

# 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	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Children's Choir & Men's Quartet
Children's Time	Verna Zook

## WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Special Music - Children's Choir
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 86:14-17
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Special Music - Men's Quartet
- Children's Time
- Sermon: "Embracing the Other"
- Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-43
- 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: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt  
 Next Sunday: Jon Miiller & Micah Miller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 132	Sunday School: 107
<b>Giving through 11.13.16</b>	
November 13th Giving	\$ 4,546.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 250,620.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 7,063.75

## PRAYER REMINDERS

- Oaknoll Retirement Home:*** Edna Yoder
- College Students:*** Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber
- From last week's sharing:*** Wanda Yoder (grand-daughter Lisette); Catrina Miiller (father, John Schrock, doing well after surgery); Doug Stoltzfus (Francis's cancer treatment); Deb Miller (Jeanie & Ellen's battle with cancer)
- Central Plains:*** Pray for the Bible study webinar with Meghan Good, to be held tomorrow evening. Give thanks for this opportunity to learn more about reading and interpreting God's word.
- Mennonite Mission Network:*** Mennonite Mission Network partners Annette and Paco Castillo have created a home in Ivory Coast for child soldiers and other children who don't have a supportive family structure. Praise God for transformed lives. Pray for mentors to train life skills through mechanical trades and other apprenticeships.
- Mennonite Education Agency:*** Pray for Emulate, EMU's intimate vocal ensemble, as they perform at the Washington National Cathedral on November 20 at 4 pm. May their voices be lifted in the glory of Your name.

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## Sowing in the Morning

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Knowles Shaw

George A. Minor

1. Sow - ing in the morn - ing, sow - ing seeds of kind - ness, Sow - ing in the  
 2. Sow - ing in the sun - shine, sow - ing in the shad - ows, Fear - ing nei - ther  
 3. Go - ing forth with weep - ing, sow - ing for the Mas - ter, Tho' the loss sus -

noon - tide and the dew - y eve; Wait - ing for the har - vest,  
 clouds nor win - ter's chill - ing breeze; By and by the har - vest,  
 tained our spir - it oft - en grieves; When our weep - ing's o - ver,

and the time of reap - ing, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 and the la - borend - ed, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.  
 He will bid us wel - come, We shall come re - joic - ing, bring - ing in the sheaves.

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

## Today, Sunday, November 20

- Sunday School today: The Shekinah class will be decorating the church for Advent during Sunday School. To accommodate this, the final session of the DVD series, "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus" will be held in the choir room (**room #53**), and the Doulos class will move to **room #50** just for today.
- **A community Thanksgiving service** hosted by area Mennonite congregations will be held at Iowa Mennonite School **this afternoon** at 4 pm. Our own Chris Rhodes will be one of the speakers sharing a Thanksgiving testimony.
- Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA, will offer a public reading of his latest historical novel, *Christian's Hope*, - here at East Union 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.

## Monday, November 21

- Central Plains Webinar in the Fellowship Hall 7:30 pm (see announcement)

## Thursday, November 24



## Next Sunday, November 27

- Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. Dave Boshart will bring the message.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, December 4 - Jr. MYF Fundraising Meal

Mark your calendars! The Jr. MYF will be having a potato bar immediately following the service to help provide funds for the Junior Youth WinterFest 2017 located at Crooked Creek. Hope to see you there!

## Saturday, January 7 - Men's Breakfast

Save the date! Men and boys of all ages are welcome to come! More info to come.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cheeseballs!** Plan now for your Christmas and New Year parties and order homemade cheeseballs. 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.

**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.

**Crooked Creek Christian Camp** Save the date for Cocoa & Carols Sunday, December 4 starting at 5:00pm.

### **Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale**

\* Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC and mark your calendars to attend the 2017 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 2 and 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

\* The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale board is looking for volunteers to assist with the publicity and auction committees. Contact Susan Gingerich at 319-855-8382 or Jim Yoder at 319-430-3761 for more information or to volunteer.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* **November 21 - Boy's Basketball Jamboree** Games begin at 6:00PM with IMS playing at 7:30PM. Come out to Hillcrest Union and get your first look at IMS and many other area teams.

\* **November 28 - Visit Day** for all area prospective families. These are open to students in 8th -10th grade. There will be a coffee Q&A time for parents at the beginning of the day (8:15-9:00AM) and students will be invited to stay the day (8:15AM - 3:10PM) to attend classes with a student ambassador, eat lunch, and meet faculty and staff. Come get a glimpse at what a day at IMS is like! Register at [www.iowamennonite.org/visit](http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit)

\* **November 29 - GIVING TUESDAY** You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Both are days where consumers are enticed by sales and discounted items and end up spending lots of money on things they (may or) may not need. Giving Tuesday is the exact opposite. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, the season of *GIVING*. This year you have a chance to participate in this movement with IMS. For the twenty-four hours of 11.29.16 we encourage you to give and give generously. You can give online or you can send a check to the school postmarked 11.29.16. Through this event we hope to raise \$11,029 for the Student Aid Fund.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Office closed this Friday, November 25** so please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday. Thank you!

**Joel & Christine** will travel to Mississippi to be with family for Thanksgiving. They will leave on Wednesday, November 23 in the afternoon and are returning Monday, November 28 in the evening.

**Please accept our sincere thanks** for all the love and support that has been shown to each of us since the passing of our mother. We are forever grateful and blessed to have such a caring church family!

The children and grandchildren of Leola White.

**Please take a moment** to see if anything on the table in the foyer belongs to you. Leftovers will soon be donated to Crowded Closet. Thank you!

**You're invited** Please join the Ladies of the Shekinah class in celebrating the upcoming wedding of Emily Johnston and Warren Yoder with a bridal shower 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).

**Delays and Cancellations** It's that time of year again! Weather related delays and cancellations will be announced through KCRG, WMT and Facebook, as well as through our One Call phone service. Pastor Joel and congregational leaders will make decisions and communicate in the ways listed above.

## 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*. 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** Families with children: Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of "Come, Walk in the Light of Day," a free, downloadable guide for family worship from November 27 to January 6. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). A copy is available in the East Union library.

**Everence** - Everence has released the fifth resource of its new series, *7 steps to integrating faith and finances*. You should receive this month's release in your mailbox this week. This month's topic, *Connect my faith with my savings plan*, provides some biblical perspective on the topic of savings, plus practical tools to help us prepare for the future. We encourage you to take a little time with this resource as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.