

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	Carey & Joani Miller
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Children's Time	Marvin & Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:1-3
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Giving Up Busyness"
 Scripture during meditation: Mark 2:23-28
 Song of Response
 Lenten Theme: STS-72, *We are often tossed and driven*
 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: Lisa Schmidt & Grace Miller
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 124	Sunday School: 70
Giving through 2.26.17	
February 26th Giving	\$ 4,395.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 42,403.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,931.07

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
College Students: Anya Slabaugh, Joel Beachy
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the people from the community.
From last week's sharing: Nita Miller at Mercy Hospital; the passing of Marilyn Yutzy; Carrie Schmidt (Uncle Bob Hartzler stage 4 cancer); Anna Yoder (answered prayer for Warren);
Central Plains: Prayer for the Mennonite Education and Health leaders of Mennonite Church USA who will be gathering in Jacksonville, FL for the annual convention.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for participants in the Goshen College Women's World Music Choir as they return from their spring break tour, and for all who are touched by their music.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Thank you! As staff of Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your congregation's financial support. Our records show that you are among the **top 10 percent** of the congregations who gave most generously for our work in the last three years. We express our thanks in the words of the Apostle Paul: "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for you generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else," (II Cor. 9:12-13). May God bless you abundantly. - Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director

It's not too late to start Lent Family worship. Just go to www.anabaptistfaithformation.org and download "ore Us, O God," a free guide for family worship from now through Easter, April 16. Sample copies are in the East Union library.

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) 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 sent to MCC at 121 E. 30th in North Newton, KS 67117. Thank you for your continued generous support!

Your 2017 Peace Mug Nominations - Know someone who has exemplified Christ's way of peacemaking? Nominate them for the annual Peace Mug Award at Central Plains Mennonite Conference's Annual Meeting! Send your nomination to Peace & Justice Task group member Jane Yoder-Short (wilmajane17@gmail.com) by Wednesday, March 15. Please include their name, contact information, and a simple description why you're nominating them.

Early registration for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 has been extended to March 23! 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/>

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, March 5

- Today we begin Lent, the 40 days leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, when we intentionally lay down and pick up new spiritual practices to focus on Jesus' ministry. Our theme this year is *Giving Up Busyness*. Whether being too busy is a struggle for you or not, how might you turn towards God in new ways this season? May you lay down all distractions and pick up that which builds God's kingdom. Peace, Joel Beachy

Tuesday, March 7

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Karen Harvey. The topic will be: 'Complaints and Regrets.' Our project will be Infant Care Kits for MCC. Sack lunch.
- Tuesdays with Dave 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 8

- Choir Practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, March 12

- Daylight Savings Time begins - turn clocks ahead 1 hour
- Guest Host Night or Noon

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Marilyn Yutzky who passed away Saturday, February 25. A memorial service will take place at East Union on April 29th. The family would like to thank those who were part of Marilyn's life over the years, as well as those who never forgot her after her stroke over 20 years ago.

Lenten Visual Display- Parents/Guardians, kids, and youth, *please do not touch or take anything* from the visual display at the front of the sanctuary. The visual will be up throughout Lent leading up to Easter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joel Beachy. Thank you!

Tuesdays with Dave - All Adult Sunday School classes are invited to participate in the "Tuesdays with Dave" series. The series features sessions on the theme of Witness to a Better Place. Sessions will take place during the Sunday School periods on 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 (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>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Mush Fry Wellman Mennonite Church will hold their annual Mush Fry TODAY from 11:30 to 1:00. 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's Annual MDS (Mennonite Disaster Service) Unit Meeting will be at 2 pm TODAY at Eicher Mennonite Church, 2670 330th St. in Wayland.

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, 1259 Rohret Rd SW, Oxford IA, [on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm](#). Bring food to share for supper.

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.*

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 Monday's*, 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 for more information.

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

* THANK YOU from Crooked Creek for your gift to *Make a Splash* for Coins for Camp! Thus far we have raised \$2411 and exceeded our goal for the \$1500 match gift.

* **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.

* **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

Iowa Mennonite School

* 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.

* 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.

* 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 & 'Journeys', an informal farewell concert by pianist/teacher Susan See featuring short piano works and stories from her musical journeys over the years. All are welcome. There will be a freewill offering for the Music Boosters. The concert will be in Celebration Hall at 7:30PM (after the Turkey Steak Supper).

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

Travel Dates:

March 18-24 - Pine Lake, Mississippi (approx. 1600 miles)
(Steve Schrag, Joel Beachy, Micah Miller, Jacob Boller, & Drew Blauvelt will be going on this trip.)

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

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