

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
MDS Sharing	Larry & Carolyn Detweiler
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Time	Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 95
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Children's Time
 MDS Sharing: Larry & Carolyn Detweiler
 Scripture during sharing: James 2:14-26
 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: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller
 Next Sunday: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 109	Sunday School: 80
Giving through 3.12.17	
March 12th Giving	\$ 3,437.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 50,741.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,017.02

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder
College Students: Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the people from the community.
From last week's sharing: Nici Bontrager (car accident; reminder of what's important in life); Kim Blauvelt (Interterm students traveling to Mississippi, Texas & Mexico), (Logan & family); Lori Gerber (Evelyn's 2 year anniversary of diagnosis)
Central Plains: Pray for our conference pastors, chaplains, and spouses who will gather for the Annual Leaders Retreat in Schuyler, NE today through Tuesday noon. Pray that this will be a time of renewal and mutual support.
Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for high school students who are considering testing their gifts for ministry and developing their leadership skills this summer at AMBS through "Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth." May their pastors, teachers, parents and other trusted adults provide encouragement and affirmation.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Calling storytellers, actors, musicians, artists, singers!

We are looking for people to assist with leading and accompanying congregational worship during this year's Central Plains Annual Meeting. We are looking specifically for:

- People willing to help present the Scriptures
- Instrumental musicians with a high-school level proficiency on their instrument
- Vocalists capable of singing in a choir
- Artists willing to aid in a worship design for the front of our worship space

If you will be attending Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls during June and you are willing to help with the one or more of the worship services, please follow the link below and complete the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GSHNZKZ>

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

Attending the 2017 Convention in Orlando? The convention planning office has arranged discounts at Orlando-area attractions. Visit: <http://mennolove.orlandomeetinginfo.com>.

The Future Church Summit will add a new dimension to this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. Learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/>.

This summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention will feature a new way to involve high school youth and young adult 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 interactive seminar sessions and attendance at and participation in delegate sessions. Conferences and constituency groups have been invited to nominate youth who are rising high school sophomores or older. For questions, contact Brook Musselman at brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net.

March 19th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, March 19

- Gift Discernment forms due

Wednesday, March 22

- Choir Practice 7 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2 - MarriageCare Breakfast Reminder to all mentor & mentees couples. We will be having our annual spring MarriageCare Breakfast at 8 am. Please RSVP to Janet Geyer if you do or do not plan to attend and if childcare is needed.

Wednesday, April 5 - CHOW The activity for the April 5th CHOW will be a spring cleaning night for the church. The Janitors and Trustees will have tasks for us to help them make the church shine! The MYF will also be picking up trash along Highway 1 to fulfill their Adopt-A-Highway commitment. Please dress accordingly. In order to complete the roadside cleanup before dark please be done eating and ready to start promptly at 6:30.

Friday, April 7 - SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP Come join us on 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.

Saturday, April 8 - FRENCH TOAST BENEFIT BREAKFAST You are invited to a hearty meal to benefit new children's programs and materials at the Kalona Public Library! We will be serving a delicious menu of French toast, scrambled eggs, sausage, and homemade rolls from 6:30AM - 10:30AM at Kalona Mennonite Church. Come join us as we raise money to help all kids in our community go to school prepared to learn. Food is by free will donation, and carryouts are available. Questions? Contact Trent and Tammy Yoder at greeneearth@kctc.net.

Wednesday, April 19 - Townhall Meeting

There will be a Townhall meeting at 6:47 pm in the Fellowship Hall. More information to come.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your prayers, cards and acts of kindness to our family at the passing of our Dad, father-in-law, Grandpa, and Great Grandpa, Robert Yoder. Your support was greatly appreciated. May God Bless you, Denny and Becky Yoder

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Thank you to everyone who is willing to help out and bring food in for funerals. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated! ~The Service Committee

Church Directory The updates for the pictorial directory are finished and can be found in a large basket under the mailboxes in the foyer. Please take a packet to update the directory you or a family member have on hand. If you are in need of an East Union directory, please contact Crystal in the office.

From Jubilee Mennonite Church Thank you to everyone who brought in plastic bags and egg cartons for our food pantry! They were transported to Mississippi this weekend and will be of great use!

Trail Cleanup Day at Crooked Creek. On Saturday, April 8 we need 5-6 people to walk the trails and clear branches that have fallen during the winter. Doyle Geyer and Josh Lundberg will also be working on setting up a challenge course for "Crooked Creek Wild". They might need some help as well. Lunch will be provided. For those who want to carpool, we can leave Kalona Mennonite at 8:30 or you can meet at Crooked Creek at 9:00. It shouldn't be an all day project because last year we got done before lunch. It would be a good way to work off all that French Toast that you will be eating! Contact Chris Rhodes at rhodes@kctc.net or 319-330-1243

Thank you to all who donated once again to the February Food Pantry Drive. We had another great year, finishing strong with over \$2,000 raised, plus 836 items for a total of \$2,838 dollars and items! The volunteers at the food pantry were so thankful, as ever, to receive the donation at this time of year. It will help them keep their mission of sharing going through the start of Spring.
- Shekinah Sunday School class and Mennonite Women

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!

Is your kitchen missing any bowls, containers, etc? Please check the back table in the foyer and claim what's yours.

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.

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.

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

- * **The IMS FFA Farmer Feed** is on Friday March 31. Breakfast will be served in the IMS lunchroom from 7:00-8:00AM. Cost per person is by donation.
- * **The Culinary Arts Class'** IMS Cooking Creations Restaurant on Wednesday April 5 at 8:30AM still has a few more openings. 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 person is \$8.
- * **Please pray** for all the IMS students and faculty that will participate in Interterm this week.

Pleasantview Home - Help Wanted

- * **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

Funds needed for Iglesia Cristo La Roca in Muscatine to purchase water well for their building. Iglesia Cristo will be having a fundraiser selling food from 11 am - 2 pm on Saturday, March 25 in their church building located at 3510 Park Ave. W., Muscatine, IA, 52761. You can help by spreading the word or by coming by for some delicious BBQ Chicken and much more. If you would like to donate to the cause, you may mail a check to the address above.