

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 149	Sunday School:
<b>Giving through 12.27.15</b>	
December 27th Giving	\$ 6,680.88
End-of-year Giving	\$ 297,309.02

***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: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller  
Next Sunday: Chris Rhodes & Cade Groenewold

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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	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir

## WORSHIP

### Advent 6: "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

Call to Worship / Prayer

Leader: Arise, Shine;  
Your light has come.

**People: God's glory has risen upon us.**

Leader: Even if darkness should cover the earth,  
Deep darkness cover the peoples,

**People: Nations shall come to your light  
Kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: Nothing can hide God's glorious light.

**All: Let us look to God and be radiant.  
Let us reflect the brightness of this dawning.**

Congregational Singing  
Isaiah 60:1-6

Lighting the Advent Candle Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder

Leaders: Today we light our to shine the true light,  
A Savior has been born.

He is Christ the Lord!

"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

Announcements

First Fruits Offering

Special Music

Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "How Far Are We Willing to Go?"

Song of response

Advent response

Sharing Time, Prayer concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

15 minutes of Coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook

**College Students:** Tommy & Gabriela Cikos Rhodes, Will DeHogues

**Serving in MCC in Bangladesh:** Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey

**Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Sam Hochstetler

**Central Plains:** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group which meets next Tuesday in Des Moines to tour the site and make plans for Central Plains Annual Meeting next June 16-19, 2016.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the Toba/Qom radio station that was inaugurated last month in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that the Christian programming will touch many lives through this ministry that is facilitated by Alfonsina and Jose Oyanguren, serving with Mennonite Mission Network.

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Tuesday, January 5*

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Pastor Joel. The topic will be: "Jesus was an artist" and we will have a potluck. Our project will be Sewing Kits. It is also 'guest day.'

### *Wednesday, January 6*

- **CHOW** 6 - 7:45 pm The Shekinah class would like you to join them in viewing the PBS documentary "Poor Kids". Showing how many American youth are food insecure. Venture Club, Jr. MYF & MYF are welcome to join us for the video. It will be approximately 55 minutes long (the youth do not need to stay for the entire video to understand it's meaning). We hope this will get people thinking about our community and the needs that many families face on a daily basis. As a congregation, how can we help this coming year and beyond? The Shekinah class thought this would be a great intro to February's CHOW- Kids Against Hunger (international) & Kalona Food Pantry (local) donation month.

### *Next Sunday, January 10*

- **New Series starts** All of the adult Sunday school classes and the MYF will participate in a series on Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices made available by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Pastor Joel will be providing a parallel sermon series using the topics from this book.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Happy Birthday!** Clayton White turned 100 years old yesterday! Please remember Clayton and Leola on this significant milestone and wish him a happy birthday. We wish God's blessings on them both on this happy day.

**Prayer Walk** To usher in the new year, the congregation is invited to participate in a prayer walk around the church building at 3:00 pm, January 17th. We will pray for the various ministries and spaces throughout the building. If you have any questions, see Joel Beachy.

**Offering Envelopes** for 2016 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes this year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. Thank you!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Aging Well Group** will meet at the Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. We will focus on Spiritual Wellness with Nathan Ramer, pastor, from the Wellman Mennonite Church. All are welcome.

**The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop**, Iowa City, is seeking a part time Furniture Assistant. This position would involve organizing and assisting with deliveries and pickups, transporting inventory and other items to and from the storage building, managing recycling, among other duties. Applicant must be able to work in a fast paced environment, be on your feet, be able to lift 30-50 lbs., work both independently and as part of a team. Looking for 3 8 hour days, ideal candidate would work two Saturdays a month. Excellent public relation skills are required. For more information or detailed job description contact the Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com). Applications will be accepted until January 15 or until the position is filled.

**Iowa Mennonite School** interested girls in the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate in a basketball scrimmage during halftime of the varsity IMS games on Friday, Jan 8. Come and enjoy meeting new people and showcasing your skills on the court!

### ***Crooked Creek Christian Camp***

- \* **January 15-17, 2016**, is **WinterFest** for junior high students. Information packets are available from your church office or youth sponsor.
- \* **Save the date:** April 2-3 is a one night High School Retreat. Details to come this month.
- \* **Sunday afternoon open gym** at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center. Open gym will be the third Sunday's 3-5pm. Dates are: January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17. Climbing wall available February 21.
- \* **Monday morning open gym** at the Crooked Creek Camp Activity Center for parents and young children (Pre-Kindergarten and younger) from 10am-Noon. Dates are January 18, February 22, March 21, April 18.