

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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber
 Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 137	Sunday School: 84
Giving through 8.7.16	
August 7th Giving	\$ 5,641.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 174,961.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,902.08

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth, Joe Martinez
From last week's sharing: Avery and Kim Blauvelt are in Italy for softball and doing well; Lisa Schmidt (5 month old Lincoln with leukemia); Norman and Joyce Schrock to Pennsylvania for Ryan's surgery; Karen Harvey (Jen & Kerry Saner-Harvey from Bangladesh to Winnipeg)
Central Plains: Pray for students and teachers returning to school. May God bless their learning, may they both receive and reflect the love of God in their school settings. Pray for our church-related schools, Freeman Academy and Mennonite.
Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia request prayer for a smooth government transition as the main opposition party, Mongolian People's Party, won the parliamentary elections on June 30.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College students arriving on campus for a week of practices, team community building, orientation and a jump start on classes. May their interactions be blessed as they build friendships with each other.

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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	Chris & Sandi Rhodes
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Pre-Service	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Praise Band	Nici Bontrager, Ian Schmidt, Jon Miiller, Micah Miller
Special Music	Janet & Doyle Geyer, Bob & Lola Faye Erb-Yoder

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 82
- Congregational Singing
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Special Music
- Sermon: Persevering Together
- Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-2
- 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, August 16

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

Saturday, August 20

- Courage Ride

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp East Union - August 27 & 28

Guest Host Night or Noon - September 11

See bulletin insert for details.

Back to Church Sunday - September 18

More information to come. Questions? See Pastor Joel.

Senior Saints Day - September 30

Save the date!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Discernment We are happy to report that all of the positions have been approved for the 2016-2017 year. Thank you to all who have served faithfully in their positions and are now finished with their term. They are as follows:

Lauralee Kauffman, Elder

Doyle Geyer, Adult Superintendent

Jon Miiller, Primary/Junior Superintendent

Kara Groenewold, Early Childhood Coordinator

Lisa Schmidt, Worship Committee

Jace Bailey, Church Council Member at-large

Jerry Miller, Library Committee

Greg Yoder, Nurture Committee

Emily Miller, Bible School Committee

Bruce & Karen Harvey, Central Plains Delegates

Lisa Yoder, Gift Discernment

Tom Miller, Usher

Catrina Miiller, Usher

Gaylord & Shirley Yoder, Service Committee

Marv & Grace Rempel, Service Committee

Wanda Yoder, Girl's Venture Club

Joe Schmidt, Boy's Venture Club

Vera Yoder, Extension/Iowa Mennonite Benevolent Association

Bev Swartzentruber, Life Planning Coordinator

Joel Miiller, Head Usher

Brad Hershberger, Jr. MYF Sponsor

Danny Hershberger, Jr. MYF Sponsor

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Camp East Union is coming soon!

Check the posters in the foyer or the Chronicle article for full details.

A few highlights:

- Please sign up on the bulletin board by the restrooms if you plan to eat pizza Saturday night. Free will donations to cover the cost of the pizza and beverages.
- Potluck on Sunday: BBQ pork sandwiches and drinks are provided, please bring salads and desserts to share.
- Bring your lawn chairs for the Sunday service - make note, it starts at 10:00!

Sunday Schools Teachers Needed: The new school year begins for the Primary/Junior Sunday School Department VERY SOON! Teachers are needed along with Bible Memory helpers. Please see the sign up board in foyer to sign up to teach a quarter or for the entire year. Contact Sarah Yoder with questions (sarahayoder20@gmail.com or [319.887.0950](tel:319.887.0950)).

Back to Church Sunday Volunteers from East Union are needed on September 13 & 14 to canvas Kalona, Richmond, Wellman and West Chester to distribute door hangers for this event. See Pastor Joel if you would like to help out.

College Student prayer list If you have a family member taking classes this fall and would like to add them to the East Union College student list and prayer rotation, please email their name, name of college they are attending, address and phone number to Crystal at eucares@kctc.net. We will be finalizing this list in the next week or two and would love to support our students in prayer during the coming school year! Thank you!

Are you interested in exploring baptism? Ready to take the next step in your relationship with God? A New Believer's Class is forming this fall. To learn more please see Joel Beachy.

From the Trustees We are seeking donations for anyone who feels led to donate towards the concrete work on the south parking lot. Anyone who feels that they may benefit from this addition please memo your gift with "parking lot fund." If you have any questions please contact the trustees: Kyle Troyer, Dave Yoder, Chase Gingerich. Thank you!

Guest-Host Night or Noon

What is guest-host night or noon?

- It is a designated Sunday (traditionally a Sunday evening) where people in the church are invited to someone's house for a light meal and a few hours together. Sometimes they play games; sometimes they visit. It is a fun time getting to know each other better.
- You decide if you want to participate. We hope you do! You must sign up to be included, but all, including children, are invited.

When is it?

