

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	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Special Music	Children's Choir
Children's Time	Marvin & Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-14
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Hearing in the Silence"
 Scripture during meditation: Matthew 14:22-23
 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: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder
 Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 111	Sunday School: 71
Giving through 2.26.17	
March 5th Giving	\$ 4,901.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 47,304.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,955.60

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel
College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the people from the community.
From last week's sharing: Kim Blauvelt (enjoyable World Day of Prayer service at Pleasantview Home); Jeff Swartzentruber (Pierce Duvall, son of Leslie & Mike, diagnosed with liver cancer)
Central Plains: Pray for Tim, Margie Mejia Caraballo and Sid Burkey who will be gathering for the Constituency Leaders Council in Elkhart, IN next weekend. Also pray for Dave Boshart as he leads these meetings.
Mennonite Education Agency: Please pray for the Bluffton University Camerata Singers as they will begin their bi-state tour on Thursday. They will return to campus for a home concert on Sunday, March 19, at 7:30 pm in Yoder Recital Hall. Pray that those in attendance of their multiple concerts will hear the message of God through them.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Everence webinar. Basics of investing: Tuesday, March 21 (2 or 8 p.m. EDT). In this webinar, we'll discuss how investing can help you meet your financial goals, go over different types of investments and help you determine your appropriate level of risk. We'll also cover how to get started and address your questions. Presented by Dennis LeFevre, Certified Financial Planner®, Trust and Financial Advisor. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or melissa.short@everence.com; or visit everence.com/direct.

Everence webinar. Narrative church-budgeting: Making numbers come alive: Thursday, March 23 (2 or 8 p.m. EDT). In this webinar, designed for pastors and church leaders, we'll discuss how a church budget can go beyond numbers to present an inspiring vision of the living spirit working in your church. You'll see how a story approach to your budget meeting can inspire and engage your congregation in ways you haven't thought of before. Presented by Steve Bustos, Everence 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.

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/>

AMBS webinar: Migration and Pentecost: Thursday, March 16, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT. Join us in an interactive webinar to discuss these major challenges facing the contemporary church. Facilitator **Greg Boyd**, a scholar, author, pastor and leading Neo-Anabaptist, will engage **Safwat Marzouk**, Ph.D., AMBS associate professor of Old Testament, and **Jamie Pitts**, Ph.D., AMBS assistant professor of Anabaptist studies, on this topic. This webinar is offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Church Leadership Center and is the first of a series of three webinars that Boyd will lead. Cost: \$20 by noon on March 15; \$30 after. Your first AMBS webinar is free of charge! ams.edu/webinars

Do you enjoy mentoring young adults and living in community? Service Adventure is looking for unit leaders for our Colorado Springs, Colo. and Jackson, Miss., units. The two year term begins late July. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Susan Nisly at SusanN@MennoniteMission.net or visit us at www.MennoniteMission.net

March 12th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, March 12

- The Stewards Sunday school class will be giving the service Pleasantview Home today.
- Guest Host Night or Noon

Monday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 14

- Tuesdays with Dave 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 15

- Choir Practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, March 19

- Gift Discernment forms due

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our sympathies to Joe and the family of Donna Martinez who passed away Thursday, March 9. Visitation is set for Tuesday, March 14 at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona from 5-7 pm. A memorial service will take place at 10 am on Wednesday, March 15 here at East Union with a meal following. Burial will be at 2 pm, also on March 15, at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Marshalltown.

Out of the office Pastor Joel will be out of the office from Saturday, March 18 through Friday, March 24. Along with Steve Schrag, Micah Miller, Jacob Boller, & Drew Blauvelt, Joel will be in Mississippi through the IMS Interterm program. For pastoral emergencies please contact one of the elders, Jeff Swartzentruber, Karen Harvey, Larry Detweiler, or Wanda Yoder.

Thank you to our church community for all the prayers, cards, food, and supportive care for our family at the passing of Marguerite Zook. Thanks for your participation in the visitation and memorial service, and fellowship meal following. We also appreciate the many acts of kindness and words of encouragement extended to Marguerite during her time at Pleasantview Home by members of this congregation. God bless you and love to all - Donald and Verna Zook

Congratulations to Caleb and Beth Yoder on the birth of a son, Austin Ardis, on Saturday, February 25!

Congratulations to Neil & Karenza Yoder on the birth of a son, Liam Neil, born Thursday, February 2!

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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!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasantview Home's Aging Well series of programs will continue with a presentation by Claire Harapat from the Washington County Hospital & Clinics in Kalona. Claire will take a look at the services offered by the clinic. The program - open to the public - will be at 2:00 pm on Mon., March 20, in the Friendship Center on Pleasantview's campus. Please contact Jennifer Bennett at 656-2421 for more information.

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.

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

* **High School Retreat** is April 1-2 (11am-12:30pm). Join us as Kevin Wilder (psychology professor from Hesston College) leads us in conversation on the topic Body Mind and Soul: Living and Loving. For more information or to sign up visit crookedcreekcamp.org and go to High School Retreat.

* **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

* **Summer Camp registration** will be open this Wednesday **March 15**.

Songs of Justice, Hope and Peace On Sunday, March 26 at 5 pm, Washington Mennonite Church will be hosting a hymn sing celebrating and proclaiming the songs of God's justice, hope and peace in our Mennonite hymnals. Stay after for fellowship and a sweet-treat brought to you by the WMC MYF as they fundraise for convention this summer. Come sing with us!

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 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.

* 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)

Pleasantview Home Join the Pleasantview dietary team! Providing opportunities for residents...Living life to the fullest!

* **Cook FT days and PT evenings.** Looking for a caring compassionate person with a special talent and a love for cooking. Shifts available are 5 am.-3 pm and 1 pm-8:30. Experience is a plus but we're willing to train the right person who is hard working and willing to learn. Full-time position is eligible for health, dental, vision, life and retirement benefits.

* **Part time evening dietary help,** must work at least 1 to 2 nights a week, every other weekend and every other holiday. This would be ideal for high school students or others looking for income or purpose, someone who enjoys working with the elderly. The hours would be 3:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Additional daytime hours may be available in the summer.

Pick up an application in our lobby at 811 3rd Street, Kalona, Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m. or apply online www.pvhome.org