

# East Union Mennonite Church

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## 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: Luke & Rachel Yoder  
 Next Sunday: Lisa Yoder & Jenna Boller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 138	Sunday School: 107
<b>Giving through 4.17.16</b>	
April 17th Giving	\$ 5,706.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 86,006.02
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,749.92

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<b>Worship Leader</b>	Marv & Betsy Slabaugh
<b>Sermon</b>	Roger Farmer
<b>Pre-Service &amp; Special Offering</b>	Verna Zook
<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
<b>My Coins Count helpers</b>	Claire & Grace Miller, Sarena Gerber, Greta Schrag

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan  
**College Students:** Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Will DeHogues  
**From last week's sharing:** Doyle Geyer (Cousin Jack's heart surgery went well), Lisa Schmidt (Greg's co-worker's daughter's severe injury)  
**Central Plains:** Pray for Des Moines Mennonite Church and Christ Community Church as they prepare to host us at Central Plains Annual Meeting 2016 in Des Moines June 16-19.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** From next Thursday through Sunday, DOOR Hollywood's Dwell participants will be on their spring retreat. Pray for these young adults as they spend time reflecting on their year-long assignment and vocational discernment.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Chris David Westover and the Bethel College Wind Ensemble as they present their spring concert this afternoon.

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:1-6  
 Congregational Singing  
 First Fruits Offering  
 "My Coins Count" - collection & song  
 Announcements  
 Special Music  
 Sermon "The Practice of the Presence of God"  
 Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9  
 Song of Response  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Special Offering for SIL Ministries  
 Special Music  
 Benediction  
  
 15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time  
  
 Sunday School

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

**Today, Sunday, April 24**

- Central Plains Delegate Registration forms due
- Second Century Chronicle Articles due

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**\*\*\*Date Change\*\*\***

**Wednesday, May 18 - Town Hall Meeting** From 6:30 - 8:00 pm Dave Boshart will be present to answer questions or concerns from the congregation regarding the covenant. Please note this date is changed from the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend our deepest sympathy** to the family of Dave Plank who passed away Thursday, April 21. Visitation will be held this afternoon from 5 - 7pm at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. Funeral services will take place tomorrow, Monday, April 25 at 10:30 am at East Union with a graveside service and meal following. A memorial fund has been established for Iowa City Hospice and East Union Mennonite Church.

**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.

**Thanks for the prayers,** concerns, and support during my surgery. It is wonderful to be a part of a loving congregation family. We really appreciate the food, cards, phone calls, and visits. Blessings to all.

Paulette, Marv and Danny Hershberger

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Kathy Kelly and Ann Wright address the topic, "War and Refugees: Peace Is Possible." Kathy Kelly is the coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. Ann Wright is a retired Army Reserve colonel who resigned in protest over the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Join us on Sunday evening, May 1, 2016, at Wellman Mennonite Church at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Kathy Kelly and Ann Wright. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

**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.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* 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!

\* 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.

\* Iowa Mennonite School's Touring Choir, under the direction of Josh Tyson, will worship at Kalona Mennonite Church on Sunday, May 1, at 9:30 am. The choir will sing a repertoire that includes hymns, spirituals and a variety of other choral pieces. All are invited to attend.

**West Union MYF** will be hosting a fundraising meal at Geyer's Pizza Oven, 1259 Rohret Rd, Oxford, IA on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. The proceeds will help fund our missions trip to Omaha this summer.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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>

### **MCC Sale**

\* Please turn in information on donated items for this year's general auction at the 2016 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale by May 1st so that they can be included in this year's sale book. Talk to your church rep or contact Lynn Yoder at 319-325-3670.

\* 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

\* 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](mailto: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.

\* The Activities Barn is being re-vamped this year! Rebecca Beachy Miller and Candi Schmeider have been working hard at finding new activities that not only interest children but adults too! Some of the activities will include story time, craft time (Treasures from Trash), photo booth, duck race, bouncy house, international games and comfort knotting. We need your help!

Here's a list of items needed for the crafts:

Plastic Grocery Bags

Tin Cans- labels removed & cleaned

Plastic Pop Bottles- 20 oz, 24 oz, 1 liter or 2 liter- labels removed & cleaned

Yarn- any kind/any color

We will also need people to work shifts. Middle-schoolers and up can help run the activities. If you are interested in helping, please contact Rebecca Beachy Miller. Starting on Wednesday, April 27th, you can also visit the Relief Sale website at <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering.html> and sign up through SignUpGenius. Thank you for your support!

### **Help people get to Kalona Summer Lunch**

Do you know someone who would benefit from Kalona Summer Lunch but might not have a way to get there? Or are you interested in being a driver for someone like that? Contact Pastor Joel or Allison about how you can help. Lunches are on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays, June 13 to August 19, at Kalona Methodist, free or by donation. The first lunch includes an Ice Cream Social Fundraiser from noon to 2--a great way to learn more about this community service.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Mennonite Voluntary Service** is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 year! Opportunities to serve and live in community with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply at [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](http://MennoniteMission.net/Serve), or contact [NeilR@MennoniteMission.net](mailto:NeilR@MennoniteMission.net) for inquiries.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with the construction of the new Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana. Starting this week, Lynn Miller of Ohio (former stewardship minister for MMA) will lay the first floor over the basement. Lynn is asking for 3-4 volunteers per week until May 13. He writes, "I need 2 to 4 people who can carry wood and maybe swing a hammer." As for meals and lodging, Lynn says, "Breakfasts and lunches are made by the volunteers, but the evening meal is done for us by a great cook who will be here for the duration. There are beds for four more people (and a private room with a double bed for a couple) in a nice log house behind the White River Cheyenne Mennonite church. Bedding and towels are provided." Questions? Call Lynn at the log house in the evening at [406-592-3573](tel:406-592-3573) OR call Willis Busenitz during the day at [406-592-3643](tel:406-592-3643). Those interested in volunteering may email Lynn at [lynnamiller@juno.com](mailto:lynnamiller@juno.com) and copy Willis at [wmbusenitz@gmail.com](mailto:wmbusenitz@gmail.com).

**Youth Escape 2016** Youth and sponsors, registration is now open for Youth Escape 2016! Download a registration form at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org). Click on Youth Escape 2016.

**From Central Plains** In this last week of the Central Plains conference fiscal year, please remember that the first \$12,500 in contributions will be matched dollar for dollar. To count towards the match, contributions must be either from individuals or from congregations giving beyond their normal contribution. We need a total of \$11,000 by Saturday, April 30, to end the year in the black. --Central Plains Stewardship Task Group