (song for worship)

I stand to praise you, but I fall on my knees my spirit is willing but my flesh is so weak

Chorus:

MEN

So light the fire, in my soul
 Fan the flame, make me whole
 Lord you know, where I've been
 So light the fire in my heart again

WOMEN

Light the fire in my weary soul
 Fan the flame, make my spirit whole
 Lord you know, where I've been
 So light the fire in my heart again

I feel your arms around me as the power of your healing begins Your Spirit moves through me like a mighty rushing wind

Chorus x 2

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, December 1

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Grace Rempel. The topic will be: 'Scripture is a God-breathed work of creativity.' Please bring a sack lunch and our project will be cash for Central Plains Mennonite Women.

Next Sunday, December 6

- ***Jr MYF Fundraising Meal*** 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.
- ***Pastor Firman's retirement Celebration***

LOOKING AHEAD



Sunday, December 20 - The **Children's Christmas program** will be **Sunday, Dec. 20** during our regular church service. Our children's choirs will provide lots of wonderful music and narration AND you'll want to come see the much older "kids" playing parts in our living nativity!

Thursday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

Sunday, December 27 - No Sunday School

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you Gabriela and I would like to thank the ladies who put the wedding shower together. It meant a lot to us. We appreciate all the support and amazing gifts. Thank you so much. Sincerely, Thomas and Gabriela Cikos Rhodes

MCC Meat Canning For anyone interested in helping out, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you have questions, please contact Don & Verna Zook.

Winter address (Dec. 1, 2015 - April 1, 2016)
Dale & Charlene Rhodes, 945 Red Sandstone Rd. B-2, Vail, CO 81657

If you would like to send Christmas cards/greetings to our friends in voluntary service:

- Gretchen Geyer, c/o Comité Central Menonita Casilla 213 Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- Jen and Kerry Saner-Harvey, 4/10 Iqbal Rd, Mohammadpur, Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh

Cookbooks for sale! Today is the last Sunday to purchase East Union cookbooks at the sale price of \$10. They make great Christmas gifts so be sure to grab yours today. All proceeds go the MYF.

A big "thank you" to everyone who had a part in the Fanny Crosby Hymn Sing two weeks ago, including the singers! The singing was beautiful, bringing glory to God and encouragement to the participants as we lifted our voices in unison and harmony, giving testimony to our faith in Jesus Christ.

From January 10-February 7, we will be doing a parallel sermon and Sunday school series on the *Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices* made available by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. We look forward to the church's participation in discussing how we covenant with one another as a community by listening to the Holy Spirit and discerning God's will together. Questions? See Joel Beachy

Retirement Celebration On December 6, we will be celebrating Firman Gingerich's years of service as he anticipates retirement at the end of December. Please come to church that Sunday to help us give thanks for the many contributions he has made over the past 32 years.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Iowa Mennonite School

* Tomorrow (November 30) is a visit day at IMS. Any 8th grade or potential transfer student is invited to attend classes and chapel, eat lunch, and meet other students, faculty and staff. The day begins at 8 am; parents are also encouraged to come and meet with administrators from 8:10 - 8:45 am.

* Interested boys in the 6th -8th grades are invited to participate in a basketball scrimmage during halftime of the varsity IMS games on Friday, Dec. 4. Come and enjoy meeting new people and showcasing your skills on the court!

* Iowa Mennonite School's Music Department will present the annual Christmas concert on Sunday, Dec 13 at 2:30 pm in the school's *Celebration Hall*. The concert will include the vocal department as well as the Symphonic Band. All are under the direction of Josh Tyson; a free-will offering will benefit the Music Boosters.

* A Prospective Student Christmas Party is taking place at IMS on Sunday, Dec 13 following the annual Christmas Concert. Students in 6th-8th grade - and any interested in transferring - are invited to enjoy cookies and games with our student government leaders. It will last approximately an hour; families are also invited to participate. For more information, contact the school.

Cheesecakes for sale Dan Fisher and his elves will be making cheesecakes once again for the Christmas season. The following flavors will be offered: white chocolate 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 a.m. 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!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

High school seniors: Don't miss out on receiving one of our top scholarships! A Goshen College achievement scholarship could save you and your family tens of thousands of dollars on a nationally-ranked Anabaptist-Mennonite education. Dec. 15 is the priority application deadline for eligibility. Apply now at: goshen.edu/dec15

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.