

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: 140	Sunday School: 106
Giving through 3.13.16	
March 13th Giving	\$ 5,261.58
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 54,833.92
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,809.00

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller

College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Mariah Swartzentruber, Danny Lam

Praying for God's healing and hope: Nora Dickel

Serving in MCC's SALT program in Bolivia: Gretchen Geyer

From last week's sharing: Larry Detweiler (Rick Kolck - healing & guidance), Carrie Schmidt (Aunt diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer), Nici Bontrager (father recovering from hip surgery), Jane Miller (brother passed away).

Central Plains: One year ago today, Max Villatoro, pastor of the Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church in Iowa City, was deported to Honduras. Pray for Gloria Villatoro, Dave and Shana Boshart and others visiting officials in Washington, D.C., tomorrow to advocate for Max Villatoro's return. They will also attend a prayer vigil there for Max this evening.

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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.

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Worship Leader	Trent & Tammy Yoder & family
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Karenza Yoder & Quartet
Special Music	Adult & Children's Choirs

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.

Children's Procession of Palms
Call to Worship
Congregational Singing & Prayer
Announcements
First Fruits Offering
Special Music - Adult Choir
Parent Child Dedication
*Congregational Response
Children's Time
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:28-40
Sermon "Living Ink: The Plot Thickens"
Song of Response - Lenten theme song
Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
Congregational Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time
Sunday School

Congregational Response

Josie, you are new to us, but you are not new to God. For all eternity, God has known your name. Now so do we. We welcome you as part of the Miller family and we love you as part of our congregation. May you grow in wisdom and knowledge and love of God. Amen.

(adapted from Words for Worship II, #259)

HOLY WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Palm Sunday, March 20

- Children's parade of palms

Wednesday, March 16

- Church Council meeting 7 pm
- Choir practice 7 pm

Maundy Thursday, March 24

- *Maundy Thursday Service* 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.

Good Friday, March 25

- *Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service*: Join local Mennonite churches as we worship together 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.

Easter Sunday, March 27

- MYF Easter Breakfast 8 - 9 am
- Please bring flowers for the Living Cross. You will drop off your flowers in the foyer and all in attendance at the worship service will celebrate the resurrection by creating our beautiful Living Cross. We will not have Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 3 - Youth/Advocate Event: Please mark your calendars for lunch & games after church on Sunday, April 3rd! Advocates, please check with your youth & RSVP to Bev or Allison this week (if possible) so we can make plans for the meal.

Sunday, April 10 - Potluck dinner with visiting choir as our guests, so bring **A LOT** of extra food. There will be 45 extra guests.

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

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Breakfast Once again the MYF will be hosting an Easter Breakfast! Fellowship with your East Union family over a waffle buffet and fresh fruit served from 8 - 9am Easter morning! Gluten free waffles will be available upon request.

Host families needed East Union has been assigned to host Shalom Christian Academy for the IMS choir festival April 8-10th. We still have quite a few students and a couple chaperones that need a host family for the weekend. If interested, please contact Kara Yoder for further information.

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.

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 joelbeachy@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 Dave Boshart. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

- * Iowa Mennonite School's Touring Choir will present a program of worship at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church this evening at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join the 16-member choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson.
- * All are invited to an evening of information surrounding preparation for college, at Iowa Mennonite School on Tuesday, Mar. 29 at 6:00 pm. High school families, middle school families...all will find it helpful, as IMS graduate Adam Ingersoll ('93) will present. Adam co-founded Compass Education Group, California's leading provider of college admission test tutoring and guidance. The company has offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco, employing more than 400 tutors and advisors for thousands of students each year. There is no cost for the seminar, which will cover the college admission timeline, how to evaluate selectivity vs. affordability, factors in the process, the role of ACT and/or SAT scores, and much more. Adam and his wife Brigitte (Nisly) are both 1993 IMS graduates.
- * Iowa Mennonite School's FFA will host and serve a "Farmer Feed" on Friday, Apr. 1 in the school cafeteria. Serving will be from 7:00-8:30 am. The FFA would like to thank area farmers by honoring them with a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs and coffee. Come and join us!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * **March 20** is open gym at the Activity Center 3-5pm.
- * **March 21** is open gym for parents and young children (Pre-K and younger) 10am-12pm.
- * **April 2-3** is High School Retreat! Talk to your youth sponsors or visit camp online to learn more: <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/the-high-school-retreat.html>

Seeking Campers Friends Music Camp, a Quaker-run music camp which takes place at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana is actively seeking campers for this summer July 10 - August 7, 2016. FMC is open to campers from 10 to 18 years old at all musical levels. Younger students have the option of staying for just the first two weeks of camp, while campers over 13 typically attend for the entire month. We ask that prospective campers have had lessons for at least one year on their chosen instrument, or that they have participated in a school orchestra, band or choral program for at least one year. During the week, campers attend lessons, sing in the chorus, play in large and small ensembles, act in musical theater, take classes, and, of course, have ample time for hanging out and having fun. Evening activities include capture the flag, a dance, outside speakers, visits to the local pool, and other fun activities. Both students and staff perform at weekly recitals and on weekend concerts. Please visit our website, www.friendsmusiccamp.org for more information.