

# 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	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
     Coins for Camp  
 Sermon: "The kingdom of heaven has come near"  
     Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-23  
 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: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder  
 Next Sunday: Marv Slabaugh & Collin Miller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 118	Sunday School: 66
<b>Giving through 1.15.17</b>	
January 15th Giving	\$ 5,050.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 12,821.00

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Oaknoll Retirement Home:** Edna Yoder  
**College Students:** Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes  
**From last week's sharing:** Ed Yoder (thanks for the donors during blood drive); Lisa Yoder (Michael Swartzendruber's wife Laurel's pregnancy); Trent Yoder (thanks to everyone who helped with the Christmas program); Elvesta Hochstedler (prayer focused on the political transition); Harold Blosser health concerns.  
**Central Plains:** Pray for Central Plains conference ministers and pastors attending Pastors Week at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary this week.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** World Fellowship Day falls on the Sunday nearest January 21. On that date in 1525, the first Anabaptist baptisms took place in Zurich, Switzerland. Pray as adults remember their worldwide koinonia, that they give thanks for God's all-inclusive family. Pray for grace to accept and respect unconditionally each child as one of God's own. In doing so, pray that as adults guide children to befriend those who look and dress differently, those who speak and act differently, those who irritate and mistreat others, that they learn to live as the family of God.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** JCS International, the consortium of mission agencies through which Mennonite Mission Network serves in Mongolia, requests prayer for "the many families in our fellowships and communities who are struggling to keep their homes warm in the cold weather this winter."

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Iowa Mennonite School*

\* **Basketball Scrimmages** - January 24 (5th-6th grade boys) and January 27 (3rd-4th grade boys) 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.

**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 am on January 24; it will be held in the Friendship Center.

**First Mennonite Church** 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.

**You are invited to NOW** (Night of Worship) on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE) at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church. This is a community event that will be geared for families. So bring your friends and your family for worship, cookies and coffee!

**West Union MYF** members are selling casseroles to raise funds for our trip to Mennonite Church USA convention this summer. Casseroles may be ordered online at: <http://bit.ly/WestUnionMYFCasseroles2017> or by calling the church office 646-6004, starting today through February 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be available for delivery or pickup on February 19th. Sizes are 9x13 - \$15, 8x8 - \$10, and 5x5 - \$5. Choices are Wet Burritos, Sausage Lasagna, Cheesy Potatoes & Ham. And gluten & dairy free option Shepherd's Pie (no 5x5) and gluten free Harvest Bake.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth representatives in the delegate sessions.** Called "Step Up," the goal is to prepare young people who have an interest in being involved with the broader church for future involvement as denominational delegates and leaders. The program will include two interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups will be invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at [brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net](mailto:brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net).

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Thursday, January 22*

- 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 1** - CHOW: Meal by Dunamis Class; activity by Stewards class and MYF. There will also be comforters set up for knotting.

**Sunday, February 5** - Super Bowl Sunday, the MYF will be hosting a "Soup-er Bowl" Lunch after church. Join us as we continue to raise the funds needed to attend Convention in Orlando this summer!

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Out of the office** Pastor Joel will be out of the office January 23 - 26 for Pastor's Week at AMBS in Elkhart, IN. For pastoral emergencies please contact one of the elders, Jeff Swartzentruber, Karen Harvey, Larry Detweiler, or Wanda Yoder.

**The preservice and offertory music** last Sunday and today are in honor of Martin Luther King Day last Monday (January 16), and a gesture of thanks to our African American siblings and to their slave ancestors for giving us these heartfelt songs of faith and hope.

**Iglesia Zoar** - A group of five from East Union and West Union will be traveling to McAllen, Texas on February 8-13. The group will meet with Jim and Diane Brenneman and cross the border into Mexico at least twice to visit Jose and Iglesia Zoar. The group will be purchasing blankets and shoes to share with those in need at the church. If you are interested in helping with the purchase of these items, please make a financial contribution to East Union and write Iglesia Zoar supplies in the memo line. Questions? See Joel Beachy or Janet Geyer. Thank you!

**Gift Discernment** The Gift Discernment committee asks you to prayerfully consider Sandi Rhodes to fill the position of Early Childhood Coordinator. A ballot to affirm Sandi will be in mailboxes next Sunday, January 29.

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**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.