

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	Jacob Boller & Micah Miller
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering, Communion	Bruce Harvey & Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 112
 Announcements
 Commissioning: Iglesia Zoar Service Trip
 First Fruits Offering
 Coins for Camp
 Sermon: "God will supply our need"
 Scripture Reading: Luke 12:22-34
 Communion
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller
 Next Sunday: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 117	Sunday School: 87
Giving through 1.29.17	
January 29th Giving	\$ 3,120.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 23,426.00

PRAYER REMINDERS

Iowa City Health Care and Rehab Center: Harold Blosser

College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Joel Beachy

From last week's sharing: Verna Zook (Reflection on hearing Sandra Stevens speak about her time in Iraq. Challenge to us to find ways to share holiness and have the courage to be different). Lori Gerber (prayers for numerous children from Mid Prairie district who are sick with numerous illnesses and a challenge to go beyond our comfort zone this week)

Central Plains: Pray for the Villatoro family as we continue to ask God to open a door for Pastor Max to be reunited with his family and congregations. Also consider joining Friends of Pastor Max to fast and pray on the first Tuesday of each month.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Emmaus, Bethany Christian Schools' performing arts troupe, as they take their program Buckets Make a Sandcastle into elementary schools with the message focusing on the unique way each human being is created and the way that we all come together to form one unique creation.

Mennonite Mission Network: Marisa Smucker, mentor for Mennonite Mission Network's Journey International team in Indonesia, will spend 12 days with participants beginning this Wednesday, Feb 8. Pray for safe travel for Marisa and for a good time of reflection with team members.

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WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AS NEIGHBORS. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. decries the executive actions on immigration enforcement taken this week by President Trump as well as actions on refugee resettlement expected later. In our society, rejection of the immigrant—"the other"—still runs deep. By building walls and turning away refugees we ignore Christ's call to care for those in need and to love the newcomer. We encourage you to consider new ways you can [welcome](#) immigrants and refugees as neighbors in your community, and to make your voice heard by [contacting](#) the White House and your members of Congress. Pray with us for [hearts of love](#) toward one another.

Pray for the participants in the "Hope for the Future" conference, which concludes today in Hampton, Virginia. More than 70 dynamic leaders from across the church, including many people of color, were expected to attend.

Registration for "Beyond Buried Treasure: Turning Hidden Resources into Assets" is open. This second joint MHS Mennonite Health Assembly and Mennonite Education Agency Education Leaders Gathering takes place March 9-12 in Jacksonville, Florida. For more information or to register, visit <http://mhaelgconference.wordpress.com>.

January 29th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, February 5

- Today is Super Bowl Sunday and the Jr. MYF is hosting a "Soup-er Bowl" lunch after church. Join us as we raise funds for our summer activity.

Tuesday, February 7

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Carolyn Detweiler. The topic will be: 'Pillar of Presence.' Our project will be Kalona Food Pantry. Soup lunch.

Wednesday, February 8

- Team leaves on service trip to Iglesia Zoar.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasantview Home's Aging Well program continues in February. All are invited to come hear Casey Peck from KCTC as she offers a "Tablet Class." She will present various communicating options over the internet. Community members are invited to attend the hour-long presentation, set for 10 am on February 14; it will be held in the Friendship Center at Pleasantview.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * **Chili Supper** - IMS seniors are selling tickets for the Chili Supper fundraiser. Get your tickets and plan to join us on February 11.
- * **Singing Valentines** - The IMS Chamber Singers will be performing them again this year on Tuesday February 14. They will deliver 2 songs for \$35 or several songs for a group for \$60. Each Singing Valentine will also include a small (4 piece box) of Kalona Chocolates.
- * **Upcoming Enrollment Events** - look for more info in the coming weeks.
February 20 - Visit Day
February 24 - Middle School Skating Party
March 2 - Prospective Family Night

Fairview Mennonite Church is hosting "Connecting People Nationally & Internationally," a family friendly, community wide mission conference, on Saturday, February 25th from 1pm to 6pm and in our regular Sunday morning service, Feb 26 at 9:30 am. Saturday will feature representatives from RMM, Water for Life, Food for All, CRU, MAF and of course the Crowded Closet just to name a few. In addition to our main speaker, Victor Selamani from Mozambique, Africa we will also be featuring mini sessions with people from various local and international missions. The afternoon will feature Hemishphere coffee (coffee with a purpose) and treats along with opportunities for you to shop at several booths featuring fair trade and handmade items. Sunday will feature our main speaker and a potluck lunch with international flair. We are very excited about this event and would be honored to have you join us! Please contact Dorothy Miller at 319-325-9357 or Pastor Conrad Hertzler at 319-512-6186

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Pastor Joel will be out of the office from February 8 - 13 for the service trip to Iglesia Zoar in Mexico. For pastoral emergencies please contact one of the elders, Jeff Swartzentruber, Karen Harvey, Larry Detweiler, or Wanda Yoder.

