

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	Phil & Judy Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel & Micah Miller
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Adult & Childrens choirs
Children's Time	Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music: Children's Choir
 Parade of Palms
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music: Adult Choir
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Improbable entrance"
 Scripture during meditation: Matthew 21:1-11
 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: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Janet Geyer & Ella Groenewold

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 152	
Giving through 4.2.17	
April 2nd Giving	\$ 6,646.50
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 70,317.50
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,976.88

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Nita Miller, Clayton White

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: Verna Zook (Michael Sharp); Christine Beachy (Howie Schiedel cancer); Marv Slabaugh (mom out of hospital); Jesse Schlabaugh (testimony)

Central Plains: Pray for Templo Alabanza in Moline, IL as they celebrate the installation of Pastor Aureliano Vazquez today and for all other congregations in our conference who are seeking new pastoral leadership.

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mark and Mary Hurst's years of service with Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray that the couple will be filled with God's wisdom as they respond to seekers' questions about prayer, faith, forgiveness and healing.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of Bethel College's Student Government Association as they co-host a chalk art celebration with Kauffman Museum this afternoon, wrapping up a series of special activities for Bethel's 2nd Annual Pride and Inclusion Week.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rosedale Chorale, under the direction of Ken Miller, will present a choral worship service at Fairview Mennonite Church in Kalona on TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public. An offering will be received.

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 10-11 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).

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 Yutzy, Calli Shaw, Anthony Villatoro, Jared Schlabaugh, Karlee Lehman, **Madi Higdon**, and Steven Jimenez.

You're invited Come hear about the ministry of Bible translation in East Asia and around the world. Keith and Kate Slater will share on Sunday, April 23rd at 1 p.m. at West Union Mennonite Church. Before their talk, all are welcome to join us at noon for a potluck lunch at West Union.

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale is coming up soon! Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of MCC by marking your calendar and attending the 2017 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 2 and 3 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **TODAY The IMS Touring Choir** will be participating in MSC Choral Festival at Shalom Christian Academy in Chambersburg PA. The program will start at 2:00PM CST and you can watch the live stream

here: <https://shalomca.com/blog/choir/> The community is also invited to come view the livestream in Celebration Hall at IMS projected on our big screen.

Doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

* **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.

April 9th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, April 12

- Choir Practice 7 pm

Thursday, April 13

- Everyone invited to our Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 pm! Please bring bread, fruit, and cheese for our simple meal together, reminding us of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. This will be followed by Scripture readings, music, communion and foot/hand washing. Child care available after the meal for children not yet in school.

Easter Sunday, April 16

- MYF Easter Breakfast from 8 - 8:45 a.m. Please see bulletin announcement for details.
- Please remember to bring flowers for the living cross and note that there will be no Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 and discuss the possibility of taking a sabbatical from Sunday school this summer. We want to use the summer to re-imagine how we structure Sunday school from now into the future. The townhall meeting will be a time for leadership to receive feedback, questions, and concerns. Questions? See Joel Beachy

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

Just want to say thank you to all that came and helped with spring cleaning of the church on Wednesday evening. A great turn out! - The janitors and trustees.

Easter Breakfast The MYF will be hosting the Easter Breakfast next Sunday, April 16th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. We will be serving Waffles with sausage gravy, syrup and/or strawberries, eggs and fruit. We appreciate the support the church continues to show the MYF and welcome your donations to help cover the final costs for the Orlando 2017 convention. Please note that we would like to be done serving waffles promptly at 8:45 so that everything can be cleaned up before the service. The MYFers have a small part in the morning's service so we need to make sure they get upstairs by 9:30. Thank you!