

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.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 158	Sunday School: 107
Giving through 2.7.16	
February 7th Giving	\$ 7,153.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 30,393.34

PRAYER REMINDERS

At home: Emma Jean Schrock, Nora Dickel, Dave Plank
College Students: Rebecca Rhodes, Emma Yoder
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Sam Hochstetler
From last week's sharing: Beth Yoder (Caleb starting at Donaldson Mennonite); Phil Yoder (Duane Gingerich's passing)
Central Plains: Pray for Youth Escape 2016, the July 15-17 weekend retreat for Central Plains youth. Pray that youth will attend and be encouraged to live "inside out," finding their identity in Jesus Christ.
Mennonite Mission Network: Many weddings occur this time of year in Cambodia due to the cooler, dry season. On this Valentine's Day, pray for Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo of Mennonite Mission Network as they mentor young Christian couples and model Christ-centered relationships.

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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	Tammy & Trent Yoder & family
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller & Kalen Yutzky
Special Music	Children's Choir

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Parent-Child Dedication
 Special Music
 Children's Time - Interviews
 Scripture Reading: Deut 26:1-11
 Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation
 Sermon "Thankful Giving"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Blessing for Bruce & Karen Harvey
 Congregational Prayer
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Coins for Camp
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office hours Thursday's from Noon to 2 pm Pastor Joel will be in class for the spring semester.

Guest-Host Event: Thank you to everyone who signed up to participate - we are thrilled with the response! Each of the hosts have been contacted (via email and in their mailbox) with their guests' names and contact numbers. Hosts, please arrange with your guests directly regarding location and time. Enjoy your time together, and watch for details on future events!!

FOOD PANTRY collection will be each Sunday through March 6. Ours is the biggest drive for several months so it is an important one! Help East Union meet its goal of 3000 items/dollars!

Thanks for your kind words, cards and the gift of the beautiful hydrangea sent this week following news that my brother Duane Gingerich died. There was a funeral last weekend for Duane in Indonesia, and a memorial service will be planned in July in the Kalona area around the time of our planned family reunion. Your kindness is much appreciated. Firman and Susan Gingerich

Teachers Needed: Primary/Junior Sunday School Teachers needed for the summer. Please consider dedicating your time and energy to teaching the youth of our church. See signup sheet under bulletin board or contact Sarah Yoder or Jon Miiller with questions.

Quarter 4: June-August

3 Year Olds: 1 Teacher needed

4 and 5 Year Olds: 1 Teacher needed

Primary 1 and Primary 2 (Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade):
2 Teachers needed

Junior Youth: 1 Teacher needed

EU Gift Discernment Gift Discernment forms will be in your mailboxes on Sunday, 2/28. Please be prayerfully considering open positions that you could fill and also think of others who could fill specific positions in our church. The committee is asking Adult Sunday School classes to use class time on 2/28 to discuss the gift discernment form. Questions? Please see Lisa Yoder.

Thank you East Union Mennonite Church, for giving \$8,611.29 to Mennonite Mission Network in 2015! Your donations, prayers, participation, and enthusiasm for mission are deeply felt across the street and around the world.

The IMS Turkey Steak Supper will be held on Saturday, March 12 in the school cafeteria. East Union has been asked to provide 10 pies and 4 volunteers for the 3:45 - 5:45 PM shift (and volunteers eat for free!!). There is a sign-up sheet for both of these opportunities on the table by the library. See Nici Bontrager if you have any questions. Thank you for considering giving in this way!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers will be performing at Iowa Mennonite School on Saturday evening, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday morning, March 13, during the worship service at First Mennonite in Iowa City. Anyone interested in hosting choir members overnight on March 12 may contact Sheila Raim at [319-828-1123](tel:319-828-1123) or by email at thstrings.raim@gmail.com. Following the concert, hosts may pick up their students at IMS for overnight lodging. Students should be brought back to the school on Sunday morning by 7:45 for their departure to Iowa City (First Mennonite Church). Thank you in advance for your willingness to help host choir members!

Diana Butler Bass, leading commentator on religion, politics, and culture, argues that what appears to be a religious decline in America today, actually signals a major transformation in how people understand and experience God. On [Monday, February 15, from 6-8 pm](#) at Dave and Anna Geyer's, Dr. Joy Lapp, Pastor Luann Bengel, and Anna Geyer will introduce Butler Bass's book, *Grounded*, and explore what she describes as a spiritual revolution based on the experience of God with us. Registration for the event is \$10 per person and includes supper around the indoor pizza oven. Registration is limited to 20 people. To register, please call Anna at [319.325.6609](tel:319.325.6609).

'For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
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That Whosoever
Believeth In Him
Should Not perish
But have Everlasting life."
-- John 3:16

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

February 14th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, February 14

- Marriage Care Breakfast 8 am
- The Berean class is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

Wednesday, February 17

- Choir practice 7 pm

Thursday, February 18

- Annual Business Meeting 6:30 pm
- Church council meeting 7 pm.

Next Sunday, February 21

- Guest-Host Night or Noon

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Everence *Share with the ministries close to your heart.* Support your congregation or church missions with planned giving such as bequests, gift annuities, gifts of assets and more. At faith-based Everence, a trusted team of professionals can offer you ease confidence and flexibility in your generosity. Learn more at everence.com/charitable-services.