- **Sunday, September 11**, at a time to be arranged by your host.

How do we get involved?

- A sign-up form is in your box today with extras on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- You indicate on the form if you want to be a host or a guest (don't feel bad if you are unable to host! We cannot all be hosts, and you can take your turn another time!)
- You indicate if you will be able to do the noon meal or evening meal.
- You indicate how many people you can accommodate as a host or how many people from your family will attend as guests.
- Place your form in the basket at the back of the church
- A committee will randomly assign guests to hosts, keeping in mind the number that can be accommodated.
- You will be notified who your guests are or who your host is.

Questions?

- Ask Nici Bontrager, Tammy Yoder, or Grace Rempel

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.

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Our God, You reign forever,
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak,
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.

God You Reign

You paint the night
You count the stars and You call them by name
The skies proclaim God You reign
Your glory shines You teach the sun when to bring a new day
Creation sings, God You reign

Chorus:
God You reign
God You reign
Forever and ever
God You reign

You part the seas
You move the mountain with the words that You say
My song remains God You reign
You hold my life You know my heart and You call me by name
I live to say, God You reign

Chorus

Hallelujah, hallelu
Hallelujah, hallelu
Hallelujah, hallelu
Hallelujah, hallelu

Chorus

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Songfest 2016 - Songfest will be held at Kalona Mennonite Church on August 28th. Pie and ice cream will be served, starting at 5:30 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 pm. Songfest is sponsored by the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches. Come support East Union's entry in the program!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp Sunday, August 28 at 5:00 pm is the annual Sing & S'mores at Sunset Shelter. This year we will also celebrate with a ground-breaking dedication for the Welcome Center. We hope you will plan to attend!

The 2nd annual "Light up the Night - Remembering Abby"

* This event will be held Saturday evening, Sept 17 from 5 pm till dark at IMS. Event will feature full meal, concession stand, vendor fair, kid's carnival, bouncy houses, raffles, silent auction and more. Funds raised benefit Amanda the Panda Family grief center, which has been a tremendous help to Lowell & Dorothy Miller & their family. We are still looking for local businesses to sponsor specific events. A food donation sign up will be available soon. You can see ways for families to help at <https://tinyurl.com/RememberingAbby> or contact Sara O'Donnell at 319.530.9978.

* "Light up the Night- Remembering Abby" is needing volunteers to sign up to staff their Amanda the Panda fundraiser to be held at IMS on Saturday, Sept 17. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts (4:30 to 6:30 and 6:30 to 8:30) in the concession stand and meal serving area as well as the children's carnival and at the Tea time with Cinderella.

Visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/rememberingabby> to sign up or contact Sara O'Donnell at 319-430-9978 for more info.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Nicholas Yoder describe his experiences finding a home in Bolivia during his year long service with Mennonite Central Committee in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. Nick worked in a children's home with the Serve and Learn Together (SALT) program for young adults in MCC. Join us at West Union Mennonite Church, 3253 305th Street, Parnell, IA on Sunday, August 21, 2016, at 6 pm for a finger food potluck (please bring your own table service) and conversation, or at 7 pm for Nick's presentation. For more information, contact Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Pleasantview Home - NEEDED: A beef or donations towards the purchase and processing of a beef which will be sold in frozen packages at the Pleasantview Home Benefit sale Nov. 4 and 5. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Nyle Kauffman (354-3304) or Larry Swartzendruber (656-2421). Also, please be thinking about what you might contribute to the silent and/or live auction. And make plans to attend the events in November!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

MCC Central States is hiring a Workroom Supervisor in North Newton, Kan. The workroom supervisor oversees the processing of material aid donations and coordinates the collecting, assembling and distribution of relief kits, which requires the supervision of many volunteers. The position requires a person with energy, ideas, good organizational skills and people skills. To see a full job description and to apply, mcc.org/serve-cs-mrc, call 316.283.2720 or email heidihuber@mcc.org.

Welcome Andrew Wright as MCC Central States Director of

Programs! Andrew will be responsible for the direction and oversight of all MCC Central States Programs. He will connect with constituent churches and groups, as well as like-minded organizations to provide information about MCC. This is a new position for MCC Central States and we look forward to Andrew exploring ways to further develop relationships between program staff and partnerships within the Central States region to reflect the commitment to diverse constituent groups. He will work from the Minneapolis, MN area.

Sunday school teachers, wouldn't it be nice to have just a little more training on how to facilitate a good Bible study? Central Plains conference is offering three different webinars this fall on interpreting and teaching the Bible. Plan to join us September 12, October 24 and November 21. Watch for more details.

The deadline for submitting a seminar proposal for the Orlando 2017 convention of Mennonite Church USA is Aug. 12! Seminars provided by people from across the church are a valued program component. Do you have a 60-minute seminar you'd like to share at the July 4-8, 2017, convention? Complete the seminar submission form at convention.mennoniteusa.org/seminars/.

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.

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