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!

Thanks to everyone who gave to Crooked Creek during the month of January with our Coins for Camp offering. Thanks also to all the kids who helped collect the coins and bills. Your generosity raised \$325.49. It is much appreciated. -- Chris Rhodes, Crooked Creek Camp Rep.

Items needed Jubilee Mennonite Church (Joel & Christine's former church in Meridian, MS) has a food pantry where they serve people each month. They are in need of plastic grocery bags and cardboard egg cartons. If you have either, please bring them to the church. Joel Beachy will store them in his office until they can be transported down to their congregation. Thank you!

February is East Union food pantry month. Mennonite Women and the Shekinah Sunday School class are once again organizing a food drive to help stock the Kalona Food Pantry at the United Christian Baptist Church. Last year, we collected over 3,000(!) combined dollars and pantry items. And we're going to try to do it again. Remember to bring your donations (monetary and/or undented, unexpired food and hygiene items) starting TODAY. Let's pack the back of the sanctuary!

Directory update It's time again to update the church directory! If you need to update your contact information or would like to change your photo, please fill out the green form located underneath the mailboxes in the foyer or email your updated information and/or photo to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net. If you are new to East Union and would like to include your information, or have any questions, please contact Crystal in the office. Thank you.

Youth/Advocate Lunch: Please make plans with your youth or advocate to stay after church on Sunday, February 19th. More information to come!

Guest Host Night or Noon is scheduled for Sunday, March 12. Sign up sheets will be available next week.

Don't miss out on the Women's Chicago trip to IKEA on Saturday, March 4th (for women high school and up)! We'll leave from the church at 6:00 and return around 10:30/11:00. It will be \$25.00/person includes tax but not gratuity if we can fill the entire bus (holds 55). The bus will park at IKEA and stay there. Schaumburg offers a free trolley service between IKEA, Woodfield Mall, Woodfield Village Green and Streets of Woodfield that runs every 15 to 20 minutes. There is a sign up sheet on the table outside of the library or contact Rebecca at rabeachy@msn.com. **Please sign up by Sunday, February 12th.** If we do not have the bus filled by that time, we'll open it up to middle schoolers and family members that attend other churches.

Primary/Junior Sunday School Department Helping Tree

Are you willing to help substitute teacher for a Sunday School class or during music? Be an Adult Helper during Sunday School class or Bible Memory (no prep needed)? Do you enjoy acting/drama and would you be willing to come to a class to help act out the weekly Bible story? Can you help pick up a non perishable snack for a teacher to keep in his/her classroom? Would you like to be a prayer partner for a Sunday School class and a teacher?

Please stop by the green Helping Tree on the table outside of the library if you would be willing to help out by doing any one of these various acts of kindness for the Primary/Junior Sunday School Department. If you see something written on a card that is right up your alley, please take a helping card. Your helping hand is appreciated!

Tuesdays with Dave (see below) The adult Sunday school would like to offer this class. Please stay tuned for more information.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Tuesdays with Dave The first of a series of three "Tuesdays with Dave" Webinars is coming soon! This series will focus on how the life and message of our churches can be infused with grace, joy and peace in a world seeking hope. Join us on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm for the first teaching video "Witness in Exile: Longing for a Better Place" or at 7:30 pm for an online interactive conversation based on this video. You are strongly encouraged to view the teaching video ahead of time in any setting where groups in your congregation. The teaching videos can be accessed at the Central Plains Mennonite Conference website at: <http://tinyurl.com/TuesdayswithDave>. Information for connecting to the Tuesday night online conversation is available from your church office and on our website.

Everence Webinar: Women and Money. Tuesday, Feb. 21 - 2 or 8 p.m. (EST) Designed for women of all ages, this educational webinar addresses the specific financial hurdles faced by women, preparing financially for the future, plus quick, easy ways to launch an investment plan. Presented by Shari Beck, Financial Advisor and Rhoda Blough, Stewardship Consultant. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or melissa.short@everence.com; or visit everence.com/direct.