

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	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Nici Bontrager, Quartet & Band
Special Music	Adult & Children's choir
Children's Time	Betsy Slabaugh

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Candle Lighting
 Congregational Singing
 Creating the Living Cross
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 Special Music: Children's Choir
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music: Adult Choir
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Christ saves all"
 Scripture during meditation: Acts 10:34-43, Colossians 3:1-4
 Song of Easter Praise
 Our Call to Commitment: WFW1 #148 (see bulletin insert)
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song

Benediction

No 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: Janet Geyer & Ella Groenewold
 Next Sunday: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 135	Sunday School: 88
Giving through 4.9.17	
April 9th Giving	\$ 5,532.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 75,849.50
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,988.91

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
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: Jeff Duvall family (son Pierce liver cancer); Verna Zook (Michael Sharp); Derek, Nici & family (transition)
Central Plains: With joy we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ as we open our lives to the risen Lord's presence to transform our lives, empower us to live fully, love freely and to worship God with our whole being.
Mennonite Mission Network: We are called to spread the good news of Easter to our neighbors. Join Mennonite Mission Network's personnel and partners throughout the United States and in more than 55 countries around the world to proclaim this message of Jesus' resurrection power over evil and death.
Mennonite Education Agency: Happy Easter! Rejoice in the good news of the risen Christ, and celebrate the blessing of new life.

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Our Call to Commitment

We believe in God the Creator of all,
known to us through perfect love,
who has called forth a people of faith.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word become flesh,
crucified and resurrected,
our Savior from sin, our peace, and Lord of the church.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
poured out on all believers,
our source of inspiration and power.

We respond to Christ in faith as the church,
the community sustained by the Spirit,
called to proclaim and witness to the kingdom of God.

We continue the mission of Christ,
making disciples, forgiving and restoring sinners,
baptizing believers, sharing the Lord's Supper,
using our gifts in unity and love.

We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ,
growing by grace into the image of God.

We accept God's call to live in the Spirit as faithful disciples,
practicing purity, stewardship, justice and peace,
and loving friend and enemy.

We joyfully worship God, the three-in-one,
giving allegiance to Christ as Lord.

We believe in God's everlasting reign,
in victory over evil, in the resurrection of the dead,
in Christ's coming again in judgment and glory.

To God be praise forever and ever. Amen!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Central Plains Conference Registration is now open for Central Plains Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 15-18. Register by April 30 for just \$140. The fee goes up by \$20 on May 1 and another \$20 on June 1. Find online registration and payment at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Everence webinar. Insurance: who needs it, and at what age? Tuesday, April 25 (2 or 8 p.m. EDT). In this webinar for individuals and families of all ages, we'll describe the various types of insurance (health, life, disability, long-term care). We'll cover which type of insurance you need, and at what age you need them. We'll also have time for your questions. The presenter will be Financial Advisor Craig Foor. For more information or to register, contact Melissa Short at (800) 222-5054 or melissa.short@everence.com; or visit everence.com/direct.

April 16th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Easter Sunday, April 16

- MYF Easter Breakfast from 8 - 8:45 a.m.
- We would like to invite anyone who would like to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* to come forward and join the choir.
- No Sunday School



Wednesday, April 19

- Townhall meeting 6:47 p.m. 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.

Saturday, April 22

- Women's Fellowship Brunch 10 a.m.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In order to aid in communication at East Union, Pastor Joel Beachy would like to be able to send out periodic emails to the congregation (e.g. reminders, encouragements, updates, etc.). This communication would be in addition to bulletin announcements, The Chronicle, Facebook posts, phone calls, texts, or individual emails. If you DO NOT want to be a part of this communication platform, please let Crystal know by May 2. Questions or Concerns? See Joel Beachy.

