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| <b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b> |                           |
| Morning Worship: 147           | Sunday School: 107        |
| <b>Giving through 12.13.15</b> |                           |
| December 13th Giving           | \$ 7,297.20               |
| Year-to-date Giving            | \$ 283,452.03 (corrected) |
| Average Weekly Giving Needed:  | \$ 5,881.49               |

***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: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt

Next Sunday: Bruce & Karen Harvey

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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      |
| Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude | Verna Zook               |
| Congregational Singing          | Nici Bontrager & Quartet |
| Christmas Program               | A Living Nativity        |

## WORSHIP

### Advent 4: "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

Call to Worship / Prayer

Leader: Our souls magnify you, our God.

Our spirits rejoice in you, our Savior.

People: **You have looked with favor on your lowly servants;**

**Because of you we are called "blessed."**

Leader: You have scattered the proud

And brought down the mighty.

People: **You have raised up the lowly**

**And filled the hungry.**

Leader: You have remembered your mercy,

Helping those in need and their descendants forever.

All: ***Praise. Praise God's Holy Name.***

Congregational Singing

Lighting the Advent Candle Ian Schmidt & Will Miller

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 Peace,

"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

A Living Nativity

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

**Oaknoll Retirement Home:** Edna Yoder

**College Students:** Vince Rhodes, Christian Swartzentruber, Emma Yoder

**Serving in MCC's SALT program in Bolivia:** Gretchen Geyer

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

**Central Plains:** Pray for Max Villatoro as well as for Gloria and the children as they spend their first Christmas separated from each other. Pray that God will make a way for Max to return to his family soon.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Pray for safe travels for Mennonite Mission Network's Christian Service participants going home for Christmas.

Remember in a special way those who are not able to travel home and who will celebrate far from their families. May they experience the love and support of the communities they serve.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for renewed energy and peace of mind for the Bluffton (Ohio) University students who are completing student teaching or internship requirements.

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### Today, Sunday, December 20

- The **Christmas program** will be during our regular church service.
- Chronicle articles due.



### Wednesday, December 23

- Choir Practice 7 pm

### Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

### Friday, December 25



### Next Sunday, December 27

- No Sunday School

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.

### **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.
- \* **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.
- \* **Consider giving** to camp's Fall Fundraiser for our facility improvements in your end of year giving. Currently we are 39% of our goal of \$32,805.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Office closed Thursday & Friday** please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox. Thank you!

**Out of the office** The Beachy family will be traveling and celebrating Christmas with family and friends in Meridian, MS from December 18-24. We look forward to returning for the Christmas Eve service. Peace and Blessings Joel, Christine, Isaac, and Lucas.

**Thanks** to all for the "Living Nativity" today in worship. Thanks to Trent Yoder and his helpers for "the finest stable in the land." May Christ continue to be born in all of our lives.

**New Series** From January 10-February 7, **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. 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.

**Offering Envelopes** There are a few boxes of offering envelopes for 2016 left on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use envelopes next year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. If they are out and you want a box, please write your name on the list and we will get a box to you as soon as more boxes are delivered.

**Video Recording** For those of you that help with video recording, please contact Derek Bontrager or Greg Yoder if you no longer wish to be on the schedule. We are also looking for more people that would like to learn how to load recordings to the internet.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Apply for 2016 college scholarships.** If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Submit your application by February 29, 2016. Learn more at [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships).

**Graduate Students in Healthcare Professions:** *Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers scholarship funding for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for 2016-17 academic year is May 15, 2016. For details and application form, see <http://mennohealth.org/SET>, email [info@mennohealth.org](mailto:info@mennohealth.org), or call 1-888-406-3643.*