

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: 149	Sunday School: 93
Giving through 2.14.16	
February 14th Giving	\$ 3,375.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 33,768.34

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Charlotte Winborn, Marguerite Zook
College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber, Danny Lam
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Sam Hochstetler
Serving in MCC's SALT program in Bolivia: Gretchen Geyer
From last week's sharing: Kim Blauvelt (Nathan Hawbaker's passing); Steve Groenewold (2 year old Laurali with cancerous tumor on eye)
Central Plains: Pray for the Central Plains Conference Board as they meet March 3 to work on financial shortfalls and budgeting for next year.
Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Margot and Stephen Longley's 30 years of ministry with Mennonite Mission Network, first in Nepal and now in Korpo, Finland. Margot's degenerative neurological condition is progressing more slowly than anticipated. Pray for continued health as the Longley's retire in Korpo.

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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	Keith & Kate Slater
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager & Quartet
Special Music	Adult & Children's Choirs

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Coins for Camp
 Special Music - Children's Choir
 Children's Time
 Special Music - Adult Choir
 Scripture Reading: John 17:6-8, 13-17, Psalm 119:33-40, 89-96
 Sermon "Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Questions? We have completed our background study of *Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices* together during the adult Sunday school hour, but this does not mean the discussion about the covenant has ended. Please submit questions, concerns, clarifications, comments to Pastor Joel in writing either by email to jjobelbeachy@gmail.com (subject heading - **Covenant**), in the Covenant Question Box (under mailboxes), or in-person. He will be collecting these over the next two months. In mid-April, all of these will be compiled and submitted to David Boshart and Tim Detweiler. They will be meeting with East Union in May to discuss these questions at length. Our hope is that everyone's voice may be heard during this important time of discernment. Questions? See Joel Beachy or one of the elders: Larry Detweiler, Karen Harvey, Lauralee Kauffman, or Jeff Swartzendruber.



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!

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

Almost time! You will find EU Gift Discernment forms in your mailboxes next Sunday (2/28). Please be in prayer about the positions that you might be able to fill and also think of others to fill the various positions. We will use Adult Sunday School time on 2/28 to discuss the gift discernment form in your classes. Thanks! Lisa Y., Catrina, Allison, Karen & Joel B.

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.

Reminder There is no choir practice this week.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

* 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.

* As the IMS community looks forward to hosting 450+ students (13 schools) Apr. 8-10 for the Mennonite Schools Choir Festival, please consider how you might be involved. There will be a need for homes from the various churches hosting students, as well as assistance with the concert itself, serving food, etc. Please contact Larry Swartzendruber at 656-2073 with questions or for further information.

* Interested 8th-grade students, potential transfer students, and parents are invited to an evening of information and getting acquainted at Iowa Mennonite School. This opportunity will take place Monday, Feb. 29 at 7:00 pm in the school's *Celebration Hall*. In addition to meeting faculty members and other families, there will be opportunity to receive course and financial information, as well as receive tours and ask questions. Please contact the school (656-2073) for more information.

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 athstrings.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!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

The next **Central Plains Fellowship and Learning Tour to Ecuador** is scheduled for **June 3-15, 2016**. Eight people from Central Plains will join two people from the Colombia Mennonite Church to visit two areas of Ecuador: the rain forest where we will learn from the indigenous people about their faith and sustainable living practices and Quito where we will get to know members of the Mennonite churches and their work in peace education and refugee assistance. Details and an application form are at <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/upcoming-trips.html>. Direct questions to Joetta Schlabach, jschlabach@faithmennonite.org. Applications are due by the end of March.

Youth Escape 2016 Youth and sponsors, we are excited to invite you Youth Escape 2016 July 15-17, 2016! An invitation, a take-home flyer, and the first part of a three-part poster will soon arrive in congregations. Be sure to check out the video on the Youth Escape 2016 Facebook page or on the Youth Escape 2016 page at www.centralplainsmc.org.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, February 21

- Guest-Host Night or Noon

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 tonight at 6 pm at Iowa Mennonite School, 1421 540th St SW, Kalona 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.

Annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 4 in the Chapel at Pleasantview Home. Fellowship and Refreshments begin at 3:00 pm and Worship at 3:45 pm. All are invited to attend. An offering will be taken for the ministry of WDP. East Union Mennonite Women are hosting this year's event.

Kalona Summer Lunch Program

Due to the generosity of the community, Food for All is exploring 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 this Tuesday, Feb. 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.)

Upcoming birthdays! Jen Saner-Harvey's birthday is March 18 and Idonea's birthday is March 9. Jen and her family are serving in Bangladesh thru Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Please shower them with birthday greetings either via postal mail or email. Their addresses are: jen4harvey@gmail.com or 4/10 Iqbal Road, Mohammadpur, Dhaka 1207, Bangladesh. You can mail a regular card with 3 regular stamps or an international stamp of \$1.20. It takes nearly 3 weeks to arrive so start early. Thanks!