

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
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
My Coins Count helpers	Adrienne Blauvelt, Ava Miller, Annie Troyer, Isaac Beachy

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Scripture Reading: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
 - "My Coins Count" collection
- Sermon: "God's Chosen People"
 - Scripture during meditation: 1 Peter 2:2-10
- 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: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber
 Next Sunday: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 141	
Giving through 5.7.17	
May 7th Giving	\$ 8,228.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 97,304.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,064.70

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Health and Healing: Harold Blosser
- College Students: Jenna Boller, Rebecca Rhodes
- Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and the community.
- From last week's sharing: Sandy Schlabaugh (one year anniversary of sister, Diane's husbands passing)
- Central Plains: Pray for the Mennonite Church in Quito as they search for a pastor. Pray also for the churches seeking pastors in Central Plains.
- Mennonite Mission Network: On this Mother's Day, thank God for all the women who have cared for you and shared God's love with you. Ask God to bless all the mothers in the world with food and homes for their children.
- Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College Bel Canto Singers as they depart for a two-week tour through the Midwest and minister to their audiences through music Pray that God would give them safety as they travel and stay with host families along the way.

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Rebecca Rhodes who graduated yesterday from the University of Iowa with a Degree in English and a minor in Communications!

Thank you everyone for your continued prayer and monetary support for Pastor José and his ministry at Iglesia Zoar. The special offering on Sunday morning April 23 was \$3085.00. Blessings raining down.

Iglesia Zoar Land Purchase Loren and Elvesta Hochstedler have offered to donate the production value from 5 acres of land this coming fall. Proceeds will go to the cost for Iglesia Zoar's land purchase. You can participate in this exciting opportunity by making donations to East Union, for the input costs (fuel, seed, fertilizer/weed control). When writing a check, please put **Land for Land** on the memo line. Any money above the need will go towards the land purchase. Money exceeding the cost of the land purchase will go towards the annual budget. More information is available on the Mission & Service bulletin board. Questions? See Joel Beachy or Greg Schmidt.

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.

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/>

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, May 14

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



Tuesday, May 16

- Church Council meeting 7 pm

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 today, May 14 on the **Sign Up Sheet** located on the table underneath the bulletin board in the foyer.
- **Bridal Shower** The church Bridal Shower for Laura Stoltzfus will be held at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Laura is registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Central Plains Conference Did you participate in our Bible Study Webinars last fall with Meghan Good? Presenter Meghan Good will speak in three worship sessions at Central Plains Annual Meeting June 15-18 in Sioux Falls. Hosted by local Central Plains churches, we will meet at the Spirit of Peace United Church of Christ. Find registration information in your church office and at www.centralplainsmc.org.

Be in prayer for all the graduates of the various Mennonite-related colleges, universities and seminaries who are finishing their academic work this month. Pray that they would be open to God's leading as they follow their call on the next steps of their journeys.

Join a ministry of hospitality and compassion in Germany with Journey International. Germany has taken in more than a million refugees from all over the Middle East in the past few years, and local Mennonite congregations have been actively extending welcome and hospitality to them. There are only two spots left - find out more and sign up today at www.MennoniteMission.net/JourneyInternational, or contact SharonN@MennoniteMission.net.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention young adults and young families out there! Come to The Local Third event! Hosted by Kalona Mennonite young adults at The Home Place Retreat (1881 Hwy 22 Kalona) on May 19th, from 6:30-9-00 pm. Escape Room, live music, bonfires, roasted hotdogs and drinks all provided. Bring your lawn chairs and a dish to share, while you socialize with other locals. You won't want to miss this!

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Sign-up for summer camp by midnight tomorrow May 15 for **EARLY BIRD** registration!

* Summer camp **kitchen volunteers**: To volunteer in the kitchen you can sign up online at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0D4FAFA62EA7FB6-2017. If you have questions email karla@crookedcreekcamp.org

* **NEW** this summer is **Church at Camp** on Sunday, June 18 at 10am. Enjoy worship led by camp summer staff as campers may experience it.

