

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	Lori Gerber
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet
Christmas Program	Children & Cast

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Candle Lighting
 - Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem - STS 32
- Advent reading - Grace Miller
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Christmas Program: A Living Nativity
- Congregational Singing
- Meditation: "God's Restoration is at Hand"
 - Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- Benediction

- Coffee, Cookies (MYF) & 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: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller
 Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 134	Sunday School: 104
Giving through 12.11.16	
December 11th Giving	\$ 5,576.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 273,548.09
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 9,727.46

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Pleasantview Home: Clayton White

College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber

Central Plains: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela as the crisis continues. Ask God to bless them as they witness to Jesus' way of peace and nonviolence in a volatile situation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Tom & Disa Rutschman, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the tutors and students of the 38 Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA study centers who meet weekly for their study sessions. May God grant the tutors wisdom, patience and lots of energy in their ministry of teaching. And pray that the students become essential instruments in the Hispanic churches as we build the Kingdom of God.

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed Friday , December 23 please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox. Thank you!

The MYF will be serving cookies between church and Sunday school after the children's Christmas program (18th) and on Christmas Day. Donations are welcomed! Proceeds will go towards the Mennonite Convention in Orlando. Thank you for your support!

Thank you! Warren Yoder and Emily Johnston would like to thank all the ladies from East Union for attending their wedding shower and for all the thoughtful gifts. We are also very thankful to the Shekinah class for hosting this classy event. We are truly blessed. As a reminder, the East Union congregation is invited to our wedding on January 14, 2017 at 3:00pm. The wedding will be held at Shiloh in Kalona. Please come and add your faith to our union.

Congratulations to Ada Gent, daughter of Carey & Joani Miller, who is graduating from ISU this weekend! Prayers and blessings for all of Ada's future endeavors.

Winter Address: During January, February & March, Gaylord & Shirley Yoder's address will be: 10409 Carob Dr., Sun City, AZ 85373

Service trip opportunity to McAllen, Texas and Iglesia Zoar in Reynosa, Mexico: Would you be interested in seeing first hand 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 or March trip, dates to be determined. Cost would include travel (flight or drive?), lodging and food. Please talk with Janet G., Mission and Service Communicator, for more details and of interest by January 1.
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

Offering Envelopes for 2017 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes next year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. If they are out, check back as there are more ordered. Thank you!

December 18th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 18

- The **Christmas program** will be during our regular church service.
- No Sunday School

Wednesday, December 21

- Choir practice 7 pm

Saturday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Service 7 pm

Next Sunday, December 25

- No Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. We will need at least \$1800 to cover the cost of the meals we pack. There will be a basket in the back of the church throughout December for donations. Thank you.

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! Please RSVP by January 1 on sign-up sheet on bulletin board by the library. Freewill donation to Iglesia Zoar and to cover costs. Questions see Joel Beachy or Nelson Miller.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 light refreshments for alumni and their families.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Sign-up for **Winterfest** January 13-15 NOW! See your sponsor for more information or contact the camp office.

* Deck the halls with boards of sheetrock. Dashing through the mud to tape and paint. This is the joy of construction this past week at the **Welcome Center**. Keep the fun(d) going with your gift this season. Thank you for your faithful support of Crooked Creek Christian Camp and the Welcome Center project!