

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	Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook & Sarena Gerber
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet
Children's Time	Rebecca Beachy Miller
My Coins Count helpers	Ella & Seth Groenewold, Sarena Gerber

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 16
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- “My Coins Count” collection
- Children's Time
- Sharing about Iglesia Zoar
 - Joel Beachy, Loren Hochstedler, Doug Stoltzfus, & Janet Geyer
 - Scripture during meditation: 1 Peter 1:3-9
- Song of Response
- 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: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder
 Next Sunday: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 214	No Sunday School
Giving through 4.16.17	
April 16th Giving	\$ 2,760.50
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 78,610.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,078.58

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Pleasantview Home:** Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
- College Students:** Tommy Cikos Rhodes
- Iglesia Zoar:** Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the community.
- From last week's sharing:** Chris Rhodes (Good Friday service); Avery Blauvelt (thankful for prayers throughout IMS touring choir); Emily (Higdon) Miller (new job and transition to Colorado)
- Central Plains:** Leaders of Anabaptist churches in Congo have asked that we pray for an end to the atrocities that have driven at least 5000 people into hiding in the forest to escape violence. Pray that the church can be a prophetic voice of justice and a calming presence of Christ's peace in the midst of a devolving situation. One Mennonite denomination has brought at least six ethnic groups together into one church body.
- Mennonite Mission Network:** Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as Mennonite Mission Network interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.
- Mennonite Education Agency:** Thank God for the gift of music as the EMU Chamber Singers give their spring concert in Lehman Auditorium this evening. Pray that all those attending would be blessed.

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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.

Church Planting and church revival among Mennonites is alive and well! Want to know how? Read about the recent gathering sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network in Fort Myers, FL
<https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/Revival-of-Mennonite-congregations-discussed-at-SENT-summit>.

Are you looking for a non-traditional pastorate? Service Adventure leaders are needed to help guide young adults in their ongoing discovery of who God is and how God is calling them into vocation. The leaders will live with young adults in a household setting and create a "family" as part of a local congregation. Check it out:
<https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/Service%20Adventure>

Find out how to put your faith into action! Consider serving and learning about how God is working in other parts of the country. Check out our Christian Service opportunities for ages 14 -26. But don't delay because application deadlines are coming up soon! Youth Venture (Detroit) - Application deadline = May 1st; Service Adventure, Journey International, Door (Dwell) and MVS - Application deadline = June 1st: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve>

Service Opportunity - The Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer, Montana is looking for a volunteer, experienced plumber. This would be to install the rough out plumbing in their new building. Approximately 2 weeks of work, during the month of May. Lodging and meals provided. For further info contact Willis Busenitz @ [406-592-3643](tel:406-592-3643) or email: wmbusenitz@gmail.com

Volunteer staff needed at The International Guest House in Washington, D.C. with flexibility of two months to a full year (currently scheduling 2018-19) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House and a monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance is paid for full year volunteers if needed. Rotating hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, gardening, and hosting breakfast & the evening tea. The service emphasis is on hospitality to guests and being a community to one another. The house is located in an established neighborhood with access to buses for exploring this historic city. For inquiries and an application contact: Sara Fretz-Goering (sarafretzgoering@gmail.com) or current staff at the International Guest House (igh.dc.us@gmail.com) ([202-726-5808](tel:202-726-5808))

April 23rd Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, April 23

- *The Mennonite* magazine subscriptions due
- Today, we will have a special offering for Iglesia Zoar. Money received will be designated for a purchase of land that will allow Jose to provide additional security and opportunity for the community of Zoar.
- Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training video showing in the choir room during the Sunday school hour.

Wednesday, April 26

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

Saturday, April 29

- Marilyn Yutzy Memorial service. Visitation is at 2 pm with a memorial service starting at 3 pm. There will be a meal following.

Next Sunday, April 30

- Don Yoder will be sharing about the Gideon's during the Children's Time. Please make him feel welcome as we learn more about this ministry.
- Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training video showing in the choir room during the Sunday school hour.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 5 - SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP Come join us at 7pm in the EU foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy at greenearth@kctc.net or Warren at dubyoder@gmail.com.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mailboxes Please be aware this morning that your mailbox may have moved!

Earth Day Yesterday, **April 22**, marked the recognition of **Earth Day**, begun in the USA in 1970 and now a world-wide movement. The banner in the entryway reminds us as Christians of God's first mandate to humans to care for the earth, our home. See Genesis 1:26-31 & 2:15. How can we engage with creation care at East Union, as individuals, families, and in our congregational life together?

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.

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 TODAY 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".

Pleasantview Home "A Sweet Night of Music," featuring local music talents *The Old Man Band* and *Allison Yoder & Matthew Yoder*, will be held Saturday, June 10 at 6:30 pm. The evening will include some delicious desserts along with the live music, on the lawn at the home of Carey & Joani Miller on *The Home Place Retreat*. Tickets for the event may be purchased by contacting Pleasantview Home at 656-2421; they are \$30 apiece, with proceeds benefiting Pleasantview.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Final Touring Choir Concert** is TONIGHT at 7:00PM at Bethel Mennonite Church in Wayland IA. All are welcome.

* **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.

* **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.

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 20 miles 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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* **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.

Midweek Meetings with Jeff Polen - Jeff Polen will be leading worship and speaking at Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church at 7pm on Wednesday May 10th and Thursday May 11th. Jeff has a passion for pointing others to Jesus Christ and will be challenging us to look for creative ways to share the Gospel with those around us. He will be singing, speaking and introducing his first book, a children's book, called "The Greatest Sacrifice". All ages are welcome both nights with area youth groups specifically invited for the Wednesday night service. Child care will be available. More on Jeff Polen and his ministry can be found at <https://jeffpolenmusic.com/>.

Jeff Polen Worship Music Workshop - While Jeff is in the area we are looking at the possibility of offering a 1 1/2 hour music leading workshop on Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. This would be a workshop for those involved in a worship team, interested in being a part of a worship team at church or in general would like to learn more about leading worship music. If you are interested and would be able to attend this training session please contact Jim Hershberger at jhershberger32@gmail.com.