

**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: Chris Rhodes & Cade Groenewold  
Next Sunday: Kara & Ella Groenewold

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 138	Sunday School: 89
<b>Giving through 1.3.16</b>	
January 3rd Giving	\$ 3,858.34
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 3,858.34

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

**Pleasantview Home:** Dorothy Rhodes & Dorothy Helmuth  
**College Students:** Nick Santoro, Cameron Gingerich, Rebecca Rhodes  
**Praying for God's Healing and Hope:** Sam Hochstetler  
**Central Plains:** Pray for the workshop on Conflict Transformation Skills to be held next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota. Pray that many will learn valuable skills they can put to use in their relationships and congregational leadership roles.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Odessa Theological Seminary is closed for four months during the winter to save on heating costs. Pray for Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network as she prepares courses for classes scheduled to resume in March.

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# East Union Mennonite Church

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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	Will & Emily Miller
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Karenza Yoder

**WORSHIP**

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sharing Time, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34  
 Sermon "A New Covenant"  
 Song of preparation  
 Celebrating Communion  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

15 minutes of Coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, 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 begins a parallel sermon series today. The Adult Sunday School classes will meet in the basement following coffee time.

### *Next Sunday, January 17*

- **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. We will pray for the various ministries and spaces throughout the building. If you have any questions, see Joel Beachy.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sharing with Others in Need** As we approached the end of 2015, Bruce Harvey in his role as Everence Advocate made note of Everence Matching Funds that were available to East Union totaling \$1,000. The Elders, as part of one of East Union's Strategic Objectives, decided to reach out to two community organizations with funds. East Union sent contributions to "Feed the Kids" and the Kalona Food Pantry for \$500, each from the East Union Sharing Fund. Everence Matching Funds arrived in late December and an additional \$500 was given to each of these organizations for local ministry. We are thankful for the work of these groups in our community and believe the work they are doing for children and families is changing lives in meaningful ways! If you have any questions or comments, please talk with an Elder.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kalona Community Blood Drive** sponsored by the Kalona Optimist Club, tomorrow, Monday, January 11, 2:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Kalona Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. To donate contact Ed Yoder at (319) 656-2283 or visit [www.bloodcenterimpact.org](http://www.bloodcenterimpact.org).

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

**Movie Night** Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church (1408 540<sup>th</sup> St SW, Kalona) will be showing *War Room* on Sunday, January 17 at 6 pm. From the award-winning creators of *Fireproof* and *Courageous*, **WAR ROOM** is a compelling drama with humor and heart that explores the power that prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of our lives. You are invited to this FREE event that also includes snacks and child care. To learn more about this powerful movie, visit [www.warroomthemovie.com](http://www.warroomthemovie.com).

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

- \* Interested girls in the 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to participate in a basketball scrimmage during halftime of the varsity IMS games on Friday, Jan 22. Come and enjoy meeting new people and showcasing your skills on the court!
- \* All interested 8th-grade students (and transfers considering IMS) are invited to a visitation day on January 18. Special activities to commemorate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place throughout the day, and visitors will have the opportunity to visit classes, eat lunch on campus, and meet other potential students. Please contact the school with questions, or register online at [www.iowamennonite.org](http://www.iowamennonite.org).

**Need an indoor project for the cold winter months?** Consider creating, crafting, making or building an item for this year's Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale general auction. Proceeds from the sale support the global work of Mennonite Central Committee; "relief, development and peace in the name of Christ." Contact auction chair Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670 or [ey5840@netins.net](mailto:ey5840@netins.net) for more information.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

- \* There's still time to register for **Winterfest 2016!** If you're in grades 6th-8th join us **January 15-17** for a weekend of fun, faith and fellowship. Call the camp office with any questions. 653-3611
- \* **Sunday afternoon open gym** at the Activity Center this month is Sunday January 17 at 3-5pm.
- \* **Camp's Fall Fundraiser** is at 69% of our goal of \$32,805. Thank you for being a partner in Crooked Creek's ministry!

**The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop**, Iowa City, is seeking a PT 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. Looking for 3 8 hour days, ideal candidate would work two Saturdays a month. 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.

*Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.*