

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	Greta Schrag & Sarena Gerber
Sermon	David Heusinkveld
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold & Greta Schrag
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Quartet & Praise Band

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sermon: "Subjection, Lines & Love"
 Scripture Reading: Romans 13:1-7
 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: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 128	Sunday School: 84
Giving through 2.5.17	
February 5th Giving	\$ 5,545.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 28,971.00

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Nita Miller, Marguerite Zook
College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber
Central Plains: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Ecuador as they seek new pastoral leadership for their congregation. Give thanks for the faithful leadership that Pastor Luis Tapia has provided this community in recent years.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Drew G.I. Hart as he delivers Staley Lectures at Bethel College, and for receptive ears to hear his message of inclusion, transformation and dismantling racism.
Mennonite Mission Network: Alfonsina and Jose Luis Oyanguren, serving through Mennonite Mission Network, praise God for the first year of ministry through a radio station that transmits news, music, and educational and biblical programs to Toba/Qom communities in the Argentine Chaco. Pray that lives will be transformed through this ministry.

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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.

Pathway School's Annual Auction & Potato Bar is Friday, February 17th. The Potato Bar serves from 4:00-7:30pm and includes homemade pie & ice cream. The meal is on donation basis. The auction starts at 5pm with a children's auction at 6:30pm. All proceeds from the meal & auction benefit the scholarship fund. Everyone is welcome!

Kalona Mops Fundraiser Meal, Sunday, February 26, 2017, 11:30am-1:30pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. Free will donation. Serving Pork loin, cheesy potatoes, green beans, rolls, fluff & dessert.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **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.

* **Visit Day - February 20** 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for a day. Parents are invited for a short informational meeting at the start of the day from 8-9am. Come for coffee and visit with the administrative team to get information & ask questions. Students from 8AM - 3:15PM tour facilities, visit classes with a host student, eat lunch, meet faculty & other future students. If neither of these dates work to visit, you can contact Candi Schmieder to schedule another date. Please call or email with any questions 319-656-2073 or cschmieder@iowamennonite.org and register at www.iowamennonite.org/visit

* **Other Upcoming Enrollment Events**

February 24 - Middle School Skating Party

March 2 - Prospective Family Night (register at iowamennonite.org/pfm)

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Monday, February 13

- 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. Soup will be provided.

Next Sunday, February 19

- The IMS Touring Choir will be leading our worship service. We will be receiving a 2nd offering in worship for support of the Choir.
- Youth/Advocate Lunch after church in the fellowship hall. Please RSVP to Betsy or Allison *today*, if possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, March 3 - SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP

Come join us at 7:00pm in the East Union foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The acoustics are lively, the fellowship is warm, and the harmonies are extraordinary. This a cappella, 4-part early American sacred music stirs your soul. All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy Yoder at greeneearth@kctc.net or Warren Yoder at dubyoder@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 12 - Guest Host Night or Noon (see announcement)

Sunday, April 2 - Save the date! MarriageCare Breakfast is scheduled for 8 am. More info to come.

June 9 - 10 SAVE THE DATE! East Union Bible School will be held June 9 - 10. Students 4 years old through 6th grade should plan to join us for two full days of learning about Jesus' parables and the treasure found in his words!

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.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for the care package I received. It was so amazing and I feel so blessed to have such a supportive church community back home. Thank you all for your prayers and for your kind notes that you all included in the package. - Jenna Boller

East Union Choir Rehearsals for the Spring choir season begin this Wednesday February 15th at 7:00 pm. If you've been thinking of joining us, now's a great time. It's a short 3-month commitment. Hope to see you there on Wednesday night! - Steve Groenewold

Transfer of Membership Beth Yoder requested her membership be transferred to Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church where her husband Caleb is serving as a member of the pastoral team.

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) and 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.

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 TODAY.** 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.

Guest-Host Night or Noon

What is guest-host night or noon?

- It is a designated Sunday where people in the church are invited to someone's house for a light meal and a few hours together. Sometimes they play games; sometimes they visit. It is a fun time getting to know each other better.
- You decide if you want to participate. We hope you do! You must sign up to be included, but all, including children, are invited.

When is it?

- **March 12**, at a time to be arranged by your host

How do we get involved?

- A sign-up form is in your box today with extras on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- You indicate on the form if you want to be a host or a guest (don't feel bad if you are unable to host! We cannot all be hosts, and you can take your turn another time!)
- You indicate if you will be able to do the noon meal or evening meal
- You indicate how many people you can accommodate as a host or how many people from your family will attend as guests
- Place your form in the basket at the back of the church
- A committee will randomly assign guests to hosts, keeping in mind the number that can be accommodated
- You will be notified who your guests are or who your host is

Questions?

- Ask Nici Bontrager, Tammy Yoder, or Grace Rempel

Tuesdays with Dave - All Adult Sunday School classes are invited to participate in the upcoming "Tuesdays with Dave" series (see announcement). The series will feature 3 group sessions with the theme of Witness to a Better Place. Sessions will take place during the Sunday School periods on 2/26, 3/5 and 3/12 and include a 20 to 30 min teaching video with questions for discussion. After each Sunday, everyone is invited to attend webinar sessions led by Dave Boshart on the following Tuesday evenings (2/28, 3/7 and 3/14) at 7:30pm. The webinars will allow multiple congregations to participate in an interactive discussion and conversation led by David Boshart. More information at <http://tinyurl.com/TuesdayswithDave>

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 SS Department. Your helping hand is appreciated!