

East Union Mennonite Church

5615 Gable Ave. SW (319) 656-2590 www.eastunionmennonite.org

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.

Vol. LXIV	September 25, 2016	No. 39
-----------	--------------------	--------

Worship Leader	Dennis & Sally Miller
Sermon	Jose Gutierrez
Prelude, Offerings	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Scripture Reading: Psalm 146

Congregational Singing

Announcements

First Fruits Offering

Welcome to Jose & Raquel Gutierrez

Sermon: 'Amor Sin Limites: Love Without Limits'

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:37-39

Song of Response

Special Offering

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: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 128	Sunday School: 99
Giving through 9.18.16	
September 18th Giving	\$ 7,396.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 206,565.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,174.11

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home: Emma Jean Schrock

College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber

From last week's sharing: Continue to remember the Lincoln Mac and his family as he continues treatment for cancer; Celebrate with Joyce Schrock on the one year anniversary after experiencing breast cancer and her successful recovery.

Central Plains: Today Jack Norris will be ordained at Julesburg Mennonite Church in Julesburg, Colorado. Pray for Jack, his wife Mary, and the congregation on this special day.

Mennonite Mission Network: Pray for Jonathan Brenneman of Mennonite Mission Network as he begins a one-year Mennonite Voluntary Service assignment helping implement the Israel-Palestine Partners in Peacemaking resolution adopted by Mennonite Church USA delegates at the Kansas City convention.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Adam Fontana, new director of instrumental music at Bethel College, as he leads the Wind Ensemble in concert this afternoon for the first time.

East Union Mennonite Church		
5615 Gable Ave. SW	Phone: (319) 656-2590	www.eastunionmennonite.org
Kalona, Iowa 52247	E-Mail: eucares@kctc.net	
Congregational Leader Contact Information:		
Joel Beachy, Pastor.....	jjoelbeachy@gmail.com.....	319-591-0187
Jeff Swartzentruber, Elder.....	jeffbev0604@gmail.com.....	656-4542
Karen Harvey, Elder.....	bkharvey@kctc.net.....	656-3009
Wanda Yoder, Elder.....	kenway@sharontc.net.....	319-430-6406
Larry Detweiler, Elder.....	ldetweiler@southslope.net.....	319-828-4461
Greg Schmidt, Moderator.....	schmig1@kctc.net.....	656-3812

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Crooked Creek Christian Camp announces that in lieu of the annual Fall Fundraiser (intended for maintenance and repair projects), our goal is to fully fund the new Welcome Center. The goal is to raise \$185,000 to complete the project. Cash gifts for the Welcome Center are invited as one time contributions or pledges (monthly, quarterly or annually) with pledges to be paid by September 2019. Thank you for your consideration!

* Senior Day is Thursday, October 6. Registration starts at 9:00am and activities completing by 3:00pm. Maynard Knepp from Goessel, Kansas, will be the featured entertainer and storyteller. Register your attendance online at www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day or by calling the camp office.

* WOOD CUTTING DAY is Saturday, October 15 at 8am. Meet at the office for details about location. Bring chainsaw and log splitter if you have one. Call Tim if you have questions or plan to attend.

* Cooking Ministry Opportunity: Camp is seeking 2 people to occasionally work in the kitchen 1-2 weekends per month. Visit camp's website crookedcreekcamp.org "Job Opportunities" and see options for how you might contribute to furthering the ministry of camp in a tangible way!

*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.*

September 25th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, September 25

- We are pleased to welcome Pastor José and wife, who minister in northern Mexico. He will provide the sermon and both will share during the Sunday School time. There will be a special offering this morning.

Wednesday, September 28

- Choir practice 7 pm

Friday, September 30

- Senior Saints Day

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, October 5th - CHOW

Supper served 6-6:30, with activities for all beginning at 6:45. The adult activity will be session 1, "Understanding Muslims" of an 8-session DVD series "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus". The remaining 7 sessions will be offered during an adult Sunday School elective. The author, Nabeel Qureshi, explores the Muslim culture, the most common Muslim objections to Christianity, and the core doctrines upon which Islam stands or fails. Qureshi, himself a former devout Muslim, shares the evidence that led him from Islam to Christianity.

