

# 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	Dave Boshart
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager & Praise Band
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Time	Catrina Miiller

## WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Candle Lighting
  - Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem - STS 32
- Advent 1 reading - Kim, Avery & Adrienne Blauvelt
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Special Music
- Children's Time
- Scripture Reading
  - Matthew 24:36-44; Romans 13:11-14; Isaiah 2:1-5
- Sermon: "Because We Know How it Ends"
- 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: Jon Miiller & Micah Miller  
 Next Sunday: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 148	Sunday School: 95
<b>Giving through 11.20.16</b>	
November 20th Giving	\$ 8,657.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 259,277.49
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 6,745.10

## PRAYER REMINDERS

***Windmill Manor:*** Harold Blosser

***College Students:*** Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes

***Central Plains:*** Next weekend, Central Plains conference ministers Tim Detweiler and Dave and Shana Boshart will attend the annual gathering of Mennonite Church USA conference ministers. Pray for God's guidance and blessing on this gathering.

***Mennonite Mission Network:*** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons are sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

***Mennonite Education Agency:*** Pray for EMS as preparations are made for the School for Leadership Training, Jan. 16-18, 2017. May those who attend hear God's call to deepen relationships through "neighboring" rather than "othering."

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## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Advent At-Home Devotionals** Advent At Home begins today! Download the free guide for Advent family worship at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). There is also a copy in the East Union library. Don't let advertisements define Christmas; invite your children to "Come, Walk in the Light of Day" with Jesus.

**Video and audio recordings** of the three Bible Study Webinars with Meghan Good are available on the **Bible Study Webinars page** at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org). Make use of these to raise the bar on reading and interpreting the Bible: Sunday School classes and Bible study groups could watch and discuss them together; Sunday School superintendents could use them to train teachers; individuals can watch them for personal growth.

**Join the #MennoLove fun!** Participate in the Love is a Verb storytelling project by submitting a Love Your Selfie! Send us a photo of yourself practicing self-care and a brief explanation, and we will share it across the church online. Send emails to [alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org)

**College Internship Opportunity with Mennonite Church USA:** The Mennonite Church USA Communications team is looking for interns! Beginning in January and culminating in July 2017 at Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando, these internships will include positions for writers, editors, photographers, social media and graphic design. Internships will be paid and prioritize students of color. Interested students should contact [janiebk@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:janiebk@mennoniteusa.org) for more information.

*Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays.  
You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.*

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, Sunday, November 27**

- David Boshart, Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Executive Conference Minister, will be sharing the message this morning. Welcome David!

### **Wednesday, November 30**

- Choir practice 7 pm

### **Saturday, December 3**

- Please join the Ladies of the Shekinah class in celebrating the upcoming wedding of Emily Johnston and Warren Yoder with a bridal shower 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).

### **Next Sunday, December 4**

- 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!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Saturday, December 23 - Christmas Eve Service**

Plan ahead to attend the Christmas Eve service at 7 pm, and bring friends and family!

### **Wednesday, January 4 - CHOW**

CHOW activity will be packing meals for "Take Away Hunger", as we have done the last few years. We will need at least \$1800 to cover the cost of the materials. There will be a basket in the back of the church throughout December for donations. Thank you.

### **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

### *Iowa Mennonite School*

- \* **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.
- \* **On Saturday December 10 Freeman Foods** in Wellman will be having their 'Support Your School' event for IMS. On that day 5% of all proceeds at the Wellman store will be donated to IMS. Stock up for holidays and help support IMS!
- \* **Christmas Music Concert - December 11** at 2:30PM in Celebration Hall at IMS. The concert will feature Chorale, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and the Symphonic Band.
- \* **Prospective Family Christmas Party** following the music concert on December 11, we will have a Christmas party for 6th - 8th grade students, transfer students and their families. We will have some Christmas cookies, crafts and games hosted by one of our student groups.

**The Annual Mission Market** sponsored by the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches will be at Kalona United Methodist Church on Saturday, December 3 from 1-3 pm. Missions included will be: Heifer International, Imagine No Malaria, Mary's Meals, Hospice of Washington County, Wellman Summer Lunch Program, 10,000 Villages Project, Tools of Hope and Blankets, Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, Empowering Haiti, Food for All and Take Away Hunger. Please consider this market as an alternative gift giving opportunity to honor your friends and family this holiday season AND make a difference in the world!

### *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.

**Support Your School Saturday** Saturday, December 10, 5% of all sales at Freeman Foods in Wellman will be donated to Iowa Mennonite School.

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

**Cheesecakes for sale** Dan Fisher and his eager elves will once again be making and selling cheesecakes for the Christmas season. The cost is \$35 each. The three scrumptious flavors are Chocolate Ganache, White Chocolate Lemon and Turtle. You may freeze the cheesecakes to use at a later date. Order by Monday, December 5 for pickup 9 - 11 a.m. on either Saturday, December 10 or Saturday, December 17. Proceeds will go to the KMC International Student Aid Fund. Our current project is Rudi Mucaj from Albania who is in his sophomore year at Goshen College. To order cheesecakes contact Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or [beachydw@sharontc.net](mailto:beachydw@sharontc.net). Thank you for your support!

**Worship Night** Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church is holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> N.O.W. (Night Of Worship) on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. You are invited to join us in this night of singing Christmas hymns and music. As always, refreshments will be served!

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations!** to Luke, Rachel & Eve Yoder on the birth of a daughter and sister, Iris Amelia, born Tuesday, November 22. Iris weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces. Grandparents are Dave & Lisa Yoder and Curtis & Lois Yoder.

**Voluntary Service Opportunity** - The MCC meat canner is coming to SE Iowa and volunteers will be needed to process 19,000 pounds of deboned turkey thighs, on **Thursday & Friday, December 15 & 16**. The canned meat is sent all around the world to places in need. Set up will take place at the Daniel Keith Yoder facilities, 2 1/2 miles west of IMS on Wednesday afternoon, December 14. Cash **(\$22,200)** is also needed to purchase the meat and supplies. Send checks to Southeast Iowa Meat Canning, c/o Sylvan Schlabach, PO Box 621, Kalona IA 52247. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer if want to volunteer your time. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with others in the community to share God's love and care. Any questions? Contact Donald or Verna Zook.

**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.