

# 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	Loren & Elvesta Hochstedler
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder, Quartet & Youth
Children's Time	Lois Gugel

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Back to School Blessing  
 Children's Time  
 Sermon: "Sheep or Goats, what's the difference?"  
 Song of Response  
 Communion  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction

Coffee and fellowship time at Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Deb Miller & Avery Blauvelt  
 Next Sunday: Judy Showalter & Sarena Gerber

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 130	
<b>Giving through 8.6.17</b>	
August 6th Giving	\$ 5,420.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 163,718.92
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,686.00

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Parkview Manor:** Ervin Miller & Nora Dickel

**IgleFrom last week's sharing:** Steve Groenewold (Ella's RTV accident); Trent Yoder (Camp Creamery); Steve Schrag (IMS senior class trip, faculty, gas explosion at Minnehaha Academy); Greg Yoder (Nancy Rodriguez Amezquita, from Iglesia Centro Cristiano, passing from cancer)

**Central Plains:** This week, conference minister Tim Detweiler attends a board meeting for Lombard Mennonite Peace Center. Pray for Tim as he travels and the board as they meet.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Alisha and Josh Garber are beginning an assignment in Spain with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they adapt to a new language and culture and as they serve alongside the leaders of the Barcelona Mennonite Church, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Searching for an exciting way to serve?** MCC is urgently searching for a Canner Operator, with CDL truck driving experience, to travel with the mobile cannery before the season begins in October. Canner Operators travel to 30 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For more information please contact John Hillegass at [johnhillegass@mcc.org](mailto:johnhillegass@mcc.org) or (717) 859-1151.

**Jordan Penner joins MCC Central States** as the new Donor Relations Associate, working from Denver, Colorado! Prior to accepting this position, Jordan, along with his wife Jenny, served with MCC in Bolivia. We are excited to have Jordan join our staff and hope you get to meet him soon!

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Songfest 2017**, sponsored by the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches will be held at Lower Deer Creek Church on August 27, 2017. Pie and ice cream will be served beginning at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6:15 p.m. Each council member church will provide drama, music, or other entertainment! Free-will donations will go to a fund used by CMPC to help people who have contacted a member church for assistance.

**Crowded Closet** Looking for part time employment? Enjoy greeting people and sorting for treasures? Join the Crowded Closet team as a Presort Assistant. Job includes some Saturdays, competitive wage and best of all giving to MCC as you work! Call or email Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924, [crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com](mailto:crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com).

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

\* August 20 at 6:00pm: Lift your glad voices and sing! Join us for our annual hymn Sing and (deluxe) S'mores at Sunset Shelter by the pond.

\* August 29 at 5:00-7:00pm: Celebrate with the Crooked Creek Christian Camp community at our new Welcome Center. While you visiting have a burger and homemade ice cream at Sunset Shelter. Come and enjoy the evening with us!

**Iowa Mennonite School** Please remember IMS in prayer as we begin the 2017-18 school year on August 23. We have all positions filled and are looking forward to another great year serving our students in such a supportive community.

**The Home Place Retreat will be hosting Sweet Sundae Serenade**, a homemade ice cream sundae bar, to raise funds as part of the MCC Relief Sale on Sunday, September 10 at 3 pm. The public is invited to come enjoy live music. This is a donation event; no tickets are needed. The Home Place Retreat is located between Wellman and Kalona, on the south side of the road: 1881 Highway 22.

**Last season, Food for All's Sunday Suppers** brought joy and good food to many in Kalona. We'd like to maintain this program, and maybe even add a weeknight. Would you, your church, or a small group you're a part of be willing to provide a main dish and a side? We prefer you prepare at Kalona Methodist (it's a wonderful kitchen), if possible. And that way you can join us for supper and a movie. For information, contact Amy at [foodforallkalona@gmail.com](mailto:foodforallkalona@gmail.com) or 656-3916.

*Bulletin announcements should be in the office by 9:30 am on Fridays. You may email your announcements to Crystal at: [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net) or place them in the Office Manager mailbox.*

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### **Today, Sunday August 13**

- Blessing for students going back to school
- Celebrating communion in our morning worship service
- There will be baskets at the front and the back during the service for an opportunity to give to the Sharing Fund.
- Following the service today we will have a brief time of blessing for the newly completely prayer room for anyone who is interested.
- Enjoy fellowship and home-cooked Mexican food while helping to off-set costs for our weekend with Bryan Moyer Suderman! Today after Summer 2nd Hour you are invited to Wellman Mennonite Church where Ignacio and Melitza Jimenez will be catering a meal in support of our joint-church event, it's a win-win! Cost will be by free-will donation.