Monday, October 24 - Webinar

Bible study webinar with Meghan Good. Meghan will be talking about how we deal with the Bible's most difficult texts. To participate in this webinar, please RSVP at www.centralplainsmc.org. Please talk to Joel Beachy if you are interested in attending. If you weren't at the last webinar, please still feel free to join us.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church council has recommended that prior to donating a non-perishable item to the church, that the items are cleared with either the janitors, trustees, pastor, or office manager. This policy will help ensure proper care and use of these items without disrupting the maintenance of the church building. Thanks

Primary/Junior Sunday School Department Parent Meeting

Who: Parents of children in the Primary/Junior Sunday School Department

What: Parent informational meeting about curriculum and events plus time for reflection and feedback about the Sunday School program

When: Sunday, Oct. 2 during the SS hour (following coffee)

Where: Choir Room

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many hands make light work. This week a collaboration of efforts came together to help a woman living in Kalona. Through the volunteer efforts of the City of Kalona workers, Kuenster plumbing, the Lower Deer Creek MYF, Johnson Co. Refuse, eight people from East Union and herself, we were able to clean up her yard, lay new flooring and reset the toilet to make a working bathroom, fix a leaking pipe so she can do her laundry and clean out her downstairs, in just four days. We were all blessed in this outpouring of service. Thank you to everyone who participated. A special thank you to East Union for the volunteers and to the elders for using the Sharing Fund to help cover costs of supplies and paid services. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" [1 Peter 4:10](#)

East Union MYF

- * The MYF is missing at least 2 Blue (NIV) bibles. Please check your classrooms or home to see if you have one. They will have MYF written on the inside flap. They are a very basic- no frills, hardback bible. Please let Rebecca, Tom, Catrina or Joel know if you have one and/or return it to the MYF room. Thank you.
- * The MYF is looking for someone to re-cover the couch and chair cushions for the original MYF couch. It had been redone once in the late 90's/early 2000's but no one seems to remember when exactly it happened or who did them. They seem like a basic but well fitted pillow covers. The MYF would buy the fabric and supplies needed. If you would be willing to donate your sewing time, please let Rebecca know. Thanks.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Pastor Jose and his wife address the topic, "Love Without Limits." Jose ministers to the poorest of the poor in a squatter settlement in northern Mexico. Join us on Sunday evening, October 2, 2016, at Wellman Mennonite Church, 1215 - 8th Ave, Wellman, IA at 6 pm for a finger foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Jose. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Coat Giveaway The Kalona United Methodist Church coat giveaway is scheduled for October 22, 9:00 am - noon. They have plenty of coats for young children, but need some for upper elementary and beyond (including adults.) If you have any used winter coats in good condition, please hang them in the church foyer marked "for coat giveaway."

Iowa Mennonite School

- * 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!
- * The annual **Junior Pork Supper** will be on **Saturday, October 8 serving from 4:30-7:00 PM** in Hillcrest Union on the campus of IMS. The junior class is currently selling tickets, but tickets will also be available at the door. Plan to join us and fellowship around a fantastic meal supporting the junior class at IMS.
- * **Sunday, October 9** is the **Fall Music Concert** in Celebration Hall on the campus of IMS. The Chorale, Concert Choir, and Symphonic Band will perform at 3:00PM. Following the concert is the **Annual Hayride** hosted by the IMS FFA students. All students in 6th - 8th grades and their families are invited to stay after the concert for a hayride, games, hot dog roast, and a sing-along. Join us in getting to know our current students and some of our staff in this fall kick-off event. It is helpful as we plan for food if you can let us know you are coming. Please RSVP at www.iowamennonite.org/hayride.
- * **Buy your tickets now!** The one act Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, by Gian-Carlo Menotti, will be on the Celebration Hall stage for **one night only, December 17 at 7:30 PM**. Come experience the story of the three Magi's visit to the home of Amahl, the crippled shepherd boy and his mother, while on their journey to seek the Christ child. Tickets are \$15 adults; \$10 students. Call the IMS office to reserve your tickets today (656-2073 or 683-2586).

Pleasantview Home

- * Pleasantview Home's "Aging Well" series encourages residents to do just that: experience the aging process with grace, dignity and enjoyment. On October 11, Pleasantview board member and local resident and businessman Gary Fisher will lead the discussion on "How and Why to Review Your Medicare Plans." It's a topic geared not only to residents but to also to caregivers of those aging. The program begins at 10 am in the Friendship Center; anyone is welcome to attend.
- * Do you have a bit of time on your hands? A passion for the senior citizens among us? At Pleasantview Home we rely on the energy and willingness of community members to help brighten the lives of our residents. If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity on a periodic or regular basis, please call Wanda Yoder at 656-2421, ext. 146. Come and help our residents "live life to the fullest! And thank you to the many volunteers who already give of their time and resources!