

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	Marvin Rempel
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Children's Time	Wanda Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Candle Lighting
 Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem - STS 32
 Epiphany reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "God's day of radiance is at hand"
 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

Coffee & fellowship time

No 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: Lisa Schmidt & Grace Miller
 Next Sunday: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 138	
Giving through 12.28.16	
December 25th Giving	\$ 10,812.00
December 28th Giving	\$ 3,200.00
Year-to-date Giving (12/28)	\$ 292,105.09

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
College Students: Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich
From last week's sharing: Dennis Miller (Harold Blosser has infection and in the hospital); Dorothea Moberly (Barbara James husband passed away)
Mennonite Mission Network: Linda Oyer, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, is waiting for surgery to remove her gallbladder after severe attacks of cholecystitis last month. Pray for rest and peace as she regains health in her home near Paris, France, so she can be ready for the operation this month.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" is now open. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit mhaelgconference.wordpress.com.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, January 1



- No Sunday School

Tuesday, January 3

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Becky Yoder. The topic will be: 'Wading in Water.' Our project will be Sewing Kits. Sack lunch.

Wednesday, January 4

- **CHOW** The CHOW meal will be by the Dulous Class. The activity will be packing meals for "Take Away Hunger", as we have done the last few years, and there will also be a quilt and comforter in frame for those who would like to knot comforters or quilt. A total of \$1573 has been raised so far towards our goal of \$1800. \$227 is still needed to cover the cost of the meals we pack.

Saturday, January 7

- **Men's Breakfast** Men & boys of all ages are welcome to a breakfast at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit & fellowship! If you haven't already done so, please RSVP TODAY on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the library. Freewill donation to Iglesia Zoar and to cover costs. Questions see Joel Beachy or Nelson Miller.

Next Sunday, January 8

- Rescheduled from December 18, the **Children's Christmas program** will be during our regular church service. Sunday School is also scheduled for this day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 15 - Prayer Walk To usher in the new year, the congregation is invited to participate in a prayer walk around the church building at 3:00 pm. We will pray for the various ministries and spaces throughout the building. If you have any questions, see Joel Beachy.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service trip opportunity to McAllen, Texas and Iglesia Zoar in Reynosa, Mexico. Would you be interested in seeing firsthand the work of Pastor José and Raquel as well as serving in a church in McAllen with new immigrants? As supported by the Nov. Business meeting, we are beginning plans for a February trip; tentative dates being the 7th through the 13th. Cost would include travel, lodging and food. Those interested, please meet in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service. Today is the deadline.

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes this year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. Thank you!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Blood Drive taking place Monday, January 9 from 2:30 - 7:30 pm at Kalona Mennonite Church in the Fellowship Hall. To donate contact Ed Yoder at 319-656-2283 or visit www.bloodcenterimpact.org.

Help us celebrate 40 years of Marlin Miller's service to the community as your family pharmacist at Miller's Medicine Cabinet. There will be an open house at Kalona Mennonite Church on Sunday afternoon, January 8, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. Customers, patients, friends and family are all welcome. ~The Miller Family

Iowa Mennonite School The Annual Alumni Night basketball game is Friday January 6 when IMS plays Mediapolis. All IMS alumni (and wannabes) are invited to join us in Hillcrest Union for a night of basketball, prizes, and fellowship with the IMS community. After the game there will be light refreshments for alumni and their families.

Mission Conference: Mark your calendars now for February 25 & 26, 2017, the dates of a community wide event, Fairview's Mission Conference to be held at Fairview Mennonite Church, Rural Kalona. This year's theme is "Connecting people nationally & internationally". Victor Selemani from Mozambique, Africa will be our main speaker along with several others who will be sharing about their involvement and call to missions. There will be several mission vendors (10,000 Villages & Timbali) as well as info booths and local mission options such as "Take Away Hunger" set up for you to browse and learn more about. Sunday will feature a potluck with international flair! You won't want to miss any part of this family friendly weekend! Questions? Contact Dorothy Miller 319-325-9357 or Pastor Conrad Hertzler 319-512-6186.