Pleasantview Home

* 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 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!

* It's a *Sweet Night of Music*, both literally and figuratively. *The Old Man Band*, along with *The Young Ramblers & Friends*, will provide the good music; both feature local talent. Carey & Joani Miller, owners of **The Home Place Retreat** (event setting), are providing the desserts. It's an evening of entertainment, fellowship and support of a good cause: **Pleasantview Home**. The event will take place at 6:30 pm on Sat., June 10 (rain date the following evening on June 11), and tickets are available at \$30 each by contacting Pleasantview Home (656-2421). The Home Place Retreat is located at 1881 Hwy. 22 between Kalona and Wellman.

* Looking for purpose? A job at Pleasantview is "a community thing; appreciating resident stories; caring for grandmas and grandpas; mission at work; family atmosphere; learning and growing from everyone; creating moments of joy!" **Open positions: Cook days, Dietary Aide days, RN/LPN Charge Nurse 3rd shift, CNA 2nd shift, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Activity Assistant/Volunteer Coordinator.** All full-time positions include benefit options for health, dental, vision, life and 403 b retirement. Pleasantview is a Christ-centered community that promotes aging well and supports the quality of life for our residents, their families, and our employees. How can you join the Pleasantview team? Contact KarenSchrock@pvhome.org with questions or apply in the main lobby 811 3rd Street Kalona, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or on-line www.pvhome.org

Informational Meeting Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, Ervin Stutzman will hold an informational meeting about the upcoming convention in Orlando on Tuesday, May 30 at 7 pm at Washington Mennonite Church (815 E. Polk St, Washington, IA). Ervin will provide an overview to the agenda for the delegate sessions as well as an orientation to the Future Church Summit process. Delegates and anyone else interested are welcome to attend.

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.

Help with Kalona Summer Lunch. Have Fun. Give Stuff. Great new things are happening at Kalona Summer Lunch! 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 pm, 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.

Iowa Mennonite School

* Spring Music Concert TODAY 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 PM 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 7PM. 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 at 7:30PM. 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. In between the performances, meals will be presented through short vignettes that will be auctioned off.

MCC SALE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MCC Sale Opportunity: The food committee is looking for someone/group to take over the beverage booth for this year's sale. This is an extremely easy booth. It takes 3 people per shift. It can be done with all 1 adult and 2 or 3 kids. It is a great booth to get young people (including "young at heart") involved - Venture Club, Jr. MYF, MYF, Sunday School Class, etc. If you want to know more about this opportunity or you/your group are interested please call Wanda Miller Beachy at 319-683-3983 or 319-330-9344.

BOOKS, DVDs, CDs: We are collecting **gently-used BOOKS** to sell at the Sale. Bestselling books include Children's books, "Bonnet" books, recently published books, mysteries, and newer appearing books. We welcome **children's and family DVDs and music CDs**. We are not including magazines or VHS or cassette tapes. Please place your donations in the collection boxes by the library door.

BAKING Volunteers are needed. **Baking supplies** (styro boards, pans, bags, twisties, boxes, labels) **for cookies, rolls, cakes, pies and sweet breads** are now on the "bakers' table" in the foyer. Sign your name by a number on the sign-up sheet and put that number on each label that you use along with your list of ingredients for whatever you bake. If you bake a gluten free item, then "gluten free" and the kind of flour used must be on the label. Each label's address will be East Union Mennonite Church. Bring your baked items to church by 12 noon on Friday, June 2, and by 8 am on Saturday, June 3, or you may deliver your baked items to the Sale when you go on Friday afternoon. If you have any questions, ask Bruce Harvey (319-656-3009 or bkharvey@kctc.net) or Rebecca Beachy Miller.

Would you please consider giving a couple hours to help with "Book Sales" at the MCC Sale? All books are sold by donation only, so volunteers will assist in receiving the donations and try to keep the books somewhat organized as the customers browse. Go to www.iamccreliefsale.org/volunteering to sign up. Your help is very much appreciated!!

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>