

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: 232	No Sunday School
Giving through 3.27.16	
March 27th Giving	\$ 5,364.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 68,424.92
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,758.41

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home: Emma Jean Schrock, Nora Dickel, Dave Plank
College Students: Nick Santoro, Cameron Gingerich, Ada Gent
Serving in MCC in Bangladesh: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey
Praying for God's healing and hope: Nora Dickel
From last week's sharing: (Jerry Bulecek hospitalized in a coma) Anna Yoder (healing for friend Mel Hershberger), Paulette Hershberger (surgery on March 30th),
Central Plains: Pray for the Ecuador Partnership meetings happening in Ecuador today through April 11 to plan for the future of the work there. The partnership includes folks from Central Plains, Mennonite Church Colombia and Mennonite Mission Network.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students returning from the long holiday weekend, that they might be refreshed and ready to finish the school year.

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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	Marv & Betsy Slabaugh
Meditation	Jeff Swartzentruber
Pre-Service, Offering, Postlude	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Henry Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing & Prayer
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Scripture: John 3:9-21
 Meditation "He Leadeth Me"
 1 Corinthians 12; Judges 21; The Book of Jude; Philippians 3
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, April 3

- Youth/Advocate Event

Tuesday, April 5

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Jane Miller. The topic will be: 'There is nothing more truly artistic than to love people.' Our project will be cash for Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Please bring a sack lunch.

Wednesday, April 6

- **CHOW** with meal beginning at 6 pm and program for all ages beginning at 7 pm. Amy Spencer from the Food for All - Kalona will talk about the program.
- Choir practice following CHOW

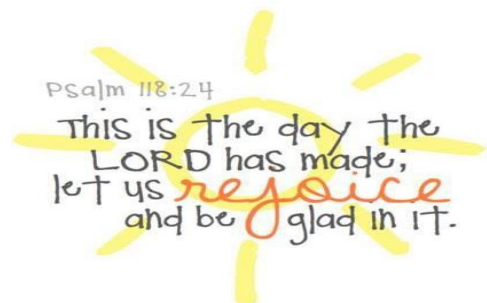
Next Sunday, April 10

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, April 16 - Ivy Yoder French Toast Breakfast

Hungry? Come eat for a good cause at our annual **French Toast Benefit Breakfast** on Saturday, April 16th, from 6:30AM - 10:30AM at Kalona Mennonite Church in memory of our daughter, Ivy Jane Yoder. Join us as we raise money to support the mission of Iglesia Zoar, a Mexican border church that works to transform the lives of stranded immigrants through education and supports them as they return home with the knowledge to build a better life for themselves and their communities. The menu will include French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and homemade rolls. There will be a free will donation and carryouts are available. Contact Tammy Yoder at (319) 936-1987 if you would like to volunteer!



CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cemetery Mowing If you would be interested in mowing the cemetery this summer please contact Chris Rhodes at rhodes@kctc.net.

Job Description Updates Many of you received emails requesting updates to your job descriptions. Thank you to all of you who have responded! The deadline was Friday so if you haven't already done so, please make your updates and turn those in. Thanks!

The Mennonite Magazine Are you wondering what the current issues are within the Mennonite church? Do you feel disconnected with the broader church? If so, please consider subscribing to *The Mennonite*! Our congregation is renewing our group subscriptions and we'd be glad to add you to our group. A yearly subscription is \$37. If you are interested, please contact Crystal by this Friday, April 8

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. He will be meeting with us in May to discuss these questions at length. Our hope is that everyone's voice may be heard during this important time of discernment.

The Elders and Pastor Joel have written up several points for consideration as we discern the conference covenant together. They include the following:

- The decision for East Union to support the Central Plains Mennonite Conference covenant document, or not, has not been made. This is why your input is important.
- The time to express concerns and affirmations is now.
- Joel and the Elders do not take the input personally, but we do take it seriously.
- We may be at different points personally, yet we value every input.
- You are encouraged to share with Joel in writing or in person.
- As we, the congregation, vet the covenant document, we believe an affirmation to support, or not to support, will be the most accurate representation after this process.
- And, the delegates to Central Plains Mennonite Conference (Nyle Kauffman, Bruce and Karen Harvey, Nelson Miller, Janet Geyer, and Joel Beachy) will be better prepared to represent us based upon this input.