It is time to renew our group subscription to The Mennonite magazine. The Mennonite is a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world. Through Bible studies, feature articles, columns and more, The Mennonite is hosting a robust conversation about what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Christ today. New subscribers can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30. **If you are interested in joining our group plan, please fill out the enclosed bulletin insert and return it, along with a check made out for \$37 to East Union Mennonite Church, to Crystal by next Sunday, April 23.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to a presentation entitled "Ministering to Refugees: Not Your Usual Mexican Vacation." The group from East Union and West Union (Joel, Janet, Loren, Doug, and Bruce Hochstedler) will reflect on their visit to the ministry of Iglesia Zoar in northern Mexico, and also immigrant detention facilities in southern Texas. Join us on Sunday evening, April 23, 2017, at East Union Mennonite Church, 5615 Gable Avenue, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for the presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

Mennonite Historical Society Everyone is invited to the spring meeting of the Mennonite Historical Society of Iowa at 7:00 on Tuesday, April 25th at Kalona Mennonite Church. Please come to hear Frank Yoder and Holly Blosser Yoder present on the topic "Holding the line and building bridges: conflict in a community of like, precious faith".

Help Needed Kids and adults are you interested in helping at the Relief Sale on Friday, June 2nd and Saturday, June 3rd? Please check out the volunteer page on the Relief Sale website- www.iamccreliefsale.org, click on "other" in upper right corner to see "volunteer" and sign up! We need help in the Activities Barn, servers for Breakfast, help with parking and in the welcome centers. If you have issues standing and/or walking but would still like to help, please consider signing up for a comforter knotting shift in the Activities Barn. You will be able to sit for the entire shift. I also need 2 workers to help set up on the Thursday, June 1st beginning at 1:00. This is not on the website so please contact me at 631-2461 or rabeachy@msn.com. If you are not computer savvy please contact me and I will get you signed up! Contact Janet at 321-0995 or janetegeyer@gmail.com for the breakfast serving. Thank you!

Iowa MCC Relief Sale Tractorcade - Registration deadline is May 8 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Please register by May 22 if you are planning to participate so we can plan for parking space at the Fairgrounds. (Registration forms can be found in your church office.) We will meet at Fairview Church on Friday June 2 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm. We will be leaving for the Fairgrounds at 1:30pm SHARP. The route will be about 20miles long one way. We will be collecting the donations at check in before leaving for the Tractorcade. (suggested donation of at least \$25). Please contact LaVern Shetler at 319-530-0032 or Kurt Kemp 319-930-1443 or Monroe Miller 319-936-8501 if you have questions. Your MCC representative will have registration forms.

A TASTE OF REVIVE! A bus will be going to Dallas - Ft. Worth on April 26-30 to experience ReviveTEXAS as a way of experiencing firsthand the movement of Time To Revive. The cost is \$40 for transportation, lodging and food. One bus will hold up to 45 from this community. We will be **staying in a retreat center** in the vicinity of Lifegate Church, 3350 Deerwood Pkwy, Denton, TX 76208. Contact Donna in the office to **sign up by April 21**.

Apologetics Course Jon Miiller and Jay Miiller will be offering a six-session course on apologetics (1 Peter 3:15). Apologetics is simply being prepared to give a gentle yet sound reason for the hope of faith in Christ within you. What are you living for? What is the evidence? Why God? Come and explore the sound reasoning behind a Judeo, Christian worldview. Join us Sunday evenings 6:30-8:00 PM beginning April 23rd at Lower Deer Creek.

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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * **Welcome Center:** The staff and board are excited to announce that on Monday, **April 17**, camp will open for business in our new office space! An open house will be held later this summer after camps.
- * **Crooked Creek Wild** the mud run/obstacle course is **May 6!** Sign up now at www.crookedcreekcamp.org You don't want to miss this!
- * **Camp Summer Staff:** Please pray both for potential staff and those who have accepted a call to be part of summer staff! We are excited by the possibilities of God's leading and to share God's love with children and youth.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * **Junior/Senior Banquet** April 22 Step Into The Wardrobe: The Chronicles of Narnia Saturday
- * **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.
- * **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.
- * **SAVE THE DATE**
- * **Ten Year Anniversary of Celebration Hall June 10.** More details to come, but you won't want to miss it!
- * **The Annual IMS Golf Tournament June 17** at the Kalona Golf Club.
- * **IMS Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend Oct 13-15** will include many activities for IMS alumni, their families, and the community.