

# 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	Madi Higdon & Rebecca Beachy Miller
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel & Behla Schmidt
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet
Special Music	Children's Choir

## WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as many individuals,

**People: yet we are one body.**

Leader: We come from many places,

**People: yet we come to one place.**

Leader: We gather as God's many children,

**People: yet we are one church.**

**All: We are one body, in this place,  
as God's church. Alleluia!**

Congregational Singing

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139

Announcements

First Fruits Offering

Interview: The Family of God

Sermon: "To each one, a role to play"

Scripture during meditation: I Corinthians 12:12-31

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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber

Next Sunday: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 143	
<b>Giving through 2.19.17</b>	
February 19th Giving	\$ 4,071.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 38,008.00

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth

**College Students:** Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich

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

**From last week's sharing:** Steve Schrag (IMS); Trent Yoder (Thank you to choir, sing to kids music) (Olivia Pooch, Sam & Henry Yoder Cedar Rapids Spelling Bee); Jeff Swartzentruber (prayer for the Pastorate Task Force); Becky Yoder (prayers for Pakistani missionaries and MCC school in light of recent suicide bombings); Thanks to the congregation from individuals receiving care packages.

**Central Plains:** Pray for the outreach ministries of our conference congregations as they seek to offer grace, joy and peace to their neighbors.

**Mennonite Education Agency:** Please pray for Bluffton Choral Society and University Chorale as they perform Antonio Vivaldi's "Gloria" during the Masterworks Concert at 2:30pm today in Bluffton's Yoder Recital Hall. Give special prayer to the high school students who are competing for large music scholarships during the Performing Scholars Competition portion of this event.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audeoud and Gary Wittig, serving through Mennonite Mission Network. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto: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.

**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. 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>

**Directory update** Today is the last Sunday to get your updated information in for the 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 information and/or photo to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto: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.

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

**Monday, February 27**

- 9:30 - ? All quilters and those who tie comforters welcome to a day of quilting/tying for MCC. Please bring your lunch.

**Wednesday, March 1**

- **CHOW** Supper served 6-6:30, with an Ash Wednesday service beginning at 6:45. Jr. MYF and older are invited to attend the service. There will be other activities for younger children.
- Choir Practice following CHOW

**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](mailto:greenearth@kctc.net) or Warren Yoder at [dubyoder@gmail.com](mailto:dubyoder@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, March 12 - Guest Host Night or Noon** Forget to sign up? See Grace Rempel, and she will find a place for you!

**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

**We extend our sympathies** to the family of Marguerite Zook who passed away Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held yesterday at East Union.

**Gift Discernment** forms are in your mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider open positions that you could fill and also think of others who could fill specific positions in our church. Adult Sunday school classes: please discuss the form during class today. If you would rather fill it out electronically, go to <https://tinyurl.com/EUMC2017>. Forms are due on Sunday, March 19.

**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!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Annual World Day of Prayer (WDP)** 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's Annual MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) Unit Meeting** will be on Sunday, March 5 at Eicher Mennonite Church, 2670 330<sup>th</sup> St. in Wayland.

**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.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* **The Culinary Arts Class** will be opening the IMS Cooking Creations Restaurant three Wednesday mornings: March 8, March 15, and April 5 at 8:30AM. The menu will include a breakfast main dish, fruit entrees and pastries. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the school office 656-2073. Cost per meal is \$8.

\* **Touring Choir Concerts** have started in the local churches. Check out the full schedule at [iowamennonite.org/touring-choir](http://iowamennonite.org/touring-choir).

\* **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](http://www.iowamennonite.org/pfn).

\* **IMS Softball Camp** Saturday March 11 9:00AM to Noon. Register by March 6 to receive a free t-shirt with your registration at <http://www.iowamennonite.org/camps/>.

\* **Compassion Club Blood Drive** March 16 from 6:30-10:30PM.

\* **March 18 Turkey Steak Supper & Susan See's** final recital, 'Journeys.'

