

# 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         | Marv Rempel                   |
| Sermon                 | Michael Swartzendruber        |
| Prelude, Offering      | Verna Zook, Sam & Henry Yoder |
| Congregational Singing | Nici Bontrager & Quartet      |

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 40:1-11  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
     Coins for Camp  
 Sermon: "What are you looking for?"  
     Scripture Reading: John 1:35-42  
 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: Janet Geyer & Ella Groenewold  
 Next Sunday: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder

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| <b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b> |             |
| Morning Worship: 148           |             |
| <b>Giving through 1.8.17</b>   |             |
| January 8th Giving             | \$ 3,993.00 |
| Year-to-Date Giving            | \$ 7,771.00 |

## PRAYER REMINDERS

***Parkview Manor:*** Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel  
***College Students:*** Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber  
***Central Plains:*** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group as they meet Tuesday and Wednesday on site at University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.  
***Mennonite Education Agency:*** Pray for the Hesston College community this week as they honor Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy. May King's life and teachings inspire each of us to work for justice.  
***Mennonite Mission Network:*** School groups are celebrating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday with DOOR Atlanta and DOOR Miami this weekend. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they return to their home communities tomorrow and begin to share what they learned about civil rights history and current social injustices, and how their faith calls them to respond.

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Iowa Mennonite School*

- \* **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](http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit).
- \* **MLK Day** - On Tuesday January 17 IMS will honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of this, Linn Co Supervisor [Stacey Walker](#) will speak at 2:30PM. The public is invited to attend.
- \* **Basketball Scrimmage** - January 17 7th-8th 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.
- \* **Chili Supper** - IMS seniors are now selling tickets for the Chili Supper fundraiser. Get your tickets and plan to join us on February 11.

### *Crooked Creek Christian Camp*

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

### *First Mennonite Church*

- \* Join area faith communities **TONIGHT** at the **Ecumenical Service remembering Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s** life. Sponsored by the Iowa City area Consultation of Religious Communities (CRC), the service will be held at First Mennonite at 7 PM. A freewill offering to benefit Inside/Out (a ministry for newly released prisoners) will also be received.
- \* Plan now to enjoy **lunch at a NOON fundraising meal** provided by members of the Torre Fuerte congregation at First Mennonite Church on **Sunday, Jan. 29**. Funds raised will help with IMS tuition for students from Torre Fuerte.

**Pleasantview Home's Aging Well program** continues in January. All are invited to come hear Karen Bates Chabal speak on the topic of "Wellness in Nutrition." She will address the different food groups and health benefits associated with different foods, and will engage attendees in *MyPlate Bingo*. Community members are invited to attend the hour-long presentation, set for 10:00 am on January 24; it will be held in the Friendship Center on the Pleasantview campus.

**You are invited to NOW (Night of Worship)** on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm. at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. This is a community event, so bring your friends and family for worship, cookies and coffee!

*January 15th Bulletin insert*

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Today, 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.

### *Wednesday, January 18*

- Church Council Meeting 7 pm

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations!** Blake Rohan Hemachandra was born January 11 to Jill and Thushan. Grandparents are Doug and Pam Stoltzfus.

**From Mennonite Women** Thursday Jan 26, 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.

**Thank you!** Proverbs 22:9 A generous man will be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor." On behalf of 'Take Away Hunger' and those suffering from malnutrition and starvation we say THANK YOU! You packaged 10,152 meals at CHOW last week. We do not always know where the food is going when it is assembled, however the last that was sent went to Haiti. Your enthusiasm and generosity is a highlight for us and always encourages us. Without groups like yours we are unable to send food to help meet those who desperately need them. God's blessings to you! Ellis & Marcia

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**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 **TONIGHT** at East Union Mennonite Church at 6 pm 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.