

# 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	Don & Verna Zook
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Beth Yoder

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Readings: 1 Timothy 6, Ecclesiastes 5, Matthew 16  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sermon: "What is too much...or too little?"  
 Scripture Reading: Proverbs 30:1-9  
 Song of Preparation: HWB 472  
 \* Celebrating Communion and Footwashing  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

*\* The textiles and woven baskets (Communion table) originated in the following places, reminding us that the body of Christ is found all around the world: Bangladesh, Botswana, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Haiti, India, Laos, Morocco, Nepal, and West Bank (Palestine).*

## 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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 136	Sunday School: 75
<b>Giving through 9.25.16</b>	
September 25th Giving	\$ 7,581.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 214,237.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,058.89

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Halcyon House:** Sam Hochstetler  
**College Students:** Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes  
**From last week's sharing:** Remember the Daniel Miller family; Verna Zook - Racial tension in the U.S.; Collin/Emma Brenneman June wedding  
**Central Plains:** Recently Josias Hansen was licensed toward ordination at Third Way Church in Minneapolis. Give thanks for Josias's call to ministry and pray for the ongoing ministry of Third Way in their neighborhood.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Join Mennonite Mission Network's Jackson, Mississippi, Service adventure unit in thanking God for a good start to their year living and serving in community. Pray for unit leaders Caleb and Hannah Hochstetler, and participants Susannah Epp, Valerie Haupt, Niklas Kugler, and Jenessa Woodrich  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** At Bluffton University this fall, we pray that God would grant traveling mercies to students traveling to athletic events, home for fall break this weekend and to student reaching placements and internships.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We extend our deepest sympathies** to the family of Daniel Miller who passed away Saturday, September 24. Services were held here at East Union on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Congratulations** to Lindsay and Jeff Swartzendruber on the birth of a son, Charlie Dale, born on September 21. Grandparents are Dave & Lisa Yoder and Great-grandparents are Dale & Linda Miller.

**Thank you** to all the MYFers, their family members and Pastor Joel who helped with picking up trash along Highway 1 on Wednesday evening. We appreciate your willingness to participate. A special thanks to our youngest and most enthusiastic workers- Adrienne Blauvelt and Micah Gerber!

### **Have ideas or suggestions about EU's Adult Sunday School program?**

Let us know! The adult SS superintendents and Pastor Joel are interested in ways we might enhance Sunday School. Please complete the questionnaire provided in mailboxes last week and return to Joe Schmidt or Will Miller by Sunday, Oct. 9. If you have questions or need a copy of the questionnaire, contact Joe Schmidt at [joeschmidt77@gmail.com](mailto:joeschmidt77@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for your input!

**Church council** has recommended that prior to donating a non-perishable item to the church, that the items are cleared with 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

**Friendly Reminder** When planning an event or activity at the church, please remember to write it on the calendar in the foyer, noting the room(s) and time. Do so will assist in efficiently heating or cooling and the opening and closing of the building for your events. Thank you!

**Sunday School Offerings** Going forward, an offering will no longer be taken during the adult Sunday School time. If you would like to give towards Sunday School, please give through the general offering and mark 'Sunday School' in the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, please contact Derek Bontrager, CFO or the Adult Superintendents: Will Miller or Joe Schmidt. Thank you.

*Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.*

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, Sunday, October 2**

- Today we celebrate communion and footwashing. There will be baskets in front and at the back for your contributions to the Sharing fund.
- Primary/Junior Sunday School Department Parent Meeting during the SS hour.

### **Tuesday, October 4**

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Shirley Yoder. The topic will be: 'Walking in the Wilderness.' Our project will be hygiene kits. Pizza for lunch.

### **Wednesday, October 5**

- **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.
- Choir practice following CHOW

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, October 16 - Save the Date**

Please plan to attend the Youth/Advocate Kick-off Lunch after Sunday school! Watch your mailboxes for more information.

### **Sunday, October 23 - Healing service**

More information to come.

### **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](http://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.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 **tonight** 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](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

**The Kalona Community Blood Drive** with the UI DeGowin Blood Center is scheduled for **this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4 & 5, from 2 PM to 7PM**, at the Kalona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. For the benefit of the many patients at UIHC requiring surgery, suffering from cancer, or major trauma, your valuable gift of blood will be greatly appreciated! Walk-ins welcome prior to 7:00. To sign up contact the Blood Center at 319-356-2058, or at [uihc.org/degowin](http://uihc.org/degowin).

**Ten Thousand Villages** Thank you to everyone who has helped bring a permanent Ten Thousand Villages store to Iowa City. All are invited to the grand opening on Saturday, Oct. 8, at 105 S. Dubuque St. between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages is a fair trade, nonprofit and volunteer-run retailer of unique artisan-crafted gifts, home decor, jewelry, personal accessories, art and sculpture from across the globe. If you are interested in volunteering, call Cassidy Bell at 319-519-2104 or email [iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com).

**Spoken4 Quartet** from Branson, MO will be in concert on Saturday, October 15, 6 pm at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. You will enjoy some new songs as well as some old time favorites. Come hear how one group member had to deal with suicide in his immediate family. There will be a freewill offering.

**Pathway Christian School** is taking orders for their Annual Sub Sale with subs delivered on Saturday, Oct. 15. Contact a Pathway family or call the school office at 656-5443 to place your order.

**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."

### **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.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

\* **SENIOR DAY is THIS Thursday**, October 6 9:00am-3:00pm. Come and hear stories and camp provides lunch with your registration. For more information and registration visit [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day](http://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.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* 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](http://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 Benefit Sale**

\* Non-perishable auction items for the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale (Nov. 4 and 5 at IMS) need to be given to a committee member this month. Please contact Nyle (chair) and Lauralee Kauffman (319) 354-3304, Carl and Donna Darby (319) 430-6171, Julie Gingerich (319) 325-5540, Kris Brenneman (319) 683-2661, Pam Hochstedler (319) 656-3558, Grace Rempel (319) 683-2681, or Larry Swartzendruber (319) 656-2421. Check [www.pvhome.org](http://www.pvhome.org) (benefit tab) frequently to see what we have so far. And we hope to see you at the Sale!

\* **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<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Larry Swartzendruber (656-2421). Thank you!