

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	Larry & Carolyn Detweiler
Sermon	Tammy Yoder
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
Children's Time	Sarah & Greg Yoder

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31 - 33
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Weeds and Other Necessities"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

Coffee and fellowship time at Summer 2nd Hour

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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: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt
 Next Sunday: Doug Stoltzfus & Drew Blauvelt

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 93	
Giving through 6.25.17	
June 25th Giving	\$ 3,935.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 133,912.67
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,289.47

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder

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

Central Plains: Pray for all our sisters and brothers from across Mennonite Church USA who are gathered in Orlando, Florida, this coming week for convention and delegate assembly. Pray especially for God's guidance of those in leadership and of the Future Church Summit.

Mennonite Mission Network: Trinity Baptist Church in Ukraine is hosting a summer camp for adults with disabilities. Mary Raber of Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for this ministry as participants don't get opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. "War has made life even more difficult for people with disabilities and their families." she said.

Mennonite Education Agency Pray for the five Hesston College Disaster Management students serving in field experience terms with Mennonite Disaster Service in several locations across the country. Pray that their work and presence would help bring hope and healing to those with whom they work and serve

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

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. July 10, Sept. 11, and Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com for more information.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Too hot to cook? Let the youth and their families from Kalona Mennonite Church do it for you today! Menu is grilled pork burgers, potato salad, calico baked beans, coleslaw, chips, fresh fruit salad and brownie and ice cream bar. Donation basis for meal and to help support the youth service trip to Camp Deerpark in Westbrookville, NY. Serving from 11:45 to 1:00 PM.

Keepers of the Faith, a southern gospel quartet from Puyallup, Washington, is returning to Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church on Friday, July 14th for a 7 pm concert. A freewill offering will be taken.

The Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 7 p.m., at Kalona Mennonite Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Reports will be given, evaluations received, and election of new board members will take place.

Crowded Closet

* Support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) at Crowded Closet Thrift Shop as a volunteer! MCC Thrift Shops in the US and Canada contribute 25% of the funds MCC needs each year. Current volunteer openings include the following: Saturday Cashier, Retail Assistant, Furniture Processor, Landscaping, and more! Groups welcome. Contact Christine Maust Beachy, Volunteer Coordinator, 319-337-5924 or crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

* The Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a Presort Assistant. To our donors, presort staff serve as the face of Crowded Closet, and therefore, must provide excellent customer service, greeting, assisting, and thanking each donor. Throughout the day, the Presort Assistant leads the presort area by focusing on the organization of donations and by providing a high level of support for presort volunteers in order to maintain the flow of donation processing. This position requires long periods of standing, bending, carrying. Must be able to lift and carry 30-50 pounds regularly. Qualified candidates should have strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Please contact the Executive Director at crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com or call 319-337-5924.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **THANK YOU** Our fiscal year has ended and IMS would like to thank all of our supporting churches, those that support IMS through their congregations, and especially those that have chosen to go beyond this commitment and give directly to IMS. Without your collective dedication to the mission of IMS, we wouldn't be able to provide the IMS experience for our students. We truly appreciate the significant level of support we receive year after year from our generous community.

* **SUMMER CAMPS** Are you wanting to be creative over the summer? Sign up for our **Art and Creative Camps** in July. Juanita Benedict will lead a Mystery Camp for students entering grades 4-5 and a Toy Maker Camp for grades 5-6. Mystery Camp is July 17-21 from 1:00-3:00PM and Toy Maker Camp is July 24-27 from 9:00-11:30AM.

* Bryn Hovde will lead **Digital Sculpture and Digital Painting** for students entering grades 6-12. These camps will be July 17-21 with sculpture from 10:00AM-12:00PM and painting from 1:00-3:00PM.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Thank you for your continued prayers for the ministry of camp and 6th-7th grade camp starting today.

* **NEWSLETTER CORRECTION: Senior Day** will be Thursday, **October 12, 2017, not Oct 5**. This will be an event you are sure to enjoy! More details coming. Is there an age limit? NO! Any adult can attend this day of music, stories and lunch.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday July 2

- The Koinonia class is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

SUMMER 2ND HOUR

Today Sunday, July 2 - Parable Activities Come join us for an opportunity to continue to explore the parable of the lost sheep and together find the treasures that Jesus wants us to find. This will be an intergenerational activity, with something for everyone. We will share around our tables and then with the group.

Next Sunday, July 9 - Round Table Activity Come join us for an opportunity to continue to explore the parable of the Lost Sheep and together find the treasure that Jesus is wanting us to find. This will be an intergenerational activity, where we share around our tables and then with the whole group.

Sunday, July 16 - Convention Sharing/Potluck Brunch This Sunday's activity will begin with a time of sharing by the delegates who attended the Central Plains annual meeting & MCUSA convention. Once they're done, we'll enjoy a twist on our traditional potluck—a *brunch* potluck! Egg casseroles, baked oatmeal, muffins, breads, donuts, scones, rolls, fruit...the possibilities are endless! Please bring your favorite brunch dish... and come hungry!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Pastor Joel will be out of the office this week as he is attending convention in Orlando, Florida.

Office Closed on Tuesday, July 4 due to the Holiday.

Congratulations to Emma Yoder, daughter of Dave & Lisa Yoder, and Colin Brenneman who were married Saturday, June 24. We wish them God's richest blessings in their future together.

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.