

# 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.*

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Worship Leader	Don & Verna Zook
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude	Grace Rempel & Behla Schmidt
Offering	Ian Schmidt
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold, Warren Yoder & Quartet
Children's Time	Trent & Tammy Yoder

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Prayer  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 121 (see bulletin insert)  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Children's Time  
 Sermon: "Remembering with Thanksgiving"  
 Scripture Reading: John 11:17-36  
 Song of Response  
 All Saints Day Service  
 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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 109	Sunday School: 77
<b>Giving through 10.23.16</b>	
October 23rd Giving	\$ 4,748.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 234,665.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,481.95

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan  
**College Students:** Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes  
**From last week's sharing:** Prayers for Caleb Yoder as he candidates at a church in Kansas; Lisa Schmidt - Continued prayer for Lincoln Mack  
**Central Plains:** This first Tuesday of the month, join Friends of Pastor Max and conference ministers in fasting and praying for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family, that God would make a way for them to be reunited.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network use their gifts in music, education, and children's and youth ministries in the programs of the Mennonite churches in Ecuador. Pray for them as they also serve as coordinators for partnerships with churches in Colombia and the United States.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Perry Bush, professor of history at Bluffton University, as he delivers three Menno Simons Lectures at Bethel College today and tomorrow.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The MYF will be having a Waffle Breakfast-Supper** Fundraiser during CHOW this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. We'll be raising money for the Mennonite Youth Convention in Orlando (July 2017). We'll have sausage gravy and strawberries for toppings and will serve eggs on the side. We are planning to have extra waffles so that people can buy and freeze them for breakfast(s). If you have never participated in CHOW or rarely do, this would be a perfect time to try it out! Help support our high school youth!

**Jose G and Raquel would like to thank everyone** for their hospitality during their visit a few weeks ago. If you heard Jose speak you know that he has a dream of having a church building on land that is owned by the church and has running water and electricity. One goal of this project would be to access more stable long term funding from larger church agencies. Jose is talking with interested sellers in Reynosa and believes that he can purchase land that would meet his needs for \$13,000 to \$14,000. To date we have pledges of \$5,000 towards this purchase of land. If you are interested in making a pledge to this project please contact Janet Geyer or Jim Brenneman. Jim's email is [jimbrenneman@hotmail.com](mailto:jimbrenneman@hotmail.com) or you can call 319-330-1797.

**Benefit for Lincoln Mack:** Saturday, November 5, 5:00 - 10:00 pm at Eagles Lodge, 225 Highway 1 W, Iowa City. There will be dinner, silent auction, raffle (need not be present to win) and music by English River Band. Come show your love for Lincoln and support the Mack family during their battle with a rare form of leukemia! If you have any item(s) you would like to donate for the auction or raffle, please talk to Lisa Schmidt or email [catherineswifty@gmail.com](mailto:catherineswifty@gmail.com)

**Thank you for everyone's tremendous generosity!** On Sunday, October 16, our special offering for Miranda Miller raised \$3,850. The Sharing Fund matched \$1,000 for a total of \$4,850. Additional matching funds are being applied for from Everence. Thank you, Elders and Joel Beachy.

### **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!

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, Sunday, October 30**

- All Saints Day. Today in worship we are lighting candles in loving memory of those who have died this past year from our congregation. We are grateful for the lessons of faith and life that we carry as we remember Linda Wooldridge, Dave Plank, Charlotte Winborn, Daniel Miller, Sam Hochstetler, and Leola White.

### **Tuesday, October 1**

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Anna Yoder. The topic will be: 'Paths Not Chosen.' Our project will be Cash for MCC Health Care & Medication. Sack lunch.

