

# 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	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Men's Quartet

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 130  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Special Music  
 Sermon: "Grounded in Mercy"  
 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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber  
 Next Sunday: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 148	Sunday School: 95
<b>Giving through 11.6.16</b>	
November 6th Giving	\$ 5,433.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 246,074.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,704.07

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Parkview Manor:** Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel

**College Students:** Anya Slabaugh, Joel Beachy

**From last week's sharing:** Lisa Schmidt (passing of Lincoln Mack); Karen Harvey (Tim Mattes colon cancer); Catrina Miiller (father, John Schrock, triple bypass surgery); Emily Higdon (Sally Miller's recovery from knee replacement surgery)

**Central Plains:** Next weekend both Tim Detweiler and Shana Peachy Boshart celebrate birthdays. Give thanks to God for their ministries within Central Plains and pray for God's blessing on their lives.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Colombia is negotiating a complicated peace process, both on the official level and among people who have a long history of division and violence. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for wisdom and courage for Colombia Mennonite Church members as they model the way of peace.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Annette LeZotte of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as she speaks this afternoon about another museum, the Museum of Modern Art's work to develop programs for those with Alzheimer's disease.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thank you!** Thank you for all of the cards of support and gifts during October's Pastor Appreciation Month, as well as my birthday! I have felt your love and support and am grateful to be part of this church community! Blessings and Peace, Joel Beachy

**You're invited** Please join the Ladies of the Shekinah class in celebrating the upcoming wedding of Emily Johnston and Warren Yoder on Saturday, December 3rd at 10:00. We'll meet in the fellowship hall for fun, food and fellowship! Learn more about Emily and her family and find out how Warren popped the question! Emily & Warren are registered at the following places: Yotty's, Target and Amazon (online).

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, Sunday, November 13**

- The Doulos Sunday school class is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

### **Tuesday, November 15**

- Church Council Meeting 7 pm

### **Wednesday, November 16**

- Choir practice 7 pm

### **Next Sunday, November 20**

Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, will offer a public reading of his latest historical novel, *Christian's Hope*, at East Union Mennonite Church at 7:30 pm. The third novel in the Northkill trilogy is based on documented evidence about the Hochstetler family, adding details and dialogue to the known historical facts. In careful consultation with the available documents, the novels describe the historic French and Indian War massacre and aftermath in which an Amish father and two sons were kidnapped and their family killed. Stutzman will also share insights on Native American culture gleaned from his research.

## 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. All are invited. You do not need to RSVP to come.

**Advent At-Home Devotionals** Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). For use between November 27 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. A copy is available in the East Union library.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**You are invited to N.O.W.** - a Night Of Worship - at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church this evening at 6:30 pm. This is an informal, relaxed time to praise and worship God and fellowship with others.

**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 may be picked up Tuesday Nov 22st from 4 - 7p.m. at Kalona Mennonite Church. Thank you!

### **Iowa Mennonite School - 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 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.

**Cheeseballs!** Plan now for your Christmas and New Year parties and order homemade cheeseballs. (They can be frozen if you have parties after the holidays.) Three yummy flavors - ham, pineapple & veggie - will be available at \$9.50 each or 3 for \$27.00. All proceeds will go toward mission outreach programs at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. To order you may call the church, (319) 656-2076, email the church, [ldc@kctc.net](mailto:ldc@kctc.net) or contact any church member. Deadline is December 1. Cheeseballs will be made on Saturday, December 10 and can be picked up that morning from 10-noon.

**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 **today 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** Calling all **crafters!** Grab a friend, pack your bags and get ready for the Come to the Table craft retreat **November 18-19**. There's still room to sign-up online.

**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.

**Unique Opportunity to help benefit Pleasantview Home.** 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 e-mailing [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