

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	Matt & Renae Miller
Sermon	Kara Yoder
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir
My Coins Count helpers	Ava Miller, Isaac & Lucas Beachy

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30
 Announcements
 Bible Memory
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" collection
 Interview: The Family of God
 Special Music
 Sermon: "Investing in the Kingdom of God"
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller
 Next Sunday: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 133	
Giving through 4.30.17	
April 30th Giving	\$ 3,135.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 89,076.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,128.32

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder

College Students: Emma Yoder, Mariah Swartzentruber

Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the community.

From last week's sharing: David Charles (Wally Fisher health concerns); Trent Yoder (Grandmother Pauline Miller in hospice care); Loren Hochstedler (the passing of brother-in-law); Darlene Logan (daughter, Karla Doerksen breast cancer diagnosis)

Central Plains: Pray for Mennonite sisters and brothers in Venezuela, where skyrocketing inflation and food shortages have left many homeless and hungry. In the midst of this crisis, church members are joyful in fellowship and ministry, teaching peacemaking to children, distributing food when possible, offering seminary classes and offering an effective program for the drug-addicted.

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: Pray for Bethel College instrumentalists and choirs performing the annual Masterworks concert this afternoon, and especially for piano soloist Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, Bethel music professor, who will retire at the end of the school year.

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MCC SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The online auction listings are now online! Browse the items available for bid. Bidding will be live from May 26th through June 2nd. Your winning bid will support the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of Mennonite Central Committee. Find the items online here: <http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/>

Volunteer at the IA Mennonite Relief Sale! Check online to find opportunities to serve that fit your interest and schedule:
<http://www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering>

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!

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Central Plains Conference Are you missing your brothers and sisters from Central Plains? You'll get to see them soon! Plan to come to Sioux Falls June 15-18 for Annual Meeting 2017 where our worship theme will be A Covenant People: Responding to God's Love. Children, youth and adults welcome! Find registration information in your church office and at www.centralplainsmc.org.

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.

Step Up - Youth wanted for participation in the Future Church Summit in Orlando About 40 spots remain open for the Step Up program - an opportunity for high school age youth to participate in the Future Church Summit at this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando. This opportunity was initially open to only three youth per conference. Now, any interested youth attending convention may participate. Participants will attend an orientation seminar and be included in table groups during the July 6-8 Future Church Summit. Additional information and a link to registration can be found at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/youth/>.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, May 7

- Gift Discernment ballots for Central Plains delegate due.

Next Sunday, May 14

- There will be a special offering to the non-profit organization 'Menno-Clinic India' as a follow up to today's sermon.

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 560th St., Kalona. Please RSVP by next 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 Mattie Beachy, grandmother to Joel Beachy, Rebecca Beachy Miller, & Liz Rhodes and mother to John Beachy, who passed away on Wednesday, May 3

Congratulations! Anya Slabaugh who graduated from Goshen College last Sunday! Prayers & blessings on your graduation and your future endeavors.

Team Evelyn On Saturday, May 13, Team Evelyn will be making their third appearance in the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) Walk in Cedar Rapids. This walk not only helps raise funds for finding a cure for type one, but it also provides encouragement and support for every family dealing with this autoimmune disease. We welcome any additional walkers, as well as donations of any size. For more information go to: www.walk.jdrf.org/teamevelyn. Thank you!

East Union Sunday School Class mini-elective

Mennonites have been building relationships in Palestine-Israel for more than 65 years. An expression of this work has been and continues to be education and advocacy, drawing attention to the suffering in Palestine and need for peacebuilding in the Middle East. What does - or should - this mean for Mennonites living in the USA though?

All Adult Sunday School classes are welcome to attend a 2-week Kairos-Palestine 'mini-elective' on Sundays, May 14 and 21. Join us during the Sunday School period as we explore what it means to be a Christian living in Palestine, and discuss the religious and political issues of the region.

Delegates at this summer's MC USA convention will be discussing the only resolution this year, *Seeking Peace in Israel-Palestine Resolution*. This elective seeks to create an understanding of the issue. Learn more about the resolution at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/delegate-resources/>

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You're Invited! Please come to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Emma Yoder and Colin Brenneman with an "English High Tea" Shower on Saturday, May 27 at 1:30 at East Union. Learn more about Emma and Colin's plans and find out how he popped the question! Emma and Colin are registered at: Crate and Barrel, Target and Yotty's.

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luncheon fundraiser today Today at the West Chester United Methodist Church from noon to 1:30 p.m. there will be a luncheon for a free will donation for the family of Pierce Duvall who is fighting cancer. He is a one year old little boy with lots of smiles and energy. Please join us for lunch and help the family with medical bills.

