

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 198	Sunday School: 82
Giving through 12.20.15	
December 20th Giving	\$ 7,176.11
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 290,628.14
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 4,586.86

~ Thank you for your faithfulness in giving this year! ~

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: Bruce & Karen Harvey
 Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Julia 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	Firman Gingerich
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir

WORSHIP

Advent 5: "Let It be known, A new day is dawning"

Call to Worship / Prayer

Leader: Praise the Lord,
Sing praise all the heights!

People: **Praise God, sun and moon.**
Sing praise, all you shining stars!

Leader: Praise God, all the earth.
Sing praise, all fruit trees and hills!

People: **Praise God, all you animals.**
Sing praise creeping things and flying birds!

All: *Young men and women alike,
Old and young together,
Let all that has life and breath praise God!*

Congregational Singing

Luke 2:41-52

Lighting the Advent Candle Jenna Boller & Lisa Yoder

Leaders: Today we light our candles in praise,
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

Songs of Christmas

Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon "Baby Jesus won't stay in the manger"

Song of response

Advent response

Sharing Time, Prayer concerns

Words of Farewell - Firman Gingerich

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

Coffee & fellowship time

No Sunday School

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home: Emma Jean Schrock, Nora Dickel, Dave Plank

College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber, Danny Lam

Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Sam Hochstetler

Central Plains: Central Plains leaders join you in giving thanks to God for the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill among people!

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Joshua Graber of Mennonite Mission Network request prayers for wisdom for LCC International University of Lithuania and for all Mission Network personnel in Europe as they try to find appropriate and Christ-centered responses to the massive influx of refugees.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that members of Mennonite congregations will express support for church schools with their year-end gifts. Give thanks for the ways God provides and the church upholds this important mission.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 27

- No Sunday School

Friday, January 1



LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, January 6th - CHOW

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 understanding 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.

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. Applications will be accepted until January 15 or until the position is filled.

Iowa Mennonite School Interested girls in the 6th-8th 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. Registrations accepted now.

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 or place them in the Office Manager mailbox. Thank you!

Firman will be in his office Tuesday and Wednesday cleaning up and doing some last visits.

Thanks to Trent Yoder and all who helped in last Sunday's "Living Nativity" in our worship service! The presentation of the story of Jesus birth was deeply moving to us all.

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

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.