

East Union Mennonite Church

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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	Dennis & Sally Miller
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Karenza Yoder & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship (see bulletin insert)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 51:1-10

Congregational Singing

Announcements

First Fruits Offering

Sermon: 'Public Sinner Number One'

Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Song of Response

Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns

Congregational Prayer

Sending Song

Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

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: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 122	
Giving through 9.4.16	
September 4th Giving	\$ 4,955.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 194,836.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,135.41

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder

College Students: Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich

From last week's sharing: Lisa Schmidt (5 month old Lincoln Mack with leukemia battling fevers) Avery Blauvelt (Drake Brezina tore his ACL) Angie Beary (Daniel Miller broken hip & farmers lung)

Central Plains: Pray for those planning the Deep Faith conference on Anabaptist faith formation for all ages coming up October 6 - 8 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Mennonite Mission Network: Bishop Leonard Dow and Oxford Circle Mennonite Church in Philadelphia will host an African-American leadership gathering on Sept 16-17. Pray for the inspiration of God's Spirit as African-American Mennonite Association and Mennonite Mission Network collaborate to deepen relationships and respond to God's call to mission.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Bethel College students who are adjusting to a new community. For many, this includes finding a new church home - pray also for the local congregations who will welcome them.

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Crystal will be out of the office Friday September 16 & 23 and will be printing the bulletin on Thursday morning of this week and next. Please have announcements in by the end of the day Wednesday. Thank you.

We want to express our gratefulness for your prayers, cards, flowers, food and many other acts of kindness during the death of my father. We definitely have felt the Father's peace that passes all understanding. We have been richly blessed. Bev, Jeff, Christian & Mariah Swartzentruber

The quilt displayed at the back of the sanctuary was embroidered by Loretta Kauffman and quilted by the East Union Mennonite Women. It will be sold at the Pleasantview Benefit Sale November 4 & 5. Please do not touch.

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. If you would like to sign up, please let Joel know **today**. 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 Needed On September 14, the MYF & Jr. MYF, will distribute door hangers for the Back to Church Sunday event on September 18. If you are willing and able, please consider helping. We need as many volunteers as possible. Please let the MYF and Jr. MYF Sponsors or Joel Beachy know if you can help out. Thanks!

Annual Reports Thank you to everyone who's handed in your annual reports. If you haven't done so already, please get those to Crystal as soon as you can. Thank you.

Primary/Junior Sunday School Department

A huge THANK YOU to the following teachers who taught Primary and Junior Sunday School during the summer months: Carrie, Elvesta, Nici, Wanda, Christine, Joel, Janet, Rebecca, Emily, Jacob, Allison and Trent.

We begin the new fall quarter this Sunday. Thank you to the following teachers for volunteering to teach this fall: Bev and Elvesta (Early Childhood), Janet and Christine (Primary), Allison (Middler), Lori (Junior Youth) and Trent (music). Thank you to Ken, Wanda, Jane and Larry for also helping to begin Bible Memory this fall.

Bible Memory: Verse cards for students kindergarten-8th grade were handed out last Sunday or can be found in your church mailbox. Children will be involved in learning verses and completing monthly lessons from September 2016 through April 2017.

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us focus on God's presence.

People: In the midst of a world where people hunger and thirst ...

Leader: Come worship a God who feeds the hungry.

People: In the midst of a world where people are abused and oppressed ...

Leader: Come worship a God who calls for compassion and justice.

People: In the midst of a world filled with wars and rumors of war ...

Leader: Come worship a God who desires nothing less than peace for the world.

People: In the midst of a world of spiritual emptiness ...

Leader: Come worship a God who gives life meaning.

People: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose grace and love know no end!

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, September 11

- Guest Host Night or Noon

Tuesday, September 13

- Church council meeting 7 pm

Next Sunday, September 18

- Back to Church Sunday & Church potluck

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Everence® Financial will present the following informative webinars this September:

* **Introduction to Social Security** (Monday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m., and Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 2 p.m.): We'll provide an overview of benefits, information to help you decide the best time to retire and details about how continuing to work could affect your benefits.

* **Introduction to financial coaching** (Thursday, Sept. 22, at 2 or 8 p.m.): You'll get a preview of the new Everence financial coaching ministry for potential coaches who have a passion for helping others with their finances. We'll explain what's involved and how you can get started.

For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at melissa.short@everence.com or (800) 222-5054; or visit everence.com/direct. (All times EDT)

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to Kalona Mennonite for a fundraiser lunch today at noon. 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.

