

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	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold
Special Music	Trent, Tammy, Sam & Henry Yoder
My Coins Count helpers	Claire Miller, Sam & Henry Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 47
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 "My Coins Count" collection
 Special Music
 Sermon: "The promise"
 Scripture during meditation: John 14:15-21
 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: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt
 Next Sunday: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 115	Sunday School: 56
Giving through 5.14.17	
May 14th Giving	\$ 4,215.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 101,519.00
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,122.50

PRAYER REMINDERS

At home: Emma Jean Schrock

College Students: Tommy Cikos Rhodes, Joel Beachy

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

From last week's sharing: The passing of Trent Yoder's grandmother, Pauline Miller; Health concerns for Betsy Slabaugh's mother, Twila Schrock; Health concerns for Dorothea Moberly's former classmate, Mike Niffenegger; Avery Blauvelt (moving tribute at track meet for 16 year old, Jace Garner from Danville)

Central Plains: Central Plains Partner in Mission Ted Lewis requests that we pray for his new ministry initiative, the Agape Peace Center in Duluth. See www.agapepeacecenter.com. Pray that the right people will be drawn to the peace education events and be moved not only at the head level but the heart level.

Mennonite Mission Network: Twenty young people will participate in Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture teams this summer. Pray for them as they prepare for experiences with partner communities in Benin, Northern Ireland, and Peru.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for God's spirit to be with Bethel College commencement speaker Aaron Austin and with the 2017 graduates, their families and friends who gather to celebrate with them the completion of their Bethel education.

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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>

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Saturday, May 27

- **You're Invited!** Please come to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Emma Yoder and Colin Brenneman with an "English High Tea" Shower 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.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Nelson, Mary, Ben Miller and all those that helped make the Men's Churrasco a success!

Investing in the Kingdom: As a follow up to Kara's sermon on May 7th, we would love to hear what people have done with their one dollar bill to invest in the Kingdom of God. Whether you have an idea, made a decision on what you are going to do, or already invested it, we would love to hear about it! You can email Kara at joshkarayoder@gmail.com, and the responses will be compiled in June's chronicle.

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.

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/>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Pleasantview Home

* Pleasantview Home will be hosting a monthly Family Support Group for persons whose family member is experiencing dementia. The gatherings will offer support and education and will meet in the Pleasantview Chapel the fourth Thursday of the month from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. This group is open to the community and the family member does not need to live at Pleasantview. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 25 beginning at 4:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Chaplains John King or Dianne Brennehan at 319-656-2421.

* 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 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

Kalona Summer Lunch help needed

Have fun and bless a neighbor this summer!

- * Sign up online to volunteer in the kitchen or with activities, or to provide food at goo.gl/zp77ap or call Amy at 656-3916.
- * For info on helping as a team from your church or with a friend, go to our website: foodforallkalona.weebly.com or email foodforallkalona@gmail.com.
- * Monetary donations can be sent to Food for All, PO Box 553, Kalona.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Graduation Exercises** will be held Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. Baccalaureate speaker is 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 is 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. We have added more acts and meals. Check out the updated list on Facebook.

* **The Annual IMS Golf Tournament** Saturday, June 17 at the Kalona Golf Club. Register to play or sponsor at <http://www.iowamennonite.org/golftournament/> or by emailing jours@iowamennonite.org. This year we have a lot of great players gifts so come out and join us for golf and lunch provided by Freeman Foods in Wellman.

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

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Central Plains Conference Did you miss our Bible Study Webinars last fall with Meghan Good? Come and hear Meghan teach in three worship sessions at Annual Meeting 2017, June 15-18 in Sioux Falls. Register both adults and children and even pay online at www.centralplainsmc.org.

The MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, Kansas is running particularly low on the following items: bottles of shampoo (13-24 oz.), bars of infant friendly/mild soap, infant sleepers/onesies (sizes 3-9 months), men's crew socks (white). Without these items, various kits cannot be completed so we need your help! Kit items can be dropped off at 121 E. 30th in North Newton or purchased online (Amazon Smile or other online retailers) and shipped directly to MCC. Questions? Please contact Kate Mast 316.283.2720, katemast@mcc.org.