

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: Lisa Yoder & Jenna Boller
 Next Sunday: Jon Miiller & Micah Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 149	Sunday School: 103
Giving through 4.24.16	
April 24th Giving	\$ 5,407.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 91,413.02
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,759.71

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oskaloosa Care Center: Marilyn Yutzy
College Students: Nick Santoro, Cameron Gingerich, Ada Gent
Serving in MCC in Bangladesh: Jen, Kerry, Idonea & Halid Saner-Harvey
From last week's sharing: Greg Schmidt's co-worker's family (daughter passed away), Anya Slabaugh going to Peru for SST with Goshen College, Deb Derksen (thankful for help during flooding at her home)
Central Plains: Pray for Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Ervin Stutzman as he visits Central Plains churches in the Twin Cities region accompanied by David Boshart this weekend.
Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noelie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traore from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care session last month in Kenya.
Mennonite Education Agency: We ask your prayers for the Bluffton University students who are spending their May term cross cultural experiences in Kentucky, Arizona, Chicago, Bangladesh and Iceland.

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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	Phil & Judy Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service & Offering	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Praise Band
My Coins Count helpers	Jalise, Kale & Bryce Bailey and Micah Gerber

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 67
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" - collection
 Announcements
 Scripture Reading: John 14:23-29
 Sermon "Do not let your heart be troubled"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, May 3

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Karen Harvey. The topic will be: 'The Holy Spirit inspires creativity for the common good.' Our project will be cash for MCC/seeds and gardening supplies. There will be a sack lunch.

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 11th.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Crystal will be out of the office on Friday and will be printing the bulletin Wednesday afternoon. Please have your announcements in by noon on Wednesday. Thank you.

A Big Thank You to all who are so willing furnish salads and desserts when asked for a funeral! It makes the planning go so much easier when you are willing to help out. Service Committee

Hey! Worship Time We are excited that each of you have chosen to worship with us and our church family. It is wonderful to hear the excitement on Sunday morning as we gather, talk, laugh, and enter the sanctuary. Don't stop connecting! We also want to create an awareness as you begin the climb up the stairs to the sanctuary there are others who are preparing to worship. Each of us does this in a different way. As you enter the worship time, we ask that you be mindful of others as they prepare themselves to worship. The Pastor and Elders.

Remembering Our Commitment On Sunday, May 22, we will take time in our service to remember our commitment as a church body. Everyone will receive a slip of paper where you will be invited to write down how you imagine committing to East Union for the coming year. This could include a role(s) you have taken on during the Gift Discernment process, intentionally praying for the church, helping with VBS, or something else. We will offer these commitments by bringing them forward on that Sunday. Questions? See Joel Beachy.

Spring Cleaning is coming up! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 25. There will be a light meal at 6 pm followed by cleaning. The Trustees and Custodians have a long list of projects for us!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Needed: Do you love working with kids, crafts, drama, music, playing recess games and cooking food? We're currently signing up volunteers for all of these areas of Bible School which will be held June 10-11. If your schedule allows helping for just one day, we'd still love to have you! Please consider helping make this year's Bible School a huge success for our kids!

We are collecting used paper towel and toilet tissue rolls for one of the Bible School craft projects. Please bring to church and place under the coat rack.

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!

SAVE THE DATE! Camp EU will be held August 27-28. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this fun-filled weekend!

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.

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.

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>

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.

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.

* 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 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 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!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Summer camp at Crooked Creek Christian Camp is just around the corner. One way to help keep costs down for campers is by asking for volunteers to help in the kitchen. Sign up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFA62EA7FB6-2016 or contact Erin Ramer and she can help you sign up.

* 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 are online at crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-staff.

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

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, or contact NeilR@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages: Oct. 6-8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, Indiana. This practical event will empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century. Keynote speakers include John Roberto of LifelongFaith Associates; Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS; and Brian Quan, pastor of Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church. Sponsors include AMBS, the Anabaptist Faith Formation Network, Mennonite Camping Association, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church USA/The Gathering Place. Early registration: \$125 USD/regular, \$50 USD/student until Sept. 14. More information and online registration will be available as planning continues; see mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith.

Know a young person who enjoys sports, theater, writing or coding?

Goshen College is offering day-time summer camps for pre-K through high school ages! Learn more and sign up at goshen.edu/summercamp.