

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	Grace Rempel
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder, Quartet & Youth
Children's Time	Doyle & Janet Geyer

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Unwavering persistence"
 Song of Response
 Communion
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

Coffee and fellowship time at Summer 2nd Hour

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: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

PRAYER REMINDERS

Oaknoll Retirement Home: Edna Yoder

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

From last week's sharing: Anna Yoder (nephew, Larry Bontrager, health concerns); Emily Yoder (praise for her health, grandmother Thelma passing); Larry Detweiler (Noah & Edna Helmuth remembering East Union); Sally Miller (Emily and boys are back in CO, Will in new school); Lonnie Yoder (Charlottesville, EllaMae in hospital); Jeff Boller (Jenna returning to Hesston); Loren & Elvesta Hochstedler (Toby Chen from China living with them during the school year); Carey Miller (IVEP - Danny from Bangladesh working at Crowded Closet); Matt Miller (teaching lower level math and requesting support for supplies, snacks, etc.)

Central Plains: Pray for Mennonite sisters and brothers in Venezuela where the political situation is in crisis, adding to the stress of hunger, joblessness and homelessness. Pray for peace in Venezuela and for wisdom and strength for Jesus' disciples there.

Mennonite Mission Network: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons spent July in North America speaking on behalf of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they return to South Africa, working with Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to achieve 2020 vision; 20 trained conflict mediators in 20 communities by 2020.

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CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Attention Women: Central Plains Women's Retreat at Swan Lake Christian Camp, Viborg, SD on September 16 & 17. "Meeting Women in the Bible Again for the First Time" will be presented by Ruth Harder, pastor of Rainbow Mennonite Church in Kansas City, KS.

Bring a friend and enjoy a weekend of inspiration, relaxation, interest sessions and fellowship in a retreat setting. A coffee house is planned for Saturday evening - a time for socializing and sharing music, poetry, stories, photos, hobbies or crafts. Registration due Sept. 2 by email, text or phone to Kim Jones at fishmenno87@gmail.com, 515-835-0338 or 605-925-7186. See poster for details.

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

August 20th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Wednesday, August 23

- Senior Citizens Dinner at Kalona Mennonite Church

Friday, August 25

- **SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP** - Beat the heat for a SECOND sing in August and join us at 7:00PM in the air conditioned East Union foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Saturday, August 26

- Camp