### **Wednesday, October 2**

- MYF waffle breakfast supper fundraiser 6 pm (see announcement)
- **CHOW** - Supper served 6-6:30, with activities for all beginning at 6:45. All are welcome to come and hear from Bruce & Karen Harvey, and get a glimpse of God's hand at work in Bangladesh, Southern China, and Northern Thailand.
- Choir practice following CHOW

### **Next Sunday, November 6**

- Daylight Savings time ends
- MarriageCare Breakfast 8 am

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Wednesday, November 9**

Congregational business meeting - 6:45 pm

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanksgiving is right around the corner.** If you need a dessert, you are in luck! Dan Fisher and his helpers will once again be baking pumpkin cheesecakes to raise money for the Kalona Mennonite International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is supporting Rudi Mucaj from Albania, who is currently in his second year at Goshen College. To place an order please contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or email at [beachydw@sharontc.net](mailto:beachydw@sharontc.net). The deadline to order is November 16th. Cheesecakes maybe picked up Tuesday Nov 21st from 4 - 7p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. Thank you!

**Fairview Mennonite Church** is hosting "Ryan & Friends" comedian and ventriloquist at 7 pm on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information call 319-936-7763 or visit [ryanandfriends.com](http://ryanandfriends.com)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned**, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 8 from 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. Sponsored by the Kalona Mennonite WMSC

**Ten Thousand Villages** opened its doors on October 1 and is experiencing a warm welcome to downtown Iowa City. Thank you for your encouragement and support in helping bring a permanent store to Iowa. Sales have been great and visitors are very receptive to fair trade and the artisans' products that Villages sell. The store will continue to be successful with the help of volunteers. Persons interested in volunteering (preferably two shifts a month) may contact [iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com](mailto:iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com). Stop by the store at 105 S Dubuque St. to see the beautiful variety of hand-crafted items and support the artisans in 34 countries.

**Feed the Kids Mid-Prairie Dinner and Auction** is set for Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Parkside Banquet Hall in Wellman. Feed the kids M-P helps kids who are unsure of where their next meal is coming from have food through the backpack program on weekends and also during summer or holiday breaks. During the school year each backpack contains 10-12 items that kids can easily prepare for themselves.

Tickets can be purchased:

- At Wellman Produce Company in Wellman
- By emailing [mpfeedthekids@gmail.com](mailto:mpfeedthekids@gmail.com).
- At the door the night of the event

Ticket cost is a free will donation

Can't attend the event but would like to help? Would you consider a monetary donation, or donating an item for the auction? Feel free to contact us at [mpfeedthekids@gmail.com](mailto:mpfeedthekids@gmail.com) or call 319-936-6390. 100% of donations go towards purchasing food.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

\* Thursday, November 10 is Annual Meeting. Join the Board of Directors and staff for dinner at 6:15pm followed by a program as we celebrate the past year of camp ministry. All interested in learning and hearing more about Crooked Creek Christian Camp are invited to attend.

\* November 18-19 is *Come to the Table Craft Retreat*. This bring-your-own-craft weekend features an opportunity to work on your project and connect with others as crafty as you. See more details at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org)

\* Are you a high school student looking for a fun way to make a little extra money? Learn to belay Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and become a Crooked Creek climbing wall belayer! Once you've passed the training, camp can call on you to assist with guest groups that want to use the climbing wall. It's a great way to learn a new skill, meet other people and earn some extra cash. Email Megan [megan@crookedcreekcamp.org](mailto:megan@crookedcreekcamp.org) for more questions.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* The **IMS Fall Drama**, *Those Crazy Ladies In The House On The Corner* will be showing in Celebration Hall on **November 5 at 7:00PM and on November 6 at 3:00PM**. Get your tickets now by calling the office (656-2073 or 683-2586). Tickets are \$8/Adults and \$5/Students.

\* **November 6 - Backstage Tour**: Prospective Family event following the play. Get a backstage tour, meet the cast, crew and directors of the fall play and ask them questions about being involved in the drama department in high school. Don't forget to call to the school to reserve your tickets - middle school students are free.

\* **Blood Drive** - The IMS chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive on **Monday November 7 7:00-11:00AM**. Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the IMS office (656-2073 or 683-2586).

\* **FFA - fruit, cheese and sausage sales** continue through November 11. Contact any IMS FFA member or call the office to order fruit. Items will be delivered the first week of December.

