

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.

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan

College Students: Nick Santoro, Cameron Gingerich, Ada Gent

Serving in MCC in Bangladesh: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey

From last week's sharing: Hesston Kansas shooting, Iglesia Zoar, Ken Hostetler (Zika virus), Dale Miller (border violence), Carrie Schmidt (aunt Donna Yoder, friend Tracy passed away) Deb Miller (sister Jeanne having stem cell transplant, friend has lung cancer)

Central Plains: Pray for the Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meeting in Goshen, Indiana, Monday through Wednesday. Pray for God's guidance as these representatives of the area conferences meet. Pray for wisdom for David Boshart as he facilitates the meetings.

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber of Mennonite Mission Network teach and mentor students at LCC International University in Lithuania. Throughout the winter, Josh has battled bronchitis. Pray for renewed energy for Josh and for the health of Alisha and their first child expected in May.

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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	Greg & Lisa Schmidt
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold

WORSHIP

The Lenten theme is *Living Ink*. The Author of our lives invites all the people of God into the Grand Narrative, encompassing our struggles, pain, joys, and victories. We are called to co-authorship using our lives to help write part of Jesus' ongoing kingdom story.

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14
 Sermon "Living Ink: Editing Goals"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, March 9

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, March 13

- Next Sunday we will have a *Healing Service* following the sermon time. This will include two stations, one at the front and back of the sanctuary, where those interested may come for prayer and anointing. The healing service is designed for individuals to pray with an elder or pastor for physical, emotional, spiritual healing for themselves or on behalf of a friend or loved one. Please consider how God is calling all of us towards healing and wholeness this Lenten season. Peace and Blessings, Pastor Joel.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: Gift Discernment forms are due next Sunday, March 13th. Please take time to prayerfully fill out the form! If you misplaced your copy or would rather fill it out electronically, please go to tinyurl.com/eugiftsdiscernment2016.

Thanks to all the kids who helped collect the Coins for Camp offerings and for everyone who gave. We raised \$253.83 for Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Thanks again for your generosity.

Save the date!

Sunday, March 20: Palm Sunday - come see the children's parade of palms and hear them sing.

Thursday, March 24: Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (see March Chronicle article).

Sunday, March 27: Easter Sunday - the MYF will host a breakfast prior to the 9:30 worship service. Please bring flowers for the Living Cross. There will be no Sunday School.

Bake Sale items East Union is responsible for Crowded Closet bake sale items on Saturday, March 19th. Please have baked goods at the church by 8:30 am or to the Crowded Closet by 9 am. Thank you!

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 163	Sunday School: 123
Giving through 2.28.16	
February 28th Giving	\$ 5,939.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 44,193.34
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,786.27

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration Community Choir, previously led by Nathaniel Yoder De Avila, has begun meeting again on Thursday evenings at Pleasantview Home in Kalona. Join us for an hour of singing hymns and folk songs old and new from 7 pm to 8 pm in the Pleasantview Home Chapel, 102 Pleasantview Court, Kalona, Iowa. For more information, call Heidi Gingerich at 646-2233

Aging Well will be at Pleasantview Home on Tue. March 8 at 10 am in the Friendship Center. The program, “*Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate?*” is an interactive discussion that allows people to gain an understanding of the sensitivity of the issues involved in transferring family property. The program will be delivered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Washington County staff. It is designed to help people decide what’s “fair” for their family and consider distribution options and consequences. Those in attendance are invited to bring a family heirloom or object that may have some personal “family history” surrounding it that might be of concern when it is time to decide who should receive it.

Wellman Food Pantry When you buy groceries at Freeman Groceries in Wellman, you may choose the Reward points to go to **Food Pantry**. Just tell the Cashier, you want the reward points to go to the Food Pantry.

Iowa Mennonite School

* Iowa Mennonite School's *Alumni Association* and the *Washington Township Optimists* will collaborate to serve the annual Turkey Steak Supper, on Sat., March 12. The meal also includes a baked potato, tossed salad, dinner roll, homemade dessert, and coffee and/or water. Serving will be from 4:00-7:00 pm in the IMS cafeteria, with proceeds from the donation-only meal benefiting both organizations. Following the meal, the *Bel Canto Singers* from Hesston (Kan.) College will perform in *Celebration Hall* (7:30 pm). The choir, directed by Dr. Russell Adrian, features local students Hannah Miller (Nancy & Corey) of Parnell; Casey Perez (Kathy & Gil) of Kalona; and Eleya Raim (Sheila & Dan) of Oxford. Come enjoy dinner and a show!

* Iowa Mennonite School's Compassion Club is hosting a blood drive the the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center on Thursday, March 17 from 6:30 - 10:30 am in the lobby of Celebration Hall. Please contact Gloria Yoder at 656-2073 if willing to donate. Each donation provides a critical and lifesaving resource for three or four people!

The 23 voice Bel Canto Singers from Hesston College, and director Russell Adrian will present the program “**Transform Our Lives**” on Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, IA and Sunday, March 13, 9:30 a.m., First Mennonite Church, Iowa City IA. Alumni and friends are invited to attend and a free will offering will be taken for the Spring Break Tour costs. Go to www.hesston.edu for complete tour details.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* **Lenten Quiet Day is March 12** at the Retreat Lodge. Please sign up by March 8 for this free event and lunch. More information online.

* Camp is seeking **Kitchen Assistants** to work 1-2 weekends per month throughout the year. Job description is available at crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.

* Camp is seeking **Housekeeping Assistants** for cleaning our facilities year round. Job description is available at crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities

* Hey High Schoolers! The **High School Retreat is April 2-3**. Come find out what a Dutch Auction is. Register online or call camp 319-653-3611.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Register now for Sent 2016: A gathering of Mennonites planting Jesus-centered communities, March 31-April 2 in New Orleans. This church planting summit is open to people who are testing a call to church planting as well as church planters, pastors, missiologists and conference leaders. Participants will explore concrete ways to work together more strategically across the church and will launch a national church planting network for ongoing learning and collaboration. Spanish translation will be provided. Hosts: Pastor Karl Bernhard and *Iglesia Amor Viviente*. Sponsors: Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA. The registration fee is \$60 (includes meals); a shared hotel room costs \$80/person per night (must book by March 10). Lodging and travel scholarships are available. Learn more and register at mennoniteusa.org/sent.

Everence

* Everence Financial will present an informational webinar, *Invest in a better world* on Monday, March 21, at 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. (EDT). Financial Advisor Chad Campbell will discuss how your God-given resources can be used to make a difference, how you can consider both financial and social return and the three pillars of stewardship investing. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact Melissa Short: (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com. Or visit our website at everence.com/direct.

* Everence Financial will present an informational webinar, *Understanding long-term care insurance*, on Wednesday, March 23, at 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. (EDT). Financial Advisor Craig Foor, CLU[®], ChFC[®], CASL[®] will discuss how you can cover the high cost of long-term care - without wiping out your life savings. He'll also talk about ensuring quality of care and maintaining your independence. You'll get the information you need to make informed decisions. There will be time for your questions. To participate, contact Melissa Short: (800) 222-5054 ext. 3392 or melissa.short@everence.com. Or visit our website at everence.com/direct.