

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: Kara & Ella Groenewold
 Next Sunday: Kara & Ella Groenewold

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 139	Sunday School: 104
Giving through 8.21.16	
August 21st Giving	\$ 5,198.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 186,105.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 5,938.75

PRAYER REMINDERS

Courtyard Healthcare Center: Marilyn Yutz

College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber

From last week's sharing: Nyle Kauffman (Tim Kauffman meeting his birth mother), Larry Detweiler (praying for the congregation through the church directory, elders) Tom Miller (Dee Miller operation) Avery Blauvelt (thanks for prayers during trip to Italy)

Central Plains: Thank God for the good news Tim Detweiler got recently: scans detected no active cancer. He will have scans again in three months.

Mennonite Mission Network: The Argentina Mennonite Church, a Mennonite Mission Network partner, operates Life School and Little seeds Preschool in Neuquen. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of the incoming class at AMBS as they prepare to transition to seminary study. May they sense God's peace and presence as they make space in their lives for new academic challenges, transformative experiences and relationships that will play a part in shaping their calling.

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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	Steve Schrag
Offering	Quartet
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Children's Time	Larry Detweiler

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 112
- Congregational Singing
- Announcements
- Conference Board Update - Gene Troyer
- First Fruits Offering
- Children's Story
- Sermon: 'Can you Hear me Now?'
- Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 4-10
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- Benediction

Gathering at the Table: noon meal for everyone

No Sunday School

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, August 28

- Camp East Union
- MYFers and parents are invited to a brief meeting in the south conference room between the service and potluck
- Annual reports due

Next Sunday, September 4

- MCC school kit assembly by Sunday school children

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHOW - September 7

Hot dog roast at 6 pm. Hot dogs, buns, beverages, table service will be provided. Please bring a dish or two to pass! Outdoor games and activities at 6:45.

Guest Host Night or Noon - September 11

Back to Church Sunday & Church Potluck - September 18

Senior Saints Day - September 30

Save the date! More information next Sunday!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our deepest sympathies to the family of Charlotte Winborn passed away Thursday afternoon the 25th. Visitation will be held this afternoon from 4-7 pm at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. A memorial service will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 29 at 10 am here at East Union, with a graveside service and meal following. A memorial fund has been established for the East Union Cemetery.

Out of the office Crystal will be out of the office Friday and will be printing the bulletin Wednesday morning. Please have announcements in by the end of the day on Tuesday. Thank you.

The Central Plains Mennonite Conference Board and Committees met Friday and Saturday at East Union to make plans for the coming year in our conference. We welcome Conference Board member, Gene Troyer from Burnsville, MN this morning. Gene will bring greetings from the Conference Board to our congregation during the worship service today.

Change of address: Sam Hochstetler has moved to Halcyon House. His new contact information is: Halcyon House, Room #105, Washington, IA 52353; 319-653-8379. Sam welcomes calls and visitors.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

East Union to host webinar We will plan to host a webinar location at East Union in the Church Council conference room on Monday, September 12. Joel Beachy has already responded to the RSVP and will have a projector, laptop, camera and mic ready for the session. If you are interested or have any questions, please let Joel Beachy know. Please plan to arrive at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please see the announcement under the "Central Plains and Mennonite Agencies" tab.

Help with Sunday School Bible Memory. The new school year begins for the Primary/Junior Sunday School Department VERY SOON. Thank you to the teachers who have signed up to teach! We are still in need of a few Bible Memory helpers. The children work in grade level groups for 10-15 minutes each Sunday (Sept. to April) and we need adults to be present with the group, listen to verses, and guide students in a monthly lesson. This usually takes place during coffee time. No preparation needed for the lessons. Please contact Sarah Yoder this week if you are interested in helping (sarahayoder20@gmail.com or [319.887.0950](tel:319.887.0950)).

CHOW is just around the corner and we are looking for someone(s) to lead the 3&4 year olds and the K-2. It could be someone interested in the whole CHOW year or for just one session. This is a great way to spend some time with great kids without spending time in preparation. Please let Sally Miller know if you would be interested!

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!

School Kits for MCC School kits will be assembled by the Sunday school children next Sunday, September 4th. If you haven't already done so and would still like to contribute, purchase the items listed below and bring them to the table in the foyer set up for supplies. After kits are assembled, they will be sent to MCC in Newton, Kansas where they will be distributed throughout the United States and parts of the world where the need is greatest. Each kit includes:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 11 inches and 70 pages)
- 8 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 flat, flexible plastic ruler (30cm & 12 inch markings)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Songfest 2016 - Songfest will be held at Kalona Mennonite Church **today**. 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

* **TODAY is Sing & S'mores at 5:00 pm at Sunset Shelter.** This year we will also celebrate with a dedication for the Welcome Center currently under construction followed by deluxe s'mores. We hope you will plan to attend!

* Senior Day is Thursday, October 6. Registration starts at 9:00am and activities completing by 3:00pm. Our featured entertainer and storyteller will be Maynard Knepp of Goessel, Kansas. Maynard will present several story lines including "Jonas: The life and times of an Amishman" and "Slickfester Dude, the life of being a farm cat." You won't want to miss this opportunity! Register your attendance online at www.crookedcreekcamp.org or by calling the camp office.

You are invited to Kalona Mennonite for a fundraiser lunch on Sunday noon, September 11. The Seekers Sunday School Class will be grilling chicken breasts, hamburgers and hot dogs. There will also be baked beans, cole slaw, chips and a sundae bar. We will serve until 1 p.m. The proceeds will go to Kalona Mennonite's International Student Aid fund. Our current project is Rudi Mucaj from Albania. After receiving a 4.0 GPA his freshman year at Goshen College, Rudi spent the summer working on campus. He is currently a sophomore at Goshen College.

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

The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop in Iowa City is hiring several part time positions 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

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Central Plains is offering three webinars this fall on reading and interpreting the Bible. The first, at 7:30 pm on Monday, September 12, is called *Between Joints and Marrow: An Introduction to the Art of Biblical Interpretation*. We'll explore how the literary and historical setting can transform the ways we read and understand biblical texts. We'll also look at basic tips for interpreting different types of biblical literature such as law, stories, poetry, apocalypses, etc. These webinars, which grow out of our Covenant of Spiritual Practices, are especially for Sunday School teachers and others who lead Bible studies, but anyone is welcome. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Thursday, September 8.

Register now for Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages! 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. The cost for the event, which will be held **Oct. 6-8** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), Elkhart, Indiana, is **\$125/regular, \$50/student until Sept. 14**. Keynote speakers will be **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: AMBS, the Anabaptist Faith Formation Network, Mennonite Camping Association, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church USA/The Gathering Place. See <http://mennoniteusa.org/deepfaith> for the schedule, plenary speaker topics and 30 workshop offerings!

Don't miss this year's Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp on September 17 & 18. Debra Worth will be our featured speaker, sharing insights from her work with New Americans in Sioux Falls. Deb will also emcee a Saturday evening coffeehouse in the new retreat center overlooking the lake. Come to relax and enjoy - and bring a song, story, or talent to share! Cost for the entire weekend - which includes special interest sessions, delicious meals and snacks, group worship and communion, and lodging - is \$80, Shopping at the Ten Thousand Villages and Faith & Life Bookstore displays is extra! Register by next Sunday, September 4, by emailing or calling Elisabeth Harder Schrock (eharderschrock@gmail.com or 507-427-2771)