

# 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	Nelson Miller
Sermon	Jon Miiller
Prelude, Offering	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 86:1-13  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sermon: "Absolute Truth"  
     Scripture Reading: John 14:6  
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller  
 Next Sunday: Deb Miller & Avery Blauveldt

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 121	Sunday School: 79
<b>Giving through 10.30.16</b>	
October 30th Giving	\$ 5,976.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 240,641.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,545.19

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Courtyard Healthcare Center:** Marilyn Yutzey  
**College Students:** Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich  
**From last week's sharing:** Sandy Schlabaugh (the passing of David Schwartz); Jerry Miller (Chris Tones double bypass); Beth Hershberger (Jax fell and injured mouth)  
**Central Plains:** This past week was the birthday of Central Plains Office Manager, Monica Clem. Give thanks to God for the gifts Monica offers to the church, and pray for God's abundant blessing in her life.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Voluntary Service participants Stefan Baumgartner, Laura Hassel, Meg Short and two associate house members as they live in community and work alongside their neighbors to share God's love in San Francisco.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** Thank God for the gifts of Bethel College vocalists - all five choral ensembles present "Bethel College Sings" this afternoon for the campus and community.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Out of the Office** Crystal will be out of the office on Friday, November 11 and will be printing the bulletin Wednesday morning. Please have announcements in by the **end of the day Tuesday, November 8**. Thank you.

**Lincoln Mack** died peacefully Sunday night, October 30. Thank you for all of your prayers for Lincoln and his family. Please continue to pray for the entire Mack family as they adjust to life without Lincoln. Lisa Schmidt

**A HUGE thank you** to the congregation for coming to Chow on Wednesday and eating waffles! The MYF appreciates all the support our church congregation has shown us and continues to show us! We are closer to getting to Orlando! Thank you.

**MYF Progressive Meal** The MYF is looking for 2 more households (in the Kalona area) to host us for a progressive meal on Wednesday, November 16th. I believe we have the first house (appetizers) taken care of but we need someone to handle the main meal and another for dessert. If you are interested in being a host, please contact Rebecca or Catrina. Thanks.

**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.

**God is my refuge** Jose Gutierrez has recently received the message regarding security concerns that he is completely free to go about his work at Iglesia Zoar. He can come and go as he pleases. He will not need to be escorted to the church or back out of the community. This is an answer to prayer! Thank you to all of you who have had him and Raquel in your prayers.

**Congratulations to Tom and Jackie Bailey** and all of those involved with the Courage Ride this year! The nonprofit Courage Ride committee recently presented a check for \$80,000 to the University of Iowa's Sarcoma Research Program during a November 1 ceremony at the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center. All proceeds from each year's Courage Ride go to the University of Iowa Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center Sarcoma Research Program. Eighty-five percent of the program's research funding comes from Courage Ride. To date, the \$300,000 raised by Courage Ride has supported 22 sarcoma clinical trials and created the Midwest's only sarcoma tissue bank. Way to go!

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

**Wednesday, November 9**

- Congregational business meeting - 6:45 pm
- Choir practice

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

The third and **final Central Plains Bible Study webinar with Meghan Good** is coming up! Join us at 7:30pm on Monday, November 21. Meghan will address matters of biblical authority and inspiration in *Living and Active: Where the Bible Came From and Why It Matters*. **RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org) by Thursday, November 17**. You can **watch videos of the first two webinars** on the same page. East Union will host a site in the Fellowship Hall.

Be in prayer for the meetings of the **Mennonite Church USA Executive Board**, taking place Nov. 10-12 in Newton, Kansas; the **MHS Board meeting** Nov. 17-18 in Columbus, Ohio; and for all the work of the churchwide staff.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you!** Just want you to pass on a sincere "thank you" to your congregations for the overwhelming donation of coats this year! And also for helping to get the word out to those folks in need. We had great attendance and people were SO appreciative. God is truly an awesome God!!! Bless all of you. Lynn

**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. The cost is \$35 per cheesecake. 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 Today. For more information call 319-936-7763 or visit [ryanandfriends.com](http://ryanandfriends.com)

**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.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Iowa Mennonite School*

\* **This afternoon! The IMS Fall Drama**, Those Crazy Ladies In The House On The Corner will be showing in Celebration Hall at 3:00PM. Tickets are \$8/Adults and \$5/Students.

\* **Also today after the drama - 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

**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. 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.

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Marty Gingerich address the topic, "Haiti- Slavery Yesterday and Slavery Today." Marty and his wife Heidi served as Mennonite Central Committee volunteers in Haiti for seven years. Since 2010, Marty has returned to Haiti annually to assist in community development. Join us at Washington Mennonite Church, 815 E. Polk Street, Washington, Iowa on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 6 pm for a finger food potluck (please bring your own table service) and conversation, or at 7 pm for Marty's presentation. For more information, contact Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

**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.

### *Crooked Creek Christian Camp*

\* This Thursday, November 10 is Annual Meeting. We hope that you will join the staff and board of directors in celebrating the past year of camp ministry. A meal served at 6:15pm will be grilled turkey tenderloin with fixin's and pie. All 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)

**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.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** Holy Trinity Church in Richmond will host its sixth Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day from 11 am -1pm. The food is homemade. Please RSVP to Joyce Mattes @ 656-3276 by Tuesday, 11/22. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship.

**Thank you** everyone for your support of the Pleasantview Home Benefit Sale! The community has been very generous in their donations, and we are grateful! There is still a unique opportunity to help benefit Pleasantview. If you eat at Chili's in Coralville anytime through December 4 and give them a Pleasantview voucher when you pay, 15% of your purchases (excluding taxes) will be sent to Pleasantview. You may request an electronic copy by emailing [recep@pvhome.org](mailto:recep@pvhome.org) or find a voucher *on the counter underneath mailboxes in the foyer*. Please note, Chili's does NOT allow distribution of the vouchers on their premises or parking lot, and if witnessed, may void our contract. Thank you!

### **Save the Date! Community Thanksgiving Service**

A community Thanksgiving service hosted by area Mennonite congregations will be held at Iowa Mennonite School on Sunday, November 20 at 4 pm. Our own Chris Rhodes will be one of the speakers sharing a Thanksgiving testimony