

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, May 17

- Church Council Meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, May 18

- Town Hall Meeting with Dave Boshart 6:30 - 8:00 pm
There will be child care for children through 5th grade. Please contact Grace Rempel (683-2681) today if you are willing to help with activities for the children for the meeting.

Next Sunday, May 22

- Remembering Our Commitment (see announcement)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crowded Closet Staff & volunteers from the first decade of Crowded Closet (1978 - 1988) are invited to a "Founder's Tea" on Thursday, June 9 at 10 am at the Friendship Center, Pleasantview Home in Kalona. Join us for this special time of reminiscing and recognition. Questions, contact Christine Maust Beachy at 319-337-5924, crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com

Kalona Summer Lunch helpers needed

Kalona Summer Lunch invites you to help as a hands-on volunteer or food donor. You can help set up and clean up; have fun playing games, reading, or doing art; and more. Or sign up to bring store-bought food or make homemade cookies or bread. Go to the signup list at <http://goo.gl/7oeaHB>. Or contact Amy at foodforallkalona@gmail.com or 656-3916. Visit the website at foodforallkalona.weebly.com, and Like on FB: Food for All - Kalona.

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

* 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.

* Iowa Mennonite School's *Spring Music Concert* will take place Sunday, May 22 at 3:00 pm in the school's *Celebration Hall*. The concert will feature both choirs, the Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band, showcasing a variety of music. All are under the direction of Josh Tyson; admission is free, with a free-will offering at intermission.

International Conscientious Objector Day is set for today! There will be a celebration of this at the Peace Pole near the Iowa City Public Library at 1:30. Following at 2 pm is a Symphony of Peace Prayers (SOPP). More information can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Primary/Junior Department-Summer Teaching Opportunities

June and July: Substitute teachers needed. If you are willing to teach a week here or there, please contact Sarah Yoder. We are in need of substitute teachers for June and July.

August: We need teachers for 3 classes (3/4 year olds and mixed age groups K-8th grade) for the entire month of August. If you are willing to teach for the month, please contact Sarah Yoder (sarahayoder20@gmail.com) or 319.887.0950.

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.

Doctrine of Discovery

Come see the display of the Doctrine of Discovery at the south hall of the church building. This display will be available from now until the first weekend in June when they will be moved to the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. There is a handout to help provide additional background information. You may also sign the book and write down any reflections, comments, or questions you may have regarding the display. More information is available at <https://dofdmenno.org/>

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!

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!



MCC Sale

* **Planning to attend the MCC Sale?** Would you be able to give a couple hours of your time to the Book Sale? We need people to set up and organize the books, sell during the sale, and also to pack up the books remaining after the sale. Books are sold only by donation, so people can pick out the books they want, then give the donation of their choice as payment. Please go to <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering.html> and sign up to help. Thanks in advance for considering to give of your time.

* **BAKING Volunteers** are needed. **Baking supplies** (styro boards, pans, bags, twisties, boxes, labels) for **cookies, rolls, cakes, cupcakes, pies and sweet breads** are now on the table in the foyer. Sign your name by a number on the sign-up sheet and put that number on each label that you use along with your list of ingredients for whatever you bake. If you bake a gluten free item, then "gluten free" and the kind of flour used must be on the label. Each label's address will be East Union Mennonite Church. Bring your baked items to church by 12 noon on Friday, June 3, and by 8 am on Saturday, June 4, or you may deliver your baked items to the Sale when you go on Friday afternoon. If you want to order and pay for something at Golden Delight Bakery for the Sale and want Bruce to pick up your order on that Friday, then please tell him. If you have any questions, ask Bruce Harvey (319-656-3009 or bkharvey@kctc.net) or Rebecca Beachy Miller.

* We still need many helping hands at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale to spread peace and relief around the world through MCC. Go to iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering and click the sign up button to see the volunteer opportunities. Your support enables our sale to raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee's global mission of relief, development and peace-building in the name of Christ

* 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
(You can bring these items to church and Candi will pick them up)

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

With the help of some extraordinary efforts, including two anonymous donors providing a match, our conference was able to end the year in the black - thanks be to God! Income for April soared to \$50,411.25, while expenses for the month held steady at \$35,671.14. As a result, our final income total for the fiscal year was \$447,672.08. Despite this income total being \$38,000 less than the spending plan, we were able to cut expenses in order to achieve a positive cash balance for the year. We give thanks for all of the financial support, and we are energized to start the new fiscal year on this positive note. - *Central Plains Stewardship Task Group*

Youth Venture is still accepting applications for the July 15-25 Los Angeles team! Partner with Mountain View Mennonite Church and ReconciliAsian as they minister to their community through vacation Bible school, a peace center, and other various services. Ages 14-22 can apply by June 1 at MennoniteMission.net/Serve, or contact ArloaB@MennoniteMission.net for inquiries.

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.

MCC Central States is hiring! We have an Immigration Education Coordinator position open for someone to be located in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas! Check it out and pass it on to anyone who might be interested! mcc.org/serve-cs-iec for more details or contact Heidi Huber at 316-.283.2720, heidihuber@mcc.org.

Urgent needs: MCC needs **colored pencils** (packages of 12) to complete school kits for shipment; and **receiving blankets** (30"-36" lightweight fleece of flannel) for infant care kits. If you shop online, you can simply purchase items and have them shipped to our Material Resource Center (121 E. 30th, North Newton, KS 67117). Items for all other MCC kits are welcome, but the pressing needs are for colored pencils and receiving blankets at this time. Thank you for your generosity!

Love is a Verb: Planning for Orlando 2017, to be held July 4 - 8, is underway! We invite your prayers for the Convention Planning staff members and the Worship Planning Committee as they make decisions that will give shape to this gathering. convention.mennoniteusa.org.