

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	Nici Bontrager
Children's Time	Marv & Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:1-13
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Interview: The Family of God
 Sermon: "Disciplining our minds and bodies"
 Scripture during meditation: Excerpts from Daniel 1, 3, & 6
 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: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber
 Next Sunday: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 125	Sunday School: 70
Giving through 3.19.17	
March 19th Giving	\$ 8,845.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 59,586.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,946.33

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home: Emma Jean Schrock

College Students: Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Cameron Gingerich

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

Central Plains: Pray for the church in Venezuela and for David Boshart as he is currently attending the Venezuela Partnership meetings in Caracas (March 22 - 28). Pray also for Don Kempf as he attends the Ecuador partnership meetings in Quito this week. Pray for the building of healthy relationships, discerning meetings and safe travels.

Mennonite Education Agency: Praise God for the generosity of Bethel College friends and donors, who will be honored with a reception this afternoon and for the gifts of the Concert Choir as they wrap up their tour with the Home Concert this evening.

Mennonite Mission Network Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates projects in the areas of agriculture, woodworking and tent-making, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

You are invited to pray for the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board as it meets March 30 - April 1 in Kansas City, Missouri, to worship, discern and care for the business of the church.

AMBS volunteer coordinator sought, beginning August 2017. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, is seeking a qualified individual or couple to coordinate the work of our short-term and local volunteers, connecting them with assignments from faculty and staff. If you like to work with people, have excellent communication and computer skills, and are well organized, please consider this volunteer assignment for a one-year, renewable term. The position opens Aug. 1; the start date is negotiable. For more information, contact Jewel Gingerich Longenecker: jlongenecker@ambs.edu or 574.296.6222.

Rooted and Grounded: A conference on land and Christian discipleship: April 20-22 at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Imagine and embody alternative ways of relating to the land that cultivate *shalom* between human beings, the rest of creation and God. This three-day event will weave together worship, theology, biblical study and praxis. Keynote speakers: **Sarah Augustine, Dr. Stanley Saunders** and **Todd Wynward**. Cost: \$100/standard, \$25/students. ambs.edu/rootedandgrounded

*Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays.
You may email your announcements to Crystal at: eucares@kctc.net or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.*

March 26th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, March 28

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, March 29

- Choir Practice 7 pm

Next 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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!

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.

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Pathway's Annual Fish Fry Fundraiser is Friday, March 31st. Serving from 5-8PM. Donation basis. Menu consists of Alaskan pollock fish, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, & homemade pie. Everyone is invited!



Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a part-time or full-time 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.*

Please join the Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives and the Kalona Historical Society on Tuesday, April 4th, 6:00-7:30, for an evening of exploring the experiences of local German immigrants. The evening will include a traveling display and a panel discussion about immigration stories, German-American experiences during the World Wars, and the ways that German culture still influences our lives today.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Pre-Registration & Financial Aid Night** March 28 from 4:30-7:30PM. New students who will be attending IMS in 2017-18 are encouraged to schedule an appointment with Dwight Gingerich to set up your class schedule for the fall. Call or email Candi Schmieder to schedule an appointment, 319-656-2073 or cschmieder@iowamennonite.org. **Returning students and families** will have the opportunity to complete the financial aid application. Financial Aid deadline is May 1.

* **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.

* **Summer camps**

We are still developing a few ideas for summer camps but here is what we have so far. Watch our website for more information and online registration forms. www.iowamennonite.org/camps.

* **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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* THIS WEEKEND is High School Retreat, April 1-2 (11am-12:30pm). Space is available to attend. Please register by Tuesday March 28. Kevin Wilder (psychology professor from Hesston College) will lead 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:** Create memories for youth and yourself by joining the Crooked Creek Camp staff for a life-changing experience! Applications online at crookedcreekcamp.org

* Do you enjoy seeing children smile? Consider creating smiles at summer camp! Seeking 2 Cooks for summer camp June 4-July 14, 2017. Job posting available at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/employment-opportunities.html>