### \* **Upcoming Visit Days**

Register for either day at [www.iowamennonite.org/visit](http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit)

Nov 16 - Visit Day for Iowa City area prospective families

Nov 28 - Visit Day for all area prospective families

\* 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 and \$10/students. Call the IMS office to reserve your tickets today (656-2073 or 683-2586).

**Fall Special Meetings at Sugar Creek Mennonite Church** Bryan Moyer Suderman will be speaking at Sugar Creek Mennonite on Nov. 13-15. Bryan is known for his engaging and interactive style of speaking, teaching and song leading. He will explore the Gospel of Matthew, paying close attention to the way Jesus is depicted as interpreter of Scripture. Come and join us as we engage the Bible with Bryan for fall special meetings: Sunday, Nov. 13, 6pm; Monday Nov. 14, 7 pm; Tuesday, Nov. 15 MYF Chili supper at 5-7 pm with the service beginning at 7 pm.

**Mennonite Historical Society** John A. Roetlin will be the featured guest at the fall meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa. This event will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 14, 2016 at the Kalona Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. This is open to the public. Please come to hear stories from John as he speaks about "The Kalona Cheese factory, a window into local farm and community life," (1947-2014). There will also be an opportunity to join the society, subscribe to the society's quarterly newsletter "Reflections", purchase apple butter and re-new your membership.

### ***Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale***

\* You are invited to the **Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale November 4 and 5 at IMS**. **Friday**: Turkey tenderloin meal (by donation) served 4:00 - 7:30 pm. Silent auction 4:00 - 6:20 pm, followed by live auction. Bake Sale 5:00 pm and Concession Stand with pie and ice cream throughout. Sharon Bethel Quartet and Wellman Mennonite Church Worship Team 5:15 - 6:15 pm. **Saturday**: All you can eat pancakes & sausage breakfast (by donation) served 6:30 - 10:00 am; live auction 8:30 am until all items sold, or about noon. Bake sale 8:00 until all items sold. See <http://www.pvhome.org> (benefit sale tab). More info: 656-2421.

\* **Bakers needed** for bake sale for Pleasantview Benefit! White bread, wheat bread, cinnamon rolls, pies, cookies, cupcakes, party mix, either packaged to sell or in bulk and we will package. Please label items with ingredients so people are alerted to possible allergies. Bring items to IMS gym after 1:00 on Friday or by 8:00 Saturday morning.

\* For all the bakers contributing to the Pleasantview Benefit Sale this weekend: please note that earlier requests suggested you can bring items in bulk, but the organizers ***actually prefer items to be already packaged***. As earlier requested, please also label items with ingredients to avoid issues due to allergies and intolerances. Items should be brought to the IMS gym after 1:00 pm Friday or by 8:00 am Saturday. Thank you!

***Pathway's Senior Class Haystack Supper*** is Friday, November 11, 2016 at Pathway Christian School. Serving from 5-8pm. Cost is donation basis. Class of 2017 - Rochelle Beachy, Megan McGaffey, Dustin Miller, Collin Schlabach.

### **CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES**

October 31 is the deadline for confirming your participation in the **January 7-19, 2017 Ecuador Partnership Learning & Fellowship Tour**. This is a wonderful opportunity to escape the Midwest winter and make new friends in Ecuador and experience the beautiful diversity of the Amazon rainforest. Info at [centralplainsmc.org](http://centralplainsmc.org) or by contacting Joetta Schlabach, [jschlabach@faithmennonite.org](mailto:jschlabach@faithmennonite.org) or [651-290-2185](tel:651-290-2185).

### **Psalm 121 Responsive Reading**

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?

**People:** **My help comes from the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** He will not suffer your foot to stumble;  
he who watches over you will not sleep.

**People:** **Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**Leader:** The Lord himself watches over you;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**People:** **So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
neither the moon by night.**

**Leader:** The Lord shall keep you from all evil;  
it is he who shall keep your soul.

**All:** ***The Lord shall keep watch over your  
going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.***