Help with Kalona Summer Lunch. Have Fun. Give Stuff.

Great new things are happening at Kalona Summer Lunch! Last summer, we had an average of 45 guests per lunch and are expecting more this year. Please help us "create community so everyone eats" by providing food and/or volunteering. Learn more and sign up online at goo.gl/ZP77AP or call Amy at 656-3916. Also visit our website (foodforallkalona.weebly.com) to find out how you can become a Food for All Friend, including fun ways to volunteer, to learn about the roots of poverty in the US, and to be a helpful friend to people trapped in poverty or struggling with food insecurity. Consider joining us at a short volunteer meeting on Friday, May 19, 7:00 p.m., Kalona Methodist Church, 302 4th St. Email foodforallkalona@gmail.com with questions. Donations can be sent to Food for All, PO Box 553, Kalona, 52247.

Pleasantview Home

* As loved ones age and perhaps their minds become demented, it can be difficult to know how to respond. Pleasantview invites all interested persons to their "Aging Well" program on Tue., May 9, 10 am in the Friendship Center. Dr. Lara Lazarre, MD, a neurologist with Mercy Hospital, will be on hand to discuss early stage dementias. "Aging Well" is a monthly program and is open to the public at no charge. Please contact PV at 656-2421 for information.

* It's always a good time to combine great live music and delicious desserts! You can have both on Sat., June 10 at **The Home Place Retreat** between Kalona and Wellman, as a fund-raiser for Pleasantview Home. "A Sweet Night of Music" will feature two local groups: *The Old Man Band* and *The Young Ramblers & Friends* in an outdoor setting. Carey & Joani Miller are graciously donating their time and talents in organizing the evening, which begins at 6:30 pm (rain date is Sun., June 11); tickets are available by contacting Larry Swartzendruber at PV Home (656-2421).

* With the warm weather comes the joy of being outside. At Pleasantview that means the wheelchair rides will be happening again, giving residents much-needed fresh air. We are in need of volunteers to help push the chairs and visit with residents as they enjoy the outdoors. Please contact Wanda

Yoder at PV (656-2421) to volunteer; the program will begin on Wed., June 7 and run through early fall (note the day change from Tuesday to Wednesday this year). Thank you for helping to brighten the days of our residents!

Help available for sorting out retirement options Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, a series of seminars designed to help people make informed decisions about Medicare and Social Security. 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 for more information.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Academic & Fine Arts Night** Tuesday May 9 at 7:00PM in Celebration Hall. Students will be inducted into the National Honor Society and recognized for academic, fine arts and outstanding student awards. Various scholarships will also be presented. The public is welcome to attend the program and reception which follows.

* **Seniors Ethan Raim & Cambridge Hathaway** will present a senior recital/variety show on Saturday May 13 at 7:00PM in Celebration Hall. They will be joined by fellow seniors Cole and Caleb Yoder, the IMS Chamber Singers, and their sisters, Eleya Raim and Raine Hathaway. A reception will follow the performance. The public is invited to attend.

* **Spring Music Concert** Sunday May 14 at 2:30PM in Celebration Hall. The Chorale, Symphonic Band, Chamber Singers and Touring Choir will be performing. All are welcome to attend.

* **The Annual FFA Banquet** Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00PM in the school cafeteria. Sandwiches and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a dessert to share. FFA Awards will be presented, followed by a pie auction beginning at 7:00PM. Please RSVP to Josie Rudolphi (FFA Advisor) by emailing jrudolphi@iowamennonite.org or by calling the IMS office at 319-656-2073. Please RSVP by Monday, May 15. All are welcome.

* **Graduation Exercises** will be held Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. Baccalaureate speaker will be Gloria Villatoro; mother of graduating senior, Anthony. She currently is full-time pastor of Torre Fuerte Mennonite Church, Iowa City. Senior student speakers will be Calli Shaw, daughter of Rich & Angie Shaw and Cole Yoder, son of Randy & Paula Yoder. Commencement speaker will be Amy Gingerich, Hudson, Ohio (IMS '95) who serves as editor at Herald Press books and editorial director at Menno Media. Both services begin at 6:00PM in Celebration Hall.

* **Into The Black: A Ten Year Celebration** Friday, June 9. The entire community is invited to attend this end-of-year fundraiser event that will celebrate the fine arts at IMS through many alumni performances, marking the ten year anniversary of Celebration Hall.

* **The Annual IMS Golf Tournament** Saturday, June 17 at the Kalona Golf Club. Register to play or sponsor at <http://www.iowamennonite.org/golftournament/>

* **Summer camps** We have many camps happening this summer. Check out our website for more information and online registration forms. www.iowamennonite.org/camps