

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: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt
Next Sunday: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 111	
Giving through 7.10.16	
July 10th Giving	\$ 5,261.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 152,596.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,850.27

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder
Praying for God's Healing and Hope: Joe Martinez
Serving in MCC's SALT program in Bolivia: Gretchen Geyer
Mennonite Mission Network: Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four children are transitioning from their Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Ecuador to six months of mission work in the United States. Pray for a smooth cultural move. Remember also those suffering from Ecuador's 7.8-magnitude earthquake in April.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for students in summer classes at Goshen College, especially those in the nursing programs.

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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	Judy Showalter
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service & Offertory	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager & Praise Band

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 15
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 Announcements
 Sermon: "The Difficult Choice"
 Scripture Reading: Luke 10:38-42
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Delegates to Central Plains Report - July 31

Please come to listen and participate in a questions-answer session during the Sunday school hour.

Courage Ride - August 20

Save the date to participate and/or support the Courage Ride in honor of our brother, Seth Bailey. For more information, go to <http://www.courageride.org/>

Camp East Union - August 27 & 28

Coming this fall after school starts again, we will have another Guest Host Night or Noon event. Watch for details!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Kristi, Jon, Beckett, and Eloise on the birth of (daughter/sister) Charlotte Dorothy Miiller. She was born on July 6 at 7:45 in the morning, weighed 6 lbs, 3 oz and was 19 1/4 inches. As is tradition, the rose bud this morning is in her honor.

Happy Birthday! Harold Blosser will be turning 80 on July 30 and to celebrate there will be an open house at Windmill Manor for him today from 1:30-3:30 with cake and ice cream. All are invited to attend.

Quilts, comforters, and wall hangings for the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale (November 4 & 5) should be taken to Stitch 'N Sew in Kalona or given to any quilt committee member by **September 16**, so they may be displayed at area businesses and banks. Please include the following information: 1) name of donor, 2) name of quilt pattern, 3) finished measurements, and 4) any information of interest about the item. Quilts continue to be a big part of the sale; we thank you for your support. (2016 Quilt Committee: Jane Miller (656-2121), Mary Yoder (656-3388), Anna Fern King (656-4530), and Marcia Miller (656-3242).

Mid-Year Church Budget Report. Through June 30th Budgeted (Projected) Giving was \$144,200—Actual Giving was \$144,105; Budgeted Expenses were \$135,511—Actual Expenses were \$134,150; Actual Expenses do not include money placed into Reserve Fund or Capital Improvement Fund (\$10,000) Thank You for your giving thus far in 2016! If you have questions or comments, talk to Derek Bontrager, Church Finance Officer

Just a reminder that East Union offers online giving options. No more leaving on vacation and forgetting your tithes and offerings. Online giving can be set up as a one-time or recurring transaction. To sign up online go to www.eastunionmennonite.org select Give Online and choose Electronic Giving Options. (Most people choose Option #1). Talk to Derek Bontrager if you have more questions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Registration for the 2016-2017 School Year at Pathway Christian School will be Monday, July 18 from 5 - 7 PM. A short business meeting to follow.

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale annual meeting will be held August 3, 7 p.m., at Kalona Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and all are eligible to vote on receiving the financial report and affirming next year's Board membership. Come hear the final report of the 2016 Sale and participate in the discussion.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * Grandfolk/Littlefolk day is in TWO days, Tuesday, July 19, from 9am-3pm. We appreciate your continued prayers for campers, counselors and all staff as we share the love of Christ to youth.
- * High School camp is July 21-24. This is our last camp this summer! Thank you for all your prayers for camp ministry this summer, for campers, counselors and staff. We have been greatly blessed this summer in our play and study of God's peace for our lives. We have experienced wonderful God moments and felt the blessing of Christ's presence upon our camp this summer! Thank you!

Clothes Give-Away: The Council of Mid-Prairie Churches is sponsoring a clothes give-away for residents of the Washington County area. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Kalona United Methodist Church on Friday, July 22 from 1:00-6:00 pm and Saturday, July 23 from 9:30-noon. Good, clean used clothing (infant through adult), shoes, coats, and linens will be available to families needing assistance with these items. **Want to help?** Men are needed on Wednesday, July 20 at 7:00 pm to help carry clothes & racks up from the basement to get ready for the give-away. Women are needed on Thursday, July 21 from 8-4 to help hang up the clothes. Please let Allison know if you're interested in helping. Also, please talk to Allison if you have clothes that you would like to donate. Thanks!

Kalona Summer Lunch is providing 55-plus lunches a day on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays. So food donations and volunteers are needed now more than ever! For more information, please go to the online signup at goo.gl/7oeaHB, or call the organizer, Amy, at 656-3916. Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Food for All, PO Box 553, Kalona, 52247. See more about Summer Lunch at foodforallkalona.weebly.com. Or visit our Facebook page: Food for All - Kalona.

The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop in Iowa City is hiring a part time position including Saturdays. Hours are flexible and tasks would include greeting donors and customers, sorting donations, and working closely with volunteers. Applicants should have the ability to work independently, be decisive and highly organized, and demonstrate strong interpersonal skills. Interested persons should contact Crowded Closet at [319-337-5924](tel:319-337-5924) or email crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com

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Upcoming Fundraising Meals

* Madeline Leichthy, daughter of Deon and Jo Leichthy and a 2016 IMS graduate has been accepted into the SALT program with MCC. She will be going to Nicaragua in August for 12 months to assist in teaching English. A fundraising meal will be held on Sunday, July 31 at Bethel Mennonite Church from 12:00pm - 2:00pm. The free will donation will go toward the financial support Madeline will need for her trip. Come and enjoy some great food and take some time to visit with Madeline about her upcoming mission!

* The youth from Kalona Mennonite will be going to Fort Belknap to serve with Montana Indian Ministries in August. A fundraiser meal for their trip will be held at KMC on Sunday, July 24th from noon to 1:00. Come on over to enjoy grilled pork burgers, potato salad, beans, cole slaw, fresh fruit, brownies with ice cream, and donate some money for the meal and their trip!

THANKS to your generous support, Ten Thousand Villages of Iowa City will be opening permanently at 105 S Dubuque St (on the ped mall between Herteen & Stocker and Textiles) this Fall! Plan your fall and holiday shopping accordingly... we can't wait to see you there! In the meantime, would you like to get involved? Villages Iowa City is recruiting for the following:

**In-store Volunteers **Board of Directors member with financial background

**Hiring for a Store Manager.

To learn more, please email iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com, or call Alicia at [330-310-3750](tel:330-310-3750).

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

MCC invites you on a Learning Tour to Haiti Oct 31-Nov 8, 2016. On this Soil to Table MCC Learning Tour, participants will meet Haitian farmers, marketers and cooks, and learn the importance of food in everyday life, from the soil up. Contact Anna Yoder at annayoder@mcc.org or at 316.283.2720 for more information.

New staff at MCC Central States! We are happy to welcome two new people to the staff at MCC Central States and we hope you'll help us welcome them as well! Patsy Dirksen started in June as our new Office Manager, please say "Hello!" the next time you're at MCC in North Newton. We are also excited to introduce you to Ana Hinojosa, our new Immigration Education Coordinator! Ana started at the beginning of July and will work from Brownsville, Texas. Her work will focus on working with Latino/a populations, collaborating with churches and other faith-based organizations and she will network with MCC's partners on the U.S./Mexico border as well as participate in the MCC Immigration network. Welcome Patsy and Ana!