You're invited to join the MCC Central States Board and Staff at our annual Community Engagement Event on Saturday, Feb. 27. Our event this year will be held in the chapel at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. from 8:30-10:45am focusing on Mass Incarceration. We will have a variety of speakers share with the group and time for questions and answers. Please call our office to let us know if you'll be attending at 316.283.2720. All our welcome to attend this informative event with opportunity to engage with MCC board and staff!

MCC Salt Program Have you always wanted to experience another culture while growing professionally, spiritually, and personally? Then MCC's SALT program is for you! We have upwards of 120 diverse assignments in over 35 countries waiting for the perfect applicants to fill them. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15. Make 2016 the year you will step out in faith and do it. Apply today at mcc.org/salt!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to a Valentine coffee house and chocolate buffet at Kalona Mennonite Church **tonight** from 5 - 7:30 pm. Come join us for a night of java, chocolate, personal stories and performances by various local musicians. Everyone is welcome! Proceeds will benefit KMC's International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is Rudi Mucaj who is currently attending Goshen College.

Pleasantview's Aging Well community program will be Tuesday, Feb 16 at 10 am in The Friendship Center. You are invited to hear a presentation from The Mercy Wound and Vein Center of Iowa City. Information about the wound center and professional information about skin and foot care will be presented by Judy Bennett and Tanya Erickson of The Center. The broader community is cordially invited to join in these learning opportunities.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Erica Littlewolf and Karin Kaufman Wall address the topic, "People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery." The Doctrine of Discovery is the philosophy and set of policies that justified the conquest of Native American peoples. Erica and Karin work for Mennonite Central Committee and will describe both the scriptures used to support this doctrine, as well as the current realities that have resulted. Join us to hear Erica and Karin on Sunday evening, February 21, 2016, at Iowa Mennonite School, 1421 540th St SW, Kalona, IA at 6 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for Erica and Karin's presentation. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com A special opportunity for more discussion with Erica and Karin about this topic will take place on Monday, February 22, 2016 from 6 pm-8 pm at Geyer's Farm, 1259 Rohret Road, Oxford, IA. Registration for Monday's event is required. Cost is \$10, and includes pizza. Call Anna Geyer at 319-325-6609 for reservations.

Potato Bar and Benefit Auction

Pathway Christian School - Friday, February 19
Time: Potato Bar - 4 - 7:30 PM Auction begins at 5 PM Children's Auction - 6:30 PM Cost: Donation Basis

Kalona Mops Fundraiser Meal Sunday, February 28, 2016, 11:30am-1:30pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. Free will donation. Serving Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, fluff & dessert.

Mush Fry The Wellman Mennonite Mush Fry will be Sunday, March 6. Serving will be from 11:30-1:00. Join us for this old fashioned meal of fried mush, sausage, liverwurst, scrambled eggs, tomato gravy and applesauce. Proceeds will benefit the MYF and WMC mission projects.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * **Coins for Camp** is in February! Join with other churches collecting coins for camp that will go towards purchasing a new camera to take photos and videos. We plan to post a fabulous picture slideshow after each week long camp with highlights from that week.
- * **February 21 is open gym** at the Activity Center 3-5pm. The climbing wall will be available and if interested please call the camp office.
- * **February 22** is open gym for parents and young children (Pre-K and younger) 10am-12pm.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * Eighth-grade students -- and students considering a transfer -- are invited to visit IMS for a day on Monday, February 15. The day includes visiting classes, attending chapel, eating lunch on campus, and meeting other students and faculty members. To register, contact the school or visit www.iowamennonite.org.
- * Families interested in checking out IMS are invited to do so by attending *Prospective Family Night* at the school on Monday, February 28. Come and meet faculty members (and other families), tour the facilities, and receive valuable information! Please call the school for more information.
- * Iowa Mennonite School will host more than 450 high school students during the 54th annual *Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival*, Apr. 8-10. The concert itself, to be held Sun. the 10th at 3:00 pm, will take place at the Washington High School in Washington. Dr. Scott Hochstetler, associate professor of music at Goshen (Ind.) College, will guest conduct the mass choir. Choirs from 13-15 schools will participate, singing individually and culminating with a mass choir performance. Please watch the bulletin for further information, as well as the school website -- iowamennonite.org -- and other news outlets.

Help with Summer Lunch expansion Feb. 23

Due to the generosity of the Kalona community, Food for All is exploring fun new programs for the third Kalona Summer Lunch season--and we need you! If you're interested in planning and/or helping with a kickoff ice cream social, a volunteer rewards program, outreach to the elderly, transportation, activities, or other good stuff, come to our gathering on Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m., at Kalona Methodist Fellowship Hall on 4th Street and C Avenue. For more information or to say "I'll be there!" contact Amy Spencer at 656-3916 or foodforallkalona@gmail.com. (For more information on Food for All, visit our website at foodforallkalona.weebly.com.)

Thank you! Ten Thousand Villages Iowa City thanks our shoppers and volunteers for helping us have another successful holiday pop-up store. Though the Iowa City store is closed for the season, you can continue to purchase Ten Thousand Villages products at the Schlabaugh and Sons Woodworking showroom in Kalona at 714 14th St. Artisans around the world are able to feed and educate their families because Ten Thousand Villages brings their products to U.S. markets. Give hope to artisans by purchasing fairly-traded items at Ten Thousand Villages in Kalona.