**Spring meeting of the Crowded Closet Association** will be held Monday, March 20, 7 pm at Upper Deer Creek Church, rural Wellman. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

**Crowded Closet Thrift Shop** is seeking a fulltime Processing Manager to provide leadership to the processing of donations with a focus on furniture. Ideal candidates support the mission of Crowded Closet and MCC, have flexibility to work on Saturdays as needed, and exhibit excellent interpersonal skills. Must be able to lift heavy items, work in a fast paced environment, and work both independently and as part of a team. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).*

**MCC Benefit Concert** Join us Thursday, March 23, 7:00pm to hear the 50-member Bethel College choir perform at Wellman Mennonite Church. Hosted jointly by West Union Mennonite and Wellman Mennonite Churches, all proceeds will go towards the mission work of Mennonite Central Committee. Free admission; an offering will be collected.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

\* **Craft Retreat March 10-11 3pm-3pm:** Grab your friends, pack your bags and bring your craft for this one night retreat full of food, fun and fellowship!

\* **High School Retreat April 1-2 (11am-12:30pm)** 'You were made for relationship. You were made to connect...' Join Kevin Wilder, psychology professor from Hesston College, for our 2nd annual high school retreat: **Body Mind and Soul: Living and Loving**. Youth sponsors received registration packets and there's more information online.

\* **Crooked Creek Wild May 6 at 10am** We are excited to host our first challenge-course run! Participants will experience the "wilds" of Crooked Creek as they climb through mud, cross the creek and encounter several obstacles--some handmade, some natural and all a blast! More info to come!

\* **Summer Camp Staff:** It's not too early to start thinking about your summer plans. Join the Crooked Creek staff for a life-changing experience!

Applications online NOW. [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

\* **Welcome Center** construction continues: Cash and pledges received is at 80% with \$80,000 to go! **Would you consider a gift to The Welcome Center?** To donate to this project or for more updates and photos, check online. Thank you for your financial support!

**Help Needed IMS is looking for shuttle drivers** - IMS shuttles students from Iowa City and Washington using school vehicles. We will have openings for both routes this spring and next fall. Persons interested in providing regular or supportive roles for our shuttles must have specific transportation qualifications which IMS will help support a qualified applicant in securing. Contact IMS at 656-2073 with questions or if interested.

**IMS needs 4 vans** for use during this spring's Interterm. Each van needs to hold 7 passengers. Travel Dates:

March 18-24 - Pine Lake, Mississippi (approx. 1600 miles)

March 19-25 - Jackson, Mississippi (2 vans needed, approx. 1600 miles)

March 20-25 - Camp David, Missouri (approx. 800 miles)

**Additionally** the Pine Lake trip is looking for a small enclosed trailer to be pulled by school owned vehicle. Please contact IMS at 319-656-2073 if able to help in this valuable learning experience.

**In our nation many are longing to get back to an agrarian lifestyle.** Come join a conversation about that journey which is both internal, in the formation of minds and hearts, as well as external, dealing with the complexities of land stewardship, food production, community and economic sustainability. Ryan Harker, recent Anabaptist and a PhD student at Baylor University, will add his insights to the conversation. Hosted at Dave and Anna Geyer's [on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm](#). Bring food to share for supper.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2107 ends on February 28.** Early registration includes a T-shirt, I-Ride trolley pass, servant project and a meal card. Come to Orlando July 4-8 to celebrate "Love is a Verb" with fellowship, worship and activities with Mennonites from around the country. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/>.

**Families with children:** This Wednesday is the first day of Lent and the beginning of "Restore Us, O God," a free, downloadable guide for family worship from March 1 through April 16, Easter Sunday. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org).

### **Help available for sorting out retirement options**

People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, a series of seminars designed to help people make informed decisions about both federal programs. The seminars are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. March 13, May 15, July 10 and Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or [cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com](mailto:cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com) for more information.

**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).

**MCC Material Resource needs:** The Workroom at the MCC Material Resource Center in North Newton is a busy place! So busy, that we are running very low on the following items: men's deodorant (minimum size 2.25 oz), men's briefs (white), size L or XL only, men's crew neck undershirts (white), size L or XL only, lotion (max. size 2 oz), bath towels (medium weight, dark colors), fingernail clippers, shampoo (13-24 oz). You are welcome to shop Amazon Smile ([https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ep\\_ws\\_70dwybJSDP1DX](https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/17TB7GOT33OVJ/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_70dwybJSDP1DX)) for easy shopping and the ability to ship it directly to MCC in North Newton, plus a small portion of your purchase is donated back to MCC by Amazon. Items can be brought to MCC at 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS 67117 and left in the After Hours Donation Drop Off at anytime. Thank you for your continued generous support!