Praise Band Festival today from 12:15 - 5:15 at Sharon Center United Methodist Church. The festival will feature: Sharin' Praise from Sharon Center UMC; Grace UMC Praise Team, Tiffin; Kalona Mennonite Worship Team; The Worship Team, Upper Deer Creek Mennonite; Unveiled from Full Gospel Revival Center. Go to sharoncenterum.org for details.

The Light up the Night - Remembering Abby

* The 2nd annual Light up the night -Remembering Abby event will be held at IMS this Saturday, Sept 17 from 5pm until dark. A delicious meal featuring Mennonite favorites will be served from 5:00 to 7:30. Also at the event: vendor fair, kids carnival, concession stand, raffles, large silent auction and more. Evening will end with a chinese lantern lift off at dark. Bring your whole family for an evening of fun that raises funds for a great cause, Amanda the Panda family grief center. For more information visit our Facebook page [Remembering Abby](#)

* We are still in need of volunteers to help serve the meal and staff the children's carnival for the 6:30 to 8:30 shift. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to help! Contact Sara O Donnell 319-530-9978 if you can help or visit <http://www.tinyurl.com/rememberingabby> to sign up! Thanks in advance.

Find Freedom. Caring for the Heart Ministries of Colorado Springs is committed to assist individuals, couples, and families find freedom from three main areas - emotional issues, spiritual problems, and spiritual strongholds. Learn to apply Biblical principles so that the freedom God originally planned for each persona can be experienced. A conference with founder, John Regier, will be held at Upper Deer Creek Church on Sunday morning and evening, **September 18**, and Monday-Wednesday evenings, **September 19-21**. Thursday, **September 22**, will be an all day training. Evening sessions are free, but you can register and pay (\$40 per individual or \$50 per couple) for the training day online at udcchurch.com, as well as find more info in a full online brochure. Several counselors will be available. To schedule a session, contact Elmer Miller 319.936.7657

Crowded Closet Fall meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held Monday, September 19, 7:00pm at Eicher Mennonite Church. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

You are invited to the Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry Banquet at Sunnyside Mennonite Church on Wed., Sept. 28 at 6:30pm. For complimentary tickets contact John & Lilly Miller (656-3034) or Myron & Cathie Hochstedler (683-2491). Tickets are required. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry. Come and be blessed while supporting prison ministry!

Iowa Mennonite School

* Monday, September 12 at 7:00PM Mennonite College Night Admissions representatives from Bethel College (KS), Bluffton University (OH), Eastern Mennonite University (VA), Goshen College (IN), and Hesston College (KS) will be at IMS to meet with prospective students and parents. You may schedule 20 minute appointments with as many of these schools as you like by contacting Guidance Counselor Dwight Gingerich at dgingerich@iowamennonite.org. Priority will be given to seniors but the younger students and parents are very welcome to participate as times are available. Appointments begin at 4:00PM and run until 8:30PM.

* Iowa Mennonite School will be hosting Pastor Jose and his wife from Northern Mexico for a special Chapel service on Friday September 30 from 9:45 to 10:15AM. They will be speaking about showing God's love to the poorest of the poor in a city filled with drug cartel violence. All are welcome!

Do you enjoy singing and have an interest in blessing others with the gift of music? The Celebration Community Choir which meets every Thursday evening from 7 - 8:00 p.m. in the Pleasantview Home chapel, invites singers of all ages to join them for their 2016-17 season. The group regularly performs for Pleasantview residents and will be preparing a special Christmas performance. While regular attendance is appreciated, the ensemble is very flexible. Come and join us as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Sheila Raim at 319-828-1123.

The Pleasantview Benefit Sale will be **November 4 and 5 at IMS** in a similar format to last year. How can YOU help? Volunteer to help serve a meal, serve on the breakfast committee, bake for the bake sale, donate a monetary gift, or donate auction items such as: quilts, meals in homes, hand-made items, gift certificates, donations of labor, themed baskets, a batch of soup or a dessert delivered every month for 6-12 months, etc. **We would like non-perishable items by October 29th to put pictures on pvhome.org.** Nyle (chair) and Lauralee Kauffman (319-354-3304), Julie Gingerich (319-325-5540), Carl and Donna Darby (319-887-7097), Kris Brenneman (319-683-2661), Pam Hochstedler (319-656-3558), Grace Rempel (319-683-2681), and Larry Swartzendruber at Pleasantview (319-656-2421).