

***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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 154	Sunday School: 110
<b>Giving through 3.6.16</b>	
March 6th Giving	\$ 5,379.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 49,572.34
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,795.97

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

***Oskaloosa Care Center:*** Marilyn Yutzy

***College Students:*** Rebecca Rhodes, Emma Yoder

***Praying for God's healing and hope:*** Nora Dickel

***From last week's sharing:*** Nolan Gerber (anniversary of Evelyn's diagnosis - thanks for prayers), Betsy Slabaugh (Christine a blessing to Crowded Closet, thanks from Anya for care package), Elvesta Hochstedler (thanks from Danny for care package) Larry Detweiler (family situation), Emily Higdon (family situation, Chris Lee stage 4 cancer)

***Central Plains:*** Pray for those planning our 2016 Central Plains Annual Meeting to be held June 16-19 on the campus of Grand View College in Des Moines. Pray too for our worship speaker, Leonard Dow, as he prepares.

***Mennonite Mission Network:*** Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan's vast 13<sup>th</sup> century empire.

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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	Trent & Tammy Yoder & family
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Karenza Yoder
Special Music	Adult & Children's Choirs
Children's Time	Kendra Bailey

## 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  
 Special Music - Children's Choir  
 Congregational Singing  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Special Music - Adult Choir  
 Children's Time  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 32  
 Sermon "Living Ink: Turning Over a New Leaf"  
 Invitation to Healing Service  
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today Sunday, March 13*

- Today 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.

### *Wednesday, March 16*

- Choir practice 7 pm

### *Palm Sunday, March 20*

- Come see the children's parade of palms and hear them sing!

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Out of the office** Crystal will be out of the office on Friday and will be printing the bulletin Thursday morning. Please have your announcements in by the end of the day on Wednesday. Thank you!

**Reminder:** Gift Discernment forms are due **today!** Please place them in the box on the table beside the library door. See Lisa Yoder, Catrina Miiller, Joel Beachy, or Allison Troyer with questions. Thanks!

**If you have served with MCC** at some point in your life, please let Bruce or Rebecca know about it. We would like to know where you served, when and for how long. You will be recognized for your service at the MCC Relief Sale, June 3rd & 4th.

**Maundy Thursday Service** Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gather your entire family and join us for a simple meal and remembrance of Jesus' last supper. Please bring a plate of cheese, fruit, and bread to share with the others seated at your table. We will share communion and foot/hand washing together. For our youngest children, there will be babysitters available in the Toddler Room after the meal. If you have not joined us for this service in the past, we hope you will come this year and experience this meaningful service.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 24** Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall (see related announcement).

**Friday, March 25** Community service 7 pm at Iowa Mennonite School (see related announcement).

**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. We will not have Sunday School.

**Wednesday, May 11 Town Hall Meeting** Dave Boshart will be present to answer questions or concerns from the congregation regarding the covenant.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Iowa Mennonite School***

\* IMS senior Natalie Graber, daughter of Ruth Brenneman and Galen Graber of Wellman, will present her Senior Recital this afternoon at 3:00 in the school's *Celebration Hall*. Natalie will share piano and vocal solos and ensemble pieces. She will also be assisted by family and friends. A reception featuring desserts and breads will be served following the recital; all are invited to attend.

\* 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!

\* You've heard of *Mennonite Your Way?* Well, more than 450 students from 13 Mennonite high schools are headed our way the second weekend of April to participate in the annual *Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival*. They will be on the IMS campus April 8-10 to rehearse; the weekend will culminate in a 3:00 pm concert in the Washington High School gym, on Sunday, April 10. How can you be involved? You might host several students (talk to your church representative if your congregation is hosting a choir); attend the event on Sunday; and pray for traveling safety for the many students and administrators involved. For more information or questions, please contact the school at 656-2073 or 683-2586.

***Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service:*** Join local Mennonite churches as we worship together Friday, March 25 at 7pm at Celebration Hall in Iowa Mennonite School. High school students will share testimonies relating to Jesus' last seven words before his death on the cross. Child care will be provided for ages 3-8. Student speakers are Eli Gingerich, Caleb Yoder, Anthony Villatoro, Jesse Bender, Avery Blauvelt, Jordan Murray, & Timothy Bender.

***Spring meeting*** of the *Crowded Closet Association* will be held Monday, March 21, 7:00pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

### ***Pathway School***

\* Pathway will be presenting a Pre-Convention Program at Sunnyside Church this Sunday, March 13, at 7 PM. Everyone is invited.

\* The Annual Pathway Christian School Fish Fry will be Friday, March 18. They will be serving from 5 - 8 PM. Donation basis. Everyone is welcome!

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

### ***Job Opportunities***

\* The **MCC Central States Executive Director** position is available starting in June. The Executive Director promotes and encourages support of MCC. The Director works hand-in-hand with a management team which includes the Program Director and the Director of Donor Relations to provide vision and leadership to MCC program in the region and to develop and maintain strong relationships between MCC and its constituents in the region. This full-time position requires considerable cooperation and coordination with MCC US and the other regional MCCs and considerable travel in the region and beyond. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-cs>.

\* The **Office Manager/Bookkeeper** position is available starting in April at the MCC office in North Newton, Kansas. The Office Manager provides public relations, completes bill paying, bookkeeping and other financial tasks, assists volunteers and other departments as needed, maintains CS information in MCC databases and completes general office management tasks. The work schedule is 32 hours per week. The full job description is available at <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/office-managerbookkeeper-central-states>.

Please contact Heidi Huber at [heidihuber@mcc.org](mailto:heidihuber@mcc.org) for more information on either of these positions.

***Are you a veteran, or do you know someone who is?*** We are seeking groups to try out the six-week Sunday School curriculum "Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together" and share their feedback with us. The curriculum focuses on returning veterans and how the church can play a part in their healing journeys, drawing from biblical reflection, the latest understandings of trauma and moral injury and the experiences of veterans themselves. This is a project of the Peace and Justice Support Network, a partnership of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Mission Network. See [pjsn.org/vets](http://pjsn.org/vets) or contact Jason Boone, PJSN's coordinating minister, at [jasonb@mennoniteuse.org](mailto:jasonb@mennoniteuse.org).