### **Tuesday, August 15**

- Church council meeting 7 pm

### **Saturday, August 19**

- Courage Ride

## SUMMER 2<sup>ND</sup> HOUR

### **Sunday, August 13 - Round Table Activity**

Come join us for an opportunity to engage the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats through activities and conversation in a round table format. All ages are encouraged to examine the actions that Jesus distinguishes between the sheep and the goats. How will we take this challenge into our week?

### **Sunday, August 20 - Our Parables - Intergenerational Stories**

Gather around the table to hear and learn from each other as we share stories of our lives and faith. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

### **Saturday, August 26 & Sunday, August 27 - Camp East Union/Potluck**

Camp East Union with all activities at East Union. Pizza at 5:30 Saturday, followed by games and activities for all ages, an outdoor movie, and popcorn. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside the library if you will be there for pizza so we know how much to order. If you wish, camp outside on our lawn overnight.

Sunday morning worship (outside) at 10:00 (note time and please bring your own lawn chairs). Jim Brenneman will give the message. Potluck lunch will follow in the fellowship hall. Please bring ready-to-go dishes so that no one has to be in the kitchen during the worship service. Consider sandwiches, cold sides and salads, desserts, finger food, etc. Crockpots are okay too. Please bring your own table service.

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP** - Beat the heat for a SECOND sing in August and join us on Friday, August 25th, at 7:00PM in the air conditioned East Union foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! The acoustics are lively, the people are cool, and the harmonies are extraordinary. This a cappella, 4-part early American sacred music stirs your soul. All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy Yoder at [greeneearth@kctc.net](mailto:greeneearth@kctc.net) or Warren Yoder at [dubyoder@gmail.com](mailto:dubyoder@gmail.com).

**Congratulations** to Laura Stoltzfus, daughter of Doug & Pam Stoltzfus, and Aarion Jones, who were married Saturday, August 5. We wish them God's richest blessing in their future together!

**Save the date!** Monday, September 18th East Union will be hosting a Senior Saints activity.

**Bridal Shower** A bridal shower will be held for Gretchen Geyer on Monday, August 28 at 7 p.m. Gretchen and Thomas are registered at Target and Amazon, the Community Country Store Annex, or you can contribute to a 'furniture fund' or 'travel treasury.'

**School Kits for MCC** The store shelves have been stocked with school supplies. Now is the time to buy while the selection is great! This will be a church wide project throughout the month of August put on by the Mennonite Women. All items are due by Sunday, August 27. Each kit includes:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 ½ x 11 inches and 70 pages)
- 8 unsharpened #2 pencils
- 1 flat, flexible plastic ruler (30cm & 12 inch markings)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)



**Change of address:** Barb Schlabach is now at 619 Pleasantview Circle in Kalona

**Correction!** In the August edition of the Chronicle, the Senior Citizens dinner was listed as being held at Lower Deer Creek. It will in fact be held at **Kalona Mennonite Church** with LDC as host.

### **An opportunity coming up at East Union:**

Sunday school teachers and small group leaders, would you like some practical tips on how to prepare for and facilitate Bible studies? Plan to join the free webinars that Central Plains conference is offering this fall. Please reserve these dates: September 26, October 24 and November 28. More information coming soon.

**College Students Prayer List** If you have a family member taking classes this fall and would like to add them to the East Union college student list and prayer rotation, please email their name, name of college they are attending, address and phone number to Crystal at [eucares@kctc.net](mailto:eucares@kctc.net). We will be finalizing the list in the next couple of weeks and would love to support our students in prayer and other ways during the coming school year. Thank you!

**Sunday School Teachers Needed:** Please contact Sarah, Kim B or Carrie S to arrange to teach a Primary/Junior Sunday School class. We are in need of adult teachers for a Kindergarten-2nd grade class, 3rd-5th grade class and a Junior Youth 6th-8th grade class. The Sunday School classes start on Sunday, Sept. 3.

**Gift Discernment** We are happy to report that all of the positions on the recent ballot for the 2017 - 2018 year have been approved. We are still filling a few remaining positions. Thank you to all who have served faithfully in their positions and are now finished with their term. They are as follows:

Jeff Swartzentruber, Elder  
Greg Schmidt, Church Council Moderator  
Will Miller, Adult SS Superintendent  
Grace Rempel, Worship Committee  
Rachel Yoder, Library Committee  
Carrie Schmidt, Nurture Committee  
Catrina Miiller, Bible School Committee  
Loretta Kauffman, Extension/la Mennonite Benevolent Assoc,  
Nelson Miller, Delegate Central Plains Conference  
Janet Geyer, Missions & Service Communicator  
Catrina Miiller, Gift Discernment Committee  
Ken Yoder, MDS Representative  
Marv Hershberger, Head Usher  
Angie Beary, Head Usher  
MYF, Assistant Ushers  
Dale & Linda Miller, Service Committee  
Ed & Jane Miller, Service Committee  
Judy Showalter, Girl's Venture Club  
Allison Troyer, Youth Advocate Coordinators

Thank  
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