Questions? See Joel Beachy or one of the elders: Larry Detweiler, Karen Harvey, Lauralee Kauffman, or Jeff Swartzendruber.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

* This week IMS will welcome more than 450 students from 13 schools to the community, for the 54th annual *Mennonite Schools Council Choir Festival*. We look forward to the interactions and the music that will be made. They will arrive Friday the 8th, and will rehearse at IMS that evening and all day Saturday - including some time at the Washington High School gym, where Sunday's 3:00 pm concert (no admission, but a free-will offering) will take place. The choirs will worship in our host churches next Sunday morning. Pray for safe travels. Pray for new friendships and the renewing of old ones. Pray for the love of Christ to show through as together our youth "Praise His Holy Name!"

MCC Sale Everyone is welcome to participate in the 1st Annual Iowa MCC Sale Tractorcade. It will be about 12 miles long and will be Friday afternoon June 3. Time to be announced. There will be a small entry fee. For those interested, please call Monroe Miller at 319-656-2565(home) or 319-936-8501(cell), LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032(cell) or contact Janette Shetler by email at jlynne1234@gmail.com. Please contact the organizers with your interest by Monday April 18, 2016.

Pleasantview Home is seeking a director of advancement to provide overall staff leadership in the areas of fundraising, constituent relations, public relations, marketing, and communication. Bachelor's degree preferred. Three to five year's development experience needed. Strong speaking and writing skills required. Qualified applicants can send resumes through our website <http://www.pvhome.org/employment>

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Deborah Coble Wise describe her experiences working the night shift at Better Days for Moria, a ministry providing aid to some of the one million refugees from Syria and elsewhere crossing the Aegean Sea from Turkey to the Greek island of Lesbos. Deborah will share stories, pictures and personal insight into what has been called the greatest humanitarian crisis of our times. Join us on Sunday evening, April 3, 2016, at Washington Mennonite Church, 815 Polk Street, Washington, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear Deborah's report. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com

Community Blood Drive will be held at Kalona United Methodist Church on April 19 & 20 from 2 - 7 pm. To sign up contact UI DeGowin Blood Center at 319-356-2058 or online at www.uihealthcare.org/bloodcenter. Walk-ins welcome prior to 7 pm.

Dr. Gary Habermas, world renowned author and scholar on the resurrection of Jesus and an expert resource in Lee Strobel's book "*The Case for Christ*," will draw from his countless publications, lectures, and debates to present convincing evidences why it is reasonable for an educated person to believe that the historical Jesus Christ did indeed rise from the dead. Dr. Habermas will give ample time to answer live questions from the audience. Find out more about Dr. Habermas at <http://www.garyhabermas.com/>

Event: "How Can Educated People Rationally Believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?" by Dr. Gary Habermas
When: Thursday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.
Where: Iowa Memorial Union - Main Lounge
Admission: FREE and open to general public

Find out more about Ulowa Ratio Christi at <http://ratiochristi.org/Uiowa> and <https://www.facebook.com/RatioChristiUlowa/>

Find Event Details here: <http://ratiochristi.org/uiowa/events/gary-habermas-at-university-of-iowa/3844>

Promo Video: <https://youtu.be/8NRcryTX3JI>

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

#MennoLove...get involved! Would you like to be part of Mennonite Church USA's new storytelling project, **Love is a Verb?** We're exploring the idea of love in action - highlighting stories of individuals, families, congregations, communities and agencies across Mennonite Church USA who are living out the transformative love of Christ all around them. Write for the Menno Snapshots blog, submit a feature story idea or congregational service snapshot, nominate a love song of the month, or tell us what you think "love is..." at mennoniteusa.org/mennolove.

Everence - Medicare: It's complicated That's why Kent Blossom, Financial Advisor with your local Everence office is offering *Understanding your Options with Medicare in 2016* at 5:30 pm on Monday, April 11, at Kalona Bakery. Come find out what you need to know about Medicare, what's covered, the types of supplemental plans offered, and deadlines for enrollment. Don't miss this opportunity to get your questions answered. Reserve a seat for you and a friend or family member by April 6 at (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com. Medicare supplement insurance plans offered by **Everence Association, Inc., a fraternal benefit society**, are not connected with or endorsed by the U.S. government or Medicare. This is a solicitation of insurance and an insurance agent or insurance company may contact you in an attempt to sell you insurance.