

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	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Quartet & Praise Band
Special Music	Adult Choir

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Choral Reading (Stanza 1)
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music - Choir
 Choral Reading (Stanza 2)
 Sermon: 'The prodigal in all of us'
 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.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 129	Sunday School: 88
Giving through 10.2.16	
October 2nd Giving	\$ 5,028.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 219,265.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,144.79

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Nita Miller & Marguerite Zook
College Students: Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich
From last week's sharing: Jace & Kendra Bailey's family; Leola White in hospice care; Lisa Schmidt - prayers for Lincoln Mack who has leukemia
Central Plains: Recently Beth Peachey Miller was installed as part-time pastor at Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Pray for Beth and the congregation as they begin their ministry together.
Mennonite Mission Network: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this continent. Pray also for Mennonite Mission Network personnel who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.
Mennonite Education Agency: Tomorrow the Hesston College student body will come together to celebrate the many different ethnicities and backgrounds in the annual Cultures Fair. Pray for a greater understanding and appreciation for diversity at Hesston College to emerge from this time together.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Join Kalona MOPS for a Haystacks Fundraiser Meal at Upper Deer Creek Church on Sunday, October 16th, serving from 11:30-1:30. Freewill donation.

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.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **TODAY 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. **Harvest Party:** 6th-8th graders and families are invited to stay after the concert for games led by our FFA, hot dog roast and a sing-along with our praise band. Please RSVP at www.iowamennonite.org/party.

* **One night only**, December 17 at 7:30 PM, the beloved one act Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* by Gian-Carlo Menotti, will be on the Celebration Hall stage. This IMS sponsored alumni and community event features the talents of **Dr. Lara Troyer** ('90), vocal instructor at Kent State University, as the Mother; her 3rd grade son **Henry** as Amahl; and **Dr. Bill Eash** (IMS music teacher, '76-'78;'79-'84) and currently Choral Music Department chair at Bethel College, KS); **Dr. Scott Hochstetler** (Choral Music Department Chair at Goshen College, IN); and **Nathan Swartzendruber** ('05) graduate assistant in the U of Iowa choral department as the three Kings. **Stuart Yoder** ('00) of Jefferson City, MO will play the Page. Call the IMS office to reserve your tickets today!

Pleasantview Home Benefit 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 4th and 5th. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Larry Swartzendruber (656-2421). Thank you!

October 9th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, October 12

- Choir practice following CHOW

Thursday, October 13

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

Next Sunday, October 16

- Youth/Advocate Kick-off lunch

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 23 - Healing service

The healing service will include two stations, one at the front and back of the sanctuary, where those interested may come for prayer and anointing. The healing service is designed for individuals to pray with an elder or pastor for physical, emotional, and/or spiritual healing for themselves or on behalf of a friend or loved one. Please consider how God is calling all of us towards healing and wholeness. Peace and Blessings, Pastor Joel

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.

Sunday, November 6 - Marriage Care Breakfast

Reminder to all mentor & mentees. We will be having our annual fall MarriageCare Breakfast at 8 am. Please RSVP to Janet Geyer by Sunday, October 30 if you plan to attend and if childcare is needed.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

EVERENCE is offering the following webinars this month:

1. Monday, October 17: "[Medicare Basics](#)" about when and how to enroll and what is covered.
2. Tuesday, October 18: "[Donor Advised Funds](#)" about how you can maximize your giving power while minimizing taxes.
3. Thursday, October 20: "[Estate Planning Basics](#)" about how to minimize taxes while maximizing what goes to heirs, church and charity.

The presentations are available on those dates at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Central Daylight Time). Information is posted on the EVERENCE part of the bulletin board near the south hallway restrooms. For more information or to register for one or more of these informative webinars, contact Melissa Short at melissa.short@everence.com or (800) 222-5054 or visit everence.com/direct.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Sam Hochstetler who passed away Wednesday, October 5th. Visitation will be held from 4 - 7 pm Thursday, October 13 at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona. Funeral services and burial will take place at East Union on Friday morning, October 14.

How truly grateful we are to have a wonderful church family! Your love and support through gifts of food, flowers, prayers and kind words have been very much appreciated during this time of loss.

Thank you, Daniel and Nita Miller family

Youth/Advocates Please remember to RSVP to Betsy or Allison *today* (or early this week) for the lunch & activities after church on October 16th!

Special Offering Next Sunday the elders will provide an opportunity to give towards the sharing fund for Miranda Miller, recent widow of Micah Miller. The sharing fund will match the offering up to a \$1000. Funds will help to pay for funeral expenses and ongoing needs for Miranda and her two young children. Questions? See one of the elders or Joel Beachy.

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 previously provided in your mailboxes and return to Joe Schmidt or Will Miller. If you have questions or need a copy of the questionnaire, contact Joe Schmidt at joeschmidt77@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your input!

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. Doing so will assist in efficiently heating or cooling and the opening and closing of the building for your events. Thank you!

Primary/Junior Sunday School Department Helping Tree

Are you willing to help substitute teacher for a Sunday School class one or two Sundays? Be an Adult Helper during Sunday School class or Bible Memory (no prep needed)? Do you enjoy acting/drama and would you be willing to come to a class to help act out the weekly Bible story? Can you help pick up a non perishable snack for a teacher to keep in his/her classroom? Would you like to be a prayer partner for a Sunday School class and a teacher?

Please stop by the green Helping Tree on the table outside of the library if you would be willing to help out by doing any one of these various acts of kindness for the Primary/Junior Sunday School Department. If you see something written on a card that is right up your alley, please take a helping card. Your helping hand is appreciated!

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

(CHORUS):

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all that it should be
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed by Your name

(CHORUS)

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name

(CHORUS)

God Is My Salvation

God is my salvation.
I will trust and not be afraid,
For the Lord, even Jehovah,
Is my strength and my song.