

# 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	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet
Children's Time	Don Yoder
My Coins Count helpers	Ian Schmidt, Sam Yoder, Maddie Carolan & Eve Yoder

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Luke 24:13-35  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 "My Coins Count" collection  
 Children's Time: Sharing about the Gideon's Mission  
 Interview: The Family of God  
 Sermon: "When do we praise God?"  
 Scripture during meditation: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
 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: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller  
 Next Sunday: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 120	
<b>Giving through 4.23.17</b>	
April 23rd Giving	\$ 7,331.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 85,941.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,042.80

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Parkview Manor:** Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel  
**College Students:** Anya Slabaugh, Joel Beachy  
**Iglesia Zoar:** Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the community.  
**From last week's sharing:** Verna Zook (update on Max Villatoro)  
**Central Plains:** Online registration is open for Central Plains Annual Meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 15-18. Please pray for those planning Annual Meeting, for those participating as delegates and guests, and for our speaker, Meghan Good, as she prepares. See www.centralplainsmc.org for details.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** The Centro de Estudios, a ministry of the Spanish-speaking Mennonite congregation in Uruguay, develops church leaders and strengthens their Anabaptist identity. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for this mobile study program that travels to bivocational leaders' locations and permits them to study evenings after work.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** Give thanks for the work of photographer Sharon Hoogstraten, who has generously loaned 22 large-scale photographs of Potawatomi people in regalia to AMBS for an exhibit on campus this spring, in connection with Rooted and Grounded Conference and the Trail of Death pilgrimage course. May the images move viewers to honor the resilience and flourishing of First Nations people as they also remember the traumas they have endured in this land.

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## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Central Plains Conference** We would love to see you at Central Plains Annual Meeting, June 15-18 in Sioux Falls. Get the early registration fee today at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org). The fee goes up tomorrow.

**Young people between 15 and 20.** Are you interested in what is going on in the church beyond your congregation? Did you know that youth are invited to participate in Central Plains Annual Meeting delegate sessions? Consider coming to Sioux Falls June 15-18 to participate in the worship, business and workshops. Ask your pastor or council chair about this opportunity.

**Host a "Reading the Bible with Jesus" workshop!** Encourage your congregation or join with other area congregations to host itinerant Bible teacher Bryan Moyer Suderman for 1-2 days of digging deep into one of the Gospels to gain tools for reading and interpreting Scripture like Jesus, in light of today's world. These workshops are available in English and Spanish through Anabaptist Biblical Seminary's Church Leadership Center, [ambs.edu/workshops](http://ambs.edu/workshops).

**The Future Church Summit will add a new dimension to this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention**, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. You can learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/>.

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

**Today, Sunday, April 30**

- Mandatory Sexual Misconduct Training video showing in the choir room during the Sunday school hour.

**Tuesday, May 2**

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Linda Miller. The topic will be: 'Receiving Guidance.' Our project will be Cash for MCC/seeds and gardening supplies. Salad Luncheon.

**Wednesday, May 3**

- Choir practice 7 pm

**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](mailto:greenearth@kctc.net) or Warren at [dubyoder@gmail.com](mailto:dubyoder@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, May 20 - Men's Churrasco** Guys of all ages! You are invited to a BBQ at 4:30 pm at the home of Nelson & Mary Miller, 2509 560<sup>th</sup> St., Kalona. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 14 on the Sign Up Sheet located on the table underneath the bulletin board in the foyer.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our deepest sympathies** to the family of Jeanne Tack, sister to Deb Miller and daughter to Edna Yoder, who passed away on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Birthday!** Dorothy Rhodes will turn 100 on May 2. If you would like to wish her a Happy Birthday, you may send her a card to Pleasantview Home, 811 3rd St., Kalona, IA 52247. We will be celebrating her special day during the coffee and fellowship time next Sunday.

**Bridal Shower** The church Bridal Shower for Laura Stoltzfus will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Laura is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

**Gift Discernment** The Gift Discernment committee asks you to prayerfully consider Allison Troyer to fill the position of Central Plains Conference Delegate. Ballots to affirm Allison are in mailboxes today and are due next Sunday, May 7th.

**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

**Midweek Meetings with Jeff Polen** - Jeff Polen will be leading worship and speaking at Lower Deer Creek at 7pm on May 10 and 11. Jeff has a passion for pointing others to Jesus 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](mailto:jhershberger32@gmail.com).

**Help available for sorting out retirement options** People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, a series of seminars designed to help people make informed decisions about both federal programs. The seminars are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. May 15, July 10 and Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or [cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com](mailto:cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com) for more information.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

\* **Children's Dramas/Activities TODAY** starting at 2:30PM this afternoon, the IMS FFA will have **Children's Activities** prior to the performance at 3:00PM in Celebration Hall. The plays include *Jack and the Three Sillies*, *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*, and *The Pretender Hen*. Afterwards a **Meet the Cast Event** where Grades 6-10 prospective students and their families are invited to a meet the cast event and enjoy refreshments following the performances. This is an entertaining, free event open everyone young at heart!

\* **Academic & Fine Arts Night** Tuesday May 9 at 7:00PM in Celebration Hall

\* **Spring Music Concert** Sunday May 14 at 2:30PM in Celebration Hall

\* **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](http://www.iowamennonite.org/camps).

\* **The Annual IMS Golf Tournament** will be on Saturday June 17 at the Kalona Golf Course. More information and registration at <http://www.iowamennonite.org/golftournament/> or by emailing [jours@iowamennonite.org](mailto:jours@iowamennonite.org).

**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.

## MCC SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meals** There is still time to offer a meal in your home for sale at the IA MCC Sale. To list your meal please contact Jane Widmer Yoder at 656-3647.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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.