

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	Avery Blauvelt
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager
Special Music	IMS Concert Choir

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 IMS Choir
 Special Offering
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 IMS Choir
 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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber
 Next Sunday: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 101	Sunday School: 61
Giving through 2.12.17	
February 12th Giving	\$ 4,966.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 33,937.00

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Clayton White

College Students: Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes

Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the people from the community.

Central Plains: In this time of upheaval where immigration is concerned, pray that the religious worker visa for Pastor Max Villatoro will be approved so that he can return to his family and leadership position at Torre Fuerte.

Mennonite Education Agency: Bethel College's peacebuilding institute, KIPCOR, is hosting a film this afternoon about the militarization of America's police force, followed by conversation with law enforcement officials and community activists. Pray for respectful dialogue and mutual learning.

Mennonite Mission Network: David and Rebekka Stutzman serve in post-Christian Germany through Mennonite Mission Network, South German Mennonite Conference, and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Pray for them as they join people on their life journeys and find relevant ways of being the church.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Annual World Day of Prayer service will be held Friday, March 3 in the Chapel at Pleasantview Home. Fellowship and Refreshments begin and 3:30 pm and Worship at 3:45 pm. All are invited to attend. An offering will be taken for the ministry of WDP.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Thanks** to all who joined us at the annual IMS Senior Class Chili Supper. The entire IMS community appreciates your support.

* **Touring Choir Concerts** start today in the local churches. Check out the full schedule at iowamennonite.org/touring-choir

* **February 20 Visit Day** 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 8-9:00AM. 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 this date does not 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 iowamennonite.org/visit

* **February 24 Prospective Student Skating Party**, 6-8:00PM at Wellman Skate Rink. 6th-10th graders are invited to join our Compassion Club for a fun night of skating. Bring \$1 for skate rental. Pizza and fun will be provided.

* **March 2 Prospective Family Night** at 7:00PM This is an open house event for 8th grade and transfer students and their parents. You will get the chance to meet faculty, current IMS families, get information on registration, sports participation, financial aid and the application process. Register to attend at www.iowamennonite.org/pfn.

Annual Mush Fry Wellman Mennonite Church will hold their annual Mush Fry from 11:30 to 1:00 on March 5, 2017. Invite family and friends to this old fashioned meal of fried mush, sausage, liverwurst, scrambled eggs, tomato gravy and applesauce. Free will offering for the meal.



February 19th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, February 19

- The IMS Touring Choir, under the direction of Alisa Kandel, is leading our worship service this morning. We will be receiving a 2nd offering in worship for support of the Choir.



2017 Touring Choir: Back: Cole Yoder, Ethan Raim, Adrian Venegas, Jim Wang, Roman Slabach, Nick Yutzy, Caleb Yoder, Cole Ours. Front: Director Alisa Kandel, Monet Slabach, Avery Blauvelt, Alyssa Gonzales, Emma Beachy, Hannah Peters, Rachel Miller. Not pictured Dohee Kim

- Youth/Advocate Lunch after church in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday, February 22

- Business Meeting 6:50 pm
- Church Council meeting following Business Meeting
- Choir Practice following Business Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1 - CHOW Supper served 6-6:30, with activities for all beginning at 6:45.

Friday, March 3 - SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP
Come join us at 7:00pm in the EU 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 greenearth@kctc.net or Warren Yoder at dubyoder@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 12 - Guest Host Night or Noon Please sign up today. Find forms and a basket at the back of the church. Contact Grace Rempel if questions.

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!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for all of the prayers of support and donations given for supplies for our trip to McAllen, Texas and Iglesia Zoar in northern Mexico. We had profound experiences, and we are eager to share. We hope to formally share pictures and stories with the congregation during the Sunday school hour sometime in the near future, but please feel free to ask us questions about our trip! Joel Beachy, Loren Hochstedler, Janet Geyer, & Doug Stoltzfus.

Help needed Your help is needed to staff the Toddler Room during Sunday School. Two people are needed each Sunday. Please sign up for one or two weeks on the sign up sheet on the table outside the library. Or email Sandi Rhodes at rhodes@kctc.net.

Sunday Flowers When can you provide flowers for a Sunday morning worship service? It could be flowers from your garden or florist bouquets you receive or buy for a special occasion and can share with the church. Please go to <http://www.eastunionmennonite.org/flowers-for-sunday-morning/>, use the form on the bulletin board, or call Grace Rempel. Signing up will let us all see if there is a need for flowers.

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!

The Women's IKEA Trip will be on Saturday, March 4th leaving from East Union at 6:00 a.m. If you haven't signed up there is still time! Please feel free to invite non-attending family members and friends as well as our own middle schoolers to join in on the fun. I have handed out a trip itinerary and useful information regarding the trip if you did not receive one, please let me know. Also, I would like the email addresses for non-attending East Union women so that I can send them the information as well. Thank you. Rebecca

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!

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.

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.

Explore what God is doing around the world through Youth Venture, a short-term service and learning program of Mennonite Mission Network. Teams of youth and adult leaders will join local ministries in Belfast, Benin, Detroit, and Perú for 2-3 three weeks this summer. These formational experiences are geared for ages 14 - 22. They are often the stepping stones to a lifetime of service and church leadership. Space is filling up fast so apply today! For more information visit mennonitemission.net/YouthVenture.

You can nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. There is also a copy in the East Union Library. For use between March 1 and April 16 (Easter Sunday), it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hand-on activities and questions to ponder together.