

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	Nici Bontrager & Drew Blauvelt
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Quartet & Praise Band
Special Music	Children's choir
Children's Time	Wanda Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 130
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Giving up Busyness: Be renewed and refreshed"
 Scripture during meditation: Ezekiel 37:1-14
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Lenten Theme: STS-72, *We are often tossed and driven*
 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: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt
 Next Sunday: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 130	Sunday School: 96
Giving through 3.26.17	
March 26th Giving	\$ 4,085.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 63,671.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,994.05

PRAYER REMINDERS

Iowa City Healthcare & Rehab Center: Harold Blosser

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: Joel Beachy (the passing of his great-aunt Shirley Gingerich); Emily (Higdon) Miller (name change and interview for nursing job in Aurora, CO)

Central Plains: Pray for Eastern Mennonite University as they celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Susan Schultz Huxman on April 7 as the University's ninth president.

Mennonite Mission Network Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network's engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus' love in culturally appropriate ways.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Please be in prayer for the “Sent” gathering taking place April 6-8 in Fort Myers, Florida. Church planters and others will come together to take about creating new “Jesus-centered communities” in Mennonite Church USA.

Is the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017 on your calendar?

Registration remains open. 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/>.

Thinking about deepening your faith and developing your leadership skills through seminary study? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, offers generous need-based financial aid for its master’s programs – whether you’re studying on-campus or at a distance. Financial aid applications are due April 15 for the 2017-18 academic year. ambs.edu/financialaid

The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament and Transformation: June 1-9, 2017. This nine-day pilgrimage traces the route of the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people by the U.S. military from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. This Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary course can be taken for credit or audit. Sign up by May 1. ambs.edu/academics/trail-of-death

*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.*

April 2nd Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, April 2

- MarriageCare Breakfast - 8 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Grace Rempel. The topic will be: ‘Waiting for God.’ Our project will be Crooked Creek Scholarships. Sack lunch.

Wednesday, April 5

- East Union Mennonite Women are invited guests of Kalona Mennonite Women. Lunch will be provided.
- **CHOW** - spring cleaning night for the church. 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.
- Choir Practice after CHOW

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 at greeneearth@kctc.net.

Next Sunday, April 9

- **Palm Sunday** - Come see the children’s parade of palms!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Easter Sunday, April 16 - Please remember to bring flowers for the living cross and note that there will be no Sunday School.

Wednesday, April 19 - Townhall Meeting

There will be a Townhall meeting at 6:47 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Nurture Committee, Sunday School Superintendents, Elders and Pastor invite the congregation to come to discuss the possibility for taking a sabbatical from Sunday School this summer. We want to use the summer to

Saturday, April 22 - Women's Fellowship Brunch 10 am Please sign up on the sheet by the library if you plan to attend.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5 Love Languages for Children. The Doulos class will be studying this book by Gary Chapman & invites anyone who is interested to join us! We think this book will be useful for anyone, whether you are a parent of young children or not. The Doulos class meets in the choir room; please see Allison if you have questions.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join the Iowa Mennonite Museum and Archives and the Kalona Historical Society at the Kalona Historical Museum 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 of immigration stories, German-American experiences during the World Wars, and the ways that German culture still influences our lives today.

Pathway Christian School Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-Up is Thursday, April 6, 2017. 8:30am-11:30am Contact the school (656-5443) if you have any questions or if you would like to register.

The Rosedale Chorale, under the direction of Ken Miller, will present a choral worship service at Fairview Mennonite Church in Kalona on Sunday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. The program includes compositions ranging from the Renaissance to contemporary and includes a special feature for children. This concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be received.

Refugee Simulation Event. Sunday, April 9, 2-4 pm, at the Iowa Wesleyan University Social Hall (in the Holland Student Center). What would you do if you found yourself and your family in a strange land, unable to speak to others and with no clear understanding of what is happening around you? Build your empathy muscles by navigating the challenges of finding a safe place for your family in this interactive simulated refugee experience as it offers you a glimpse into the world of displaced people. All youth and adults are invited! Sponsored by the Henry County Ministerial, the Mount Pleasant Refugee and Immigrant Assistance Commission, Iowa Wesleyan University, and the Youth Ministry of St. Alphonsus. **Participants must register by today, April 2.** Mounpleasantwelcomes@gmail.com or 319-201-1149.

Pleasantview Home's "Aging Well" program on Tue., Apr. 11 will feature a come-and-go open house at the home of Independent Living resident Pat Cooper. Pat is an artist specializing in miniatures and painting, and has a vast collection of her work in her home at 105 Pleasantview Circle. The event will be from 10:00-11:00 am on the 11th; all are welcome to attend. If planning to, however, please let Jennifer Bennett know by calling (319-656-2421) or emailing (jbennett@pvhome.org). Pleasantview's "Aging Well" program is designed to encourage all to use and share their talents and gifts as the aging process occurs.

Community Good Friday Tenebrae Service: Join local Mennonite churches as we worship together Friday, April 14 at 7pm at Celebration Hall in Iowa Mennonite School. High school students will share testimonies relating to Jesus' last seven words before his death on the cross. Child care will be provided for ages 3-8. Student speakers are Nick Yutzky, Calli Shaw, Anthony Villatoro, Jared Schlabaugh, Karlee Lehman, **Madi Higdon**, and Steven Jimenez.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * **The IMS Touring Choir** will be participating in MSC Music Festival at Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg PA April 7-9. The choir will also perform in route at East Goshen Mennonite Church Goshen IN and Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Kidron OH.
- * **Junior/Senior Banquet** *Step Into The Wardrobe: The Chronicles of Narnia* Saturday April 22
- * **Children's Dramas** Saturday April 29 at 7:00PM and Sunday April 30 at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. The plays include *Jack and the Three Sillies*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, and *The Pretender Hen*.
- * **Meet the Cast Event** Grades 6-10 prospective students and their families are invited to a meet the cast event following the afternoon performance on April 30. There will be refreshments and you will get a chance to meet the students and directors involved in putting together these fun performances.