

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: Jon Miiller & Micah Miller
 Next Sunday: Lisa Schmidt & Grace Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 149	Sunday School: 125
Giving through 5.1.16	
May 1st Giving	\$ 6,051.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 97,464.02
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,751.15

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel
College Students: Rebecca Rhodes, Emma Yoder
From last week's sharing: Greg Schmidt's co-worker, Ben's family (daughter passed away, thank you for prayer), Anna Yoder (Steve's 10 year old grandson with cancer passed away)
Central Plains: Michael Swartzendruber will be installed and licensed toward ordination today at Wayland (IA) Mennonite Church. Pray for Michael, co-pastor Kelly Slagel, and the congregation as they begin a new journey of ministry together.
Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners with the new Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol, United Kingdom, that has grown out of the ministry of the (now closed) London Mennonite Centre. Pray for the students from many denominations as they learn about mission, theology, and Bible interpretation from an Anabaptist perspective.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray that as campers build skills and have fun at our SCS Summer Camp Program, they would experience Christ's love in new ways.

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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	Lisa Schmidt
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Kristi Miiller
My Coins Count helpers	Ryleigh Bontrager, Lucas & Isaac Beachy, Maddie & Tripp Carlan

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 97
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" - collection & song
 Announcements
 Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-34
 Sermon "Two Responses"
 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

Today, Sunday, May 8



- The Shekinah class is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

Saturday, May 14

- Men's Churrasco 4:30 pm (*see announcement*)

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

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!

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Men's Churrasco Guys! Don't forget to **RSVP today** to the Men's Churrasco being held at 4:30 pm this Saturday, May 14 at the home of Nelson & Mary Miller (2509 560th St., Kalona). Sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board by the library in the foyer or on the Facebook event page! Men of all ages are welcome to come for an evening of fun, food and fellowship!

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.

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!

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.

Wanted: Historic Farm Records

In collaboration with Professor Royden Loewen at the University of Winnipeg and 6 other Mennonite researchers, I (John Eicher) am working on a project titled "7 Points on Earth" that compiles oral interviews and historic materials from 7 Mennonite farming communities across 6 continents. My research site is Kalona and that's where you come in! I am looking for all types of historic documents about farm life that you would be willing to share—from letters and diaries to weather journals and old account books. The results of the project are a series of articles in the Journal of Mennonite Studies and a book publication. Please contact me at: john-eicher@uiowa.edu or (319) 594-9607. We can arrange a meeting entirely at your convenience. Thank you in advance!

Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aging Well Tue., May 10th at 10:00 there will be Aging Well with Amy Spencer at Pleasantview Home in the Friendship Center. She is the organizer of *Food for All*, which sponsors Kalona Summer Lunch. She'll talk about how Summer Lunch started and the philosophy behind why it's a unique food-centered gathering that welcomes people of all ages and income levels. She will share how people can become involved, from donating food, to reading to kids and playing games at lunchtimes. Join us.

The Mid-Prairie Baccalaureate Service will be held at Upper Deer Creek Church, Monday, May, 23 at 7PM. Mid-Prairie 2016 graduates along with family, friends, and community members are invited to join us as we celebrate the accomplishments of 2016 graduates. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Iowa Mennonite School

* IMS' *Academic & Fine Arts Awards Night* is Tuesday, May 10; all are invited to come and celebrate the academic achievements of students for the 2015-16 year, including the induction of six new members of National Honor Society. The program begins at 7:00 pm, and will also include outstanding student awards in the various subject areas.

* Iowa Mennonite School's annual *Fairway Fun* golf outing, a 4-person best ball, will take place Saturday, June 18 at the Kalona Golf Course. Cost is \$75 per individual, which includes 18 holes, a cart, lunch, pastries, and various opportunities to win prizes. Proceeds will benefit the IMS *Annual Fund*. Call or contact Larry Swartzendruber at the school to register or with questions.

MCC Sale

* We are needing people to work in the book department at the MCC Sale. Please go to SignUpGenius to volunteer your time. Thank you!

* 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!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

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.

New stewardship resource from Everence

Everence has developed a series of educational resources titled *7 steps to integrating faith and finances*. You will be receiving #1 in the series in your mailbox this week. Others will follow over the next several months. The resources are designed to help you identify steps for getting your financial house in order – from a faith perspective. We encourage you to take a little time with these resources each month as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.

Everence to hold educational webinars in May

Everence® Financial will present informative webinars on May 10, 11 and 12 (2 and 8 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time). Topics will include: Gospel of Luke (an overview of this inspirational church resources which focuses on wealth, poverty and generosity); The basics of Medicare (when to enroll, what's covered, filling the coverage gap, other resources to help make informed decisions); Meet Everence Federal Credit Union (loan discounts for fuel-efficient vehicles and green home improvements, giving back to the faith community through the Rebate for Missions grant program). For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at melissa.short@everence.com, (800) 222-5054; or visit our web page at everence.com/direct.

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