



## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

*Today, Sunday, April 10*

- Potluck dinner with visiting choir as our guests.

*Tuesday, April 12*

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

*Wednesday, April 13*

- Choir practice 7 pm

*Saturday, April 16*

- Ivy Yoder French Toast Breakfast (see bulletin announcement for details)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Make a  
Joyful  
noise  
Unto The  
Lord!

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Crooked Creek Clean-up day*** On Saturday, April 23 from 8am-12pm, Crooked Creek is having a spring cleaning day. There is inside and outside work to be done. Young and old are welcome to help. If you are interested please contact Chris Rhodes for details at [rhodes@kctc.net](mailto:rhodes@kctc.net).

***The quilts on display*** at the back of the sanctuary were quilted by Mennonite Women and will be auctioned at the MCC Sale. The Log Cabin quilt was pieced by the late Esther Yoder.

***Covenant Questions?*** We have completed our background study of *Being God's Faithful Community: A Covenant of Spiritual Practices* together 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 [jjoelbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:jjoelbeachy@gmail.com) (subject heading - **Covenant**), in the Covenant Question Box (under mailboxes), or in-person. 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***

\* Naps are overrated! With that in mind, plan to take in a wonderful choral concert this afternoon by making the short drive to Washington (Ia.) High School. At 3:00, more than 400 voices from 13 Mennonite schools across the United States and Canada will present a concert entitled "Praise His Holy Name." Each of the choirs will sing one piece individually, and then will combine for the mass choir production featuring seven songs. Dr. Scott Hochstetler, associate professor of music at Goshen (Ind.) College, will conduct. Iowa Mennonite School is the host school, but please *note that the concert is in Washington. This afternoon. 3:00 pm.* There's not even a cost to attend, though an offering will be taken.

\* Save the date for the Iowa Mennonite School Open House Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> following the children's drama. More details to come in coming weeks!

### ***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!

***Aging Well Group*** will meet at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center at 10:00 am on Tue., April 19<sup>th</sup>. Phyllis Litwiller will present, "Lessons Learned From the Sidelines of Life". May experience can take us away from our normal daily activities. Phyllis will be sharing lessons she has learned during her unplanned months on the sidelines of life.

***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](http://www.uihealthcare.org/bloodcenter). Walk-ins welcome prior to 7 pm.

***Coffee House-Worship Night*** at Kalona Mennonite Church on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7 - 9:00 PM with various area musicians.

***Pathway Christian School*** will present the play, "One Foot in Heaven" on April 28 (play only) and April 29-30 (dinner theatre) Time: 6:30 PM Cost: Play only - \$12 for Adults \$8 for students  
Dinner Theatre - \$20 for Adults \$12 for students Children under 5 are free  
Call 656-5443 to reserve your tickets.

***Fundraiser Meal*** The Seekers Sunday School Class of Kalona Mennonite Church invites you to join us for a fundraiser meal on May 1. We will be serving homemade scalloped potatoes and ham. We will feature a Sundae bar. The proceeds will go to the International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is helping Rudi Mucaj attend Goshen College. Thank You!

***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](mailto: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.

***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 [jlynn1234@gmail.com](mailto:jlynn1234@gmail.com). Please contact the organizers with your interest by Monday April 18, 2016.

### ***Crooked Creek Christian Camp***

\* May 14 is Camp-A-Palooza featuring the color-me-fun-run followed by a BBQ freewill donation lunch, live music and bounce house and games for kids. You can find the schedule and register online at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/camp-a-palooza](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/camp-a-palooza)

\* Summer Camp Registration is open with early bird registration prices and campers can choose a shirt color.

\* Seeking summer camp counselors. Is God calling you to consider being a camp counselor? You can be an important part of summer camp leading young people in devotions learning about Christ and having fun! If you know of someone who could fill this role invite them to apply and pray for them as they consider being a camp counselor. For more information contact program director Megan Miller.

***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>