

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	Greg & Sarah Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Nici Bontrager
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Quartet & Praise Band
Christmas Program	Children & Cast
Special Music	Adult Choir

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Candle Lighting
 - Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem - STS 32
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
 - Coins for Camp
- Christmas Program: A Living Nativity
 - Advent 4 reading: Luke 1:46-55
 - Adult Choir: The Star
- Meditation: "Close to God's Heart"
 - Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52
- 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: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Janet Geyer & Ella Groenewold

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 117	No Sunday School
Giving through 1.1.17	
January 1st Giving	\$ 3,778.00
End of Year 2016 Giving	\$ 293,290.09

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Courtyard Healthcare Center:** Marilyn Yutzky
- College Students:** Anya Slabaugh, Joel Beachy
- From last week's sharing:** Derek Bontrager (New job on Wednesday); Caleb & Beth Yoder (Next Sunday is last Sunday, moving to KS)
- Central Plains:** Please pray for God's guidance for the Pastoral Leadership Committee as they meet Saturday, January 14. Also, this Tuesday you are invited to fast and pray that God would make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro Family to be reunited.
- Mennonite Education Agency:** Pray for Dr. Susan Schultz-Huxman as she assumes office as Eastern Mennonite University's ninth president on Jan. 1. Thank God for her willingness to lead the organization as it serves nearly 2,000 students and sends out alumni worldwide to serve the common good.
- Mennonite Mission Network:** Akiko Aratani and Ray Epp, long-term associates with Mennonite Mission Network in Japan, have asked SOOP for help at Menno Village, an agricultural initiative of Mennonite churches in Hokkaido. Pray for volunteers to help with building projects and with farm work while enjoying cultural experiences.

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Light of the Stable

Hail, Hail to the newborn king
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail, Hail to the guiding light
That brought us tonight to our savior

Halle/Hallelujah
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Come now let it shine so bright
To the knowing light of the stable
Kneel close to the child so dear
Case aside your fear and be thankful

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January 8th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, 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.

Thursday, January 12

- 9:30 - ?: All quilters and those who tie comforters welcome to a day of quilting in order to get a quilt done for the MCC Sale and comforter for the Shelter House. Please bring a sack lunch.

Next 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

Out of the office Pastor Joel will be out of the office January 8 - 13 for a class in Elkhart, IN. For pastoral emergencies please contact one of the elders, Jeff Swartzentruber, Karen Harvey, Larry Detweiler, or Wanda Yoder.

Thank you to Nelson, Mary & Will Miller for their contributions to the Men's Breakfast yesterday!

You're invited Warren Yoder and Emily Johnston invite the East Union congregation to their wedding on January 14, 2017 at 3:00p. The wedding will be held at Shiloh in Kalona. Please come and add your faith to their union.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 opens January 17. The convention takes place July 4-8 in Orlando, Florida, with the theme "Love is a Verb." Enjoy fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country while enjoying the attractions of the Orlando area. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

Everence® has released the final resource of its 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 charitable plan*, provides a biblical perspective on the topic of generosity, plus practical ways for you to maximize your gifts to causes and organizations dear to your heart. We encourage you to take a little time with this resource as a way of looking at your finances from a faith perspective.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Blood Drive taking place tomorrow, 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.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Sandra Stevens describe her work as an advocate for human rights in Iraqi-Kurdistan. Sandra has returned from over a year in Kurdistan including the time when ISIS captured Mosul. Join us on Sunday evening, January 15, 2017 at East Union Mennonite Church at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for Sandra's presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Ten Thousand Villages With a new year comes new opportunities to volunteer at Ten Thousand Villages in Iowa City. With the store now being a successful permanent store, volunteers are needed to help assist customers every day. Contact Cassidy at iowacity@tenthousandvillages.com or [319-519-2104](tel:319-519-2104) if you can help occasionally or on a regular basis. Your volunteer spirit provides a livelihood for artisans in 38 countries. Take a shopping trip to the Village store at 105 S Dubuque St, Iowa City.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **THANK YOU** As we begin 2017, IMS would like to thank you for your continued support. It costs over \$10,500 to educate a child, something that tuition alone does not cover. It is the faithful giving of our community that allows us to continue serving our students. We are thankful to those that choose to include IMS in their giving plans, your generosity is truly appreciated. And we look forward to having many more partner with us as we make the future of IMS bright.

* **Basketball Scrimmage - January 10** 4th-6th grade girls can participate in basketball scrimmages during halftimes of our girls and boys varsity games. The girls halftime usually starts around 6:30PM. Please contact the school office with any questions.

* **Visit Day - January 16** 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for the day. You will get the chance to shadow a student, attend chapel, eat lunch and meet faculty and staff. This day will have a different format than the fall visit day so please come join us again and bring some friends. Parents are invited for a short time in the morning to have coffee with our administrative team and get your questions answered. For more information and to register to attend go to: www.iowamennonite.org/visit.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* **Make a Splash with Coins for Camp** throughout the month of January with funds going towards pool upgrades. The first \$1500 is being matched \$1 for \$1.

* **THIS weekend is WinterFest** January 13-15. Please sign up as soon as possible. Call the camp office with any questions.

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

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.