

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: Carrie Schmidt & Nora Yoder
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 148	Sunday School: 116
Giving through 5.15.16	
May 15th Giving	\$ 8,120.27
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 110,212.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,712.20

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel
From last week's sharing: Passing of Mick Martin; Clayton White (fall); MDS work in Detroit; Fire in Alberta Canada; Elders (team ministry), Vera Yoder (nephew Merle Brenneman - brain tumor & cancer) Paul Miller (hip surgery)
Central Plains: Pray for God's healing, for courage and strength for Conference Minister Tim Detweiler as he fights cancer. This week will be the fourth week of five weeks of radiation treatments.
Mennonite Mission Network: The Bolivia Mennonite Church is beginning the implementation of a five-year plan to increase the impact of their ministry. Pray for them as they find new energy to reach their communities with Jesus' love. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network as they partner with brothers and sisters in Bolivia.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College graduating seniors, their families and friends who will worship together in the baccalaureate service this morning and participate in commencement 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	Phil & Judy Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service & Offering	East Union Youth
Congregational Singing	Beth Yoder
My Coins Count helpers	Jalise, Kale & Bryce Bailey, Julia & Jacob Boller

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 8
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" - collection & song
 Offertory music: Greta Schrag
 Senior Bible Presentation
 Announcements
 Sermon "Hope Does Not Disappoint"
 Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5
 Remembering our Commitment
 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 22

- Remembering Our Commitment (see announcement)
- The donuts during coffee time are in honor of Daniel Miller's birthday on the 25th. He will be 90! Happy Birthday Daniel!
- Chronicle articles due

Wednesday, May 25

- Spring cleanup at the church. Light meal at 6 pm followed by cleaning. Sub sandwiches will be provided. Please bring cookies, chips, or a salad to share. Childcare for toddler age and younger will be provided.

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

Pleasantview is seeking summer volunteers to provide wheelchair rides for residents every Tuesday morning at 8:45, from June 7 - August 30. Contact Wanda Yoder, Volunteer Coordinator at 656-2421.

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 *Spring Music Concert* will take place this afternoon 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.

* IMS' 69th annual graduation exercises will take place next weekend in *Celebration Hall*. The Baccalaureate service will be at 6:00 pm on Saturday, May 28, and will feature student addresses by Timothy Bender and Jenna Boller, and also an address by Diane Zaerr Brenneman ("Things to Keep & Things to Leave Behind.") On Sunday, May 29, seventeen seniors will receive their diplomas. Frank Yoder, 1969 IMS graduate and author of *Opening a Window to the World*, will deliver the keynote address entitled "Becoming an Adult." All are invited to attend the Commencement ceremony, also at 6:00 pm.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Mick Martin, son-in-law to Pete Schlabaugh and brother-in-law to Sandy Schlabaugh, who passed away on Saturday May 14.

Primary/Junior Department-Summer Teaching Opportunities

July: Substitute teachers needed in July. If you are willing to teach a week here or there, please contact Sarah Yoder ASAP.

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](tel:319.887.0950).

Remembering Our Commitment Today 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. 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 it 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://dofdmennon.org/>

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

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Attention MCC Alumni! Mennonite Central Committee is celebrating you and your service with MCC with a free gift at the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale. Just stop by the MCC booth, fill out a sticker, wear it proudly and then go redeem the coupon for a free Menno Tea drink! The sale is June 3 and 4 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Iowa City. Enjoy the sale, connect with fellow MCC alumni and thank you for your support of MCC!

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.

Town Hall Meeting on *Being God's Faithful Community:* *A Covenant of Spiritual Practices*

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the town hall meeting Wednesday night. David Boshart discussed the covenant at length and addressed questions submitted in writing as well as questions from those in attendance. A brief survey was administered to those in attendance to gauge current feelings towards adopting the conference covenant. Here are the subsequent results of the 48 in attendance:

- 8 responses - *I fully embrace the covenant, and I am ready to move ahead.*
- 23 responses - *The covenant is not perfect, but I support moving ahead.*
- 5 responses - *I have questions about the covenant, but if it has broader congregation and conference support, I can live with it.*
- 5 responses - *I am not enthusiastic about the covenant, and I am hesitant to move ahead even with broad congregational and conference support.*
- 4 responses - *I have a strong reservations about adopting the covenant and am not in favor of moving ahead.*
- 3 responses - *Abstained*

The survey will help inform the elders, pastor, and delegates as we continue to discern how to proceed with this decision. Please continue to pray for East Union, Central Plains Conference churches and leaders as we walk towards Christ. Peace and Blessings, Joel Beachy



Calling all kids!! Come Experience the Thrill of Visiting Ancient Egypt Join Joseph as he swats away scorpions in a dark prison cell...stroll through the golden splendor of Pharaoh's palace... experience exotic sights and smells in an Egyptian bazaar...be carried away by music wafting through enticing desert air. What a week of fun—and lasting Bible learning!

All children age 4 thru grade 6 are invited to join us on Friday, June 10 & Saturday, June 11 from 9 am - 4 pm as we learn about Joseph's Journey from Prison to the Palace! (*note: lunch will be provided to all children and staff*)

From Opening to Closing and everything in between, kids are transported to ancient Egypt where they'll meet Bible-times heroes, visit the Egyptian marketplace and spend time exploring firsthand the unique culture of Joseph's world.

Please invite a friend and RSVP by signing up on East Union's website: eastunionmennonite.org and click on "Vacation Bible School" under the Ministries tab. Hope to see you there!

* **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 Schneider 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!