

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.

Toddler Room Staff during Worship Service:

Today: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Luke & Rachel Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 211	Sunday School: 96
Giving through 4.10.16	
April 10th Giving	\$ 5,249.10
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 80,300.02
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,748.73

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
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: Paulette Hershberger (good medical report), Doyle Geyer (Friend Jack's heart surgery), Catrina Miiller (Jerry Bulicek does not have lung cancer), Ed Hershberger (honoring Leola White on her 92nd birthday), Kendra Bailey (healing for Allie Guengerich)
Central Plains: Pray for the pastors and chaplains of Central Plains and their spouses as they attend the Annual Leaders Retreat taking place at a retreat center in Schuyler, Nebraska, next weekend. Pray for speaker Debra Hirsch as she prepares for and travels to the retreat.
Mennonite Mission Network: The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children's parents. Pray for the center's director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barron of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the members of Bethel College's Women's Ensemble as they give their spring concert this afternoon.

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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
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Beth Yoder & Quartet
My Coins Count helpers	Ava & Audrey Miller, Ian & Behla Schmidt
Special Music	Youth Band & Adult Choir
Children's Time	Lisa Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Special Music - Youth Band
 (Drew Blauvelt---trumpet, Evelyn Gerber---clarinet, Sarena Gerber---flute
 Ella Groenewold---piano, Collin Miller---trumpet, Grace Miller---clarinet
 Behla Schmidt---violin, Ian Schmidt---trumpet, Greta Schrag---oboe
 Henry Yoder---piano, Sam Yoder---percussion)
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music - Adult Choir
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" - collection & song
 Announcements
 Children's Time
 Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17
 Sermon "Salvation Belongs to our God"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Special Music - Adult Choir
 Benediction

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, April 20

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, April 24

- Second Century Chronicle Articles due

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Out of the office Pastor Joel will be out of the office April 22-24 for a leader's retreat. If you have an emergency, please contact one of the elders (Jeff Swartzentruber, Karen Harvey, Larry Detweiler, or Lauralee Kauffman)

Thank you to everyone at East Union for going above and beyond to host Shalom Christian Academy. Well done!

Birthday Wishes Please help wish Dorothy Rhodes a Happy Birthday by sending her a card to Pleasantview Home, PO Box 309, Kalona, IA 52247. She will be 99 on May 2nd!

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.

Covenant Questions? Please submit questions, concerns, clarifications, comments to Pastor Joel in writing either by email to jjobelbeachy@gmail.com (subject heading - **Covenant**), in the Covenant Question Box (under mailboxes), or in-person by Friday, April 22. Dave Boshart will be meeting with us in May to discuss these questions at length. Questions? See Joel Beachy or one of the elders: Larry Detweiler, Karen Harvey, Lauralee Kauffman, or Jeff Swartzentruber.

Free Will Offering Next Sunday we will have a separate free will offering for the ministry of Keith and Karen Slater. They visited and shared during the sermon and the Sunday school hour on February 21. Questions? See Pastor Joel Beachy or Janet Geyer (Missions & Service Communicator)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aging Well Group will meet at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center at 10:00 am on Tue., April 19th. 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. Walk-ins welcome prior to 7 pm.

Coffee House-Worship Night at Kalona Mennonite Church on April 23rd, 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!

Iowa Mennonite Historical Society Event Everyone is welcome to come hear Peggy Reiff Miller speak on "The Seagoing Cowboys: Helping to Repair a Broken World" at the spring meeting of the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society. This event will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, at Kalona Mennonite Church. Peggy has just published a book for young readers telling the story of the large scale effort to assist Europeans in re-establishing farms and communities after World War II. Several local Mennonites were part of this endeavor and we especially want to invite them and their families. An offering will be taken to help defray costs and her books will be available for purchase. This is also a great time to renew your membership or to join the Iowa Mennonite Historical Society.

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>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Sale

* Donations of beeves and hogs are needed for the 2016 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. If you are willing to donate in this way please contact Roy Beachy at 319-430-9086 or Bryan Amstutz 641-675-3423

* 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. Please contact the organizers with your interest by Monday April 18, 2016.

* Relief Sale Breakfast Table Service Volunteers Needed: Please let Janet G know if you can help at the breakfast on Saturday June 4. Need 16 persons- all ages welcome- from 8:50-10:30 and clean up after the meal. Please talk to Janet, email at janetegeyer@gmail.com or call at 319.321.0995. You can also sign up online at the Mennonite Relief Sale website <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering.html>. Click on the "other" tab then "volunteers" and then "signupgenius". Joy comes in serving Christ together! Thanks

* The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee is requesting that all quilts for the auction be turned in by April 29th so that they can be included in the sale book. Please make sure the needed information is with the quilt including the name of quilt, donor, size, etc. For more information contact Perry & Carolyn Miller at 319.430.5238 or Kent & Pam Widmer at 319.530.6086.

Iowa Mennonite School

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

* The 54th MSC Music Choir Festival is successfully in the IMS history books! Whether you hosted a student/s, set up chairs, rolled T-shirts, served a meal, filled water stations, or any of the other countless tasks, all was much appreciated. A community effort was definitely put forth in making a memorable weekend! Thank you and God's blessing to each and everyone! Host Planning Committee: Carolyn Yoder, Jane Davis, Wilbur Yoder, Josh Tyson

* Iowa Mennonite School is hosting a community-wide *Open House* on Sunday, May 1. The annual children's drama will be at 3:00 pm, followed by refreshments, tours, student performances, children's activities, and the opportunity to meet faculty and staff. Come and check it out! The Open House will be from 4-6 pm. The drama will feature IMS students performing *Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor* and *The True Princess*, under the direction of Karenza Yoder; performances are at 7 pm on Sat., Apr. 30 and at 3 pm on Sun., May 1.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Today is open gym at the Activity Center 3-5pm.

* **Tomorrow April 18** is open gym for parents/tots held in the Activity Center from 10-12. Come enjoy fellowship with other parents while your children have a chance to run around and make new friends. (Last of the season.)

* Want summer plans that will positively impact others and include crazy dives into the pool? Consider working at Crooked Creek as a counselor, kitchen help, or assistant counselor! Applications online at crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-staff

* 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

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

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Youth Escape 2016 Youth and sponsors, registration is now open for Youth Escape 2016! Download a registration form at www.centralplainsmc.org. Click on Youth Escape 2016.

Everence to hold educational webinars in April

Everence[®] Financial will present informative webinars on April 25, 27 and 28 (2 and 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time). Topics will include: **Estate planning basics** (minimizing taxes while maximizing what goes to heirs and charity); **An overview of Everence** (how this unique organization helps people incorporate their values into their financial decisions) and **Donor advised funds** (maximizing giving power and retaining advisory privileges over charitable accounts). For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short: melissa.short@everence.com, (800) 222-5054; or visit our Web page at everence.com/direct.

SWAP needs summer staff! Summer will be here before we know it, and Mennonite Central Committee's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish quality home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, and they receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org or call Angela at 606-633-5065.