

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	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir
Advent Readers	Becky Yoder, Micah Miller, Dorothea Moberly, Keith Dickel

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Candle Lighting
 - Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem - STS 32
- Advent reading
- Congregational Singing
- Announcements
- Congregational Singing
- First Fruits Offering
- Special Music
- Sermon: "Jesus is born!"
 - Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-14
- 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: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber
 Next Sunday: Lisa Schmidt & Grace Miller

Giving through 12.18.16	
December 18th Giving	\$ 4,545.00
Year-to-date Giving	\$ 278,093.09
Average Weekly Giving Needed:	\$ 14,909.91

PRAYER REMINDERS

- At Pleasantview Home:** Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
- College Students:** Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes
- Central Plains:** Pray for Shana Peachey Boshart, conference minister for Christian formation, as she begins a three-month sabbatical this week. She will use the time for rest, practicing contemplative prayer and studying intercultural competence.
- Mennonite Mission Network:** On this Christmas day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. Mennonite Mission Network partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.
- Mennonite Education Agency:** Merry Christmas from all the schools of Mennonite Education Agency. We invite you to join us today in praying for the continued coming of the light of Jesus Christ into our world.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 25

Merry
Christmas

- No Sunday School

Next Sunday, January 1

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office closed Friday, December 30 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 is serving cookies TODAY! Proceeds will go towards the Mennonite Convention in Orlando. Donations are welcomed! 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 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 graduated from ISU last 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 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 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.

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. Thank you!

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 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.

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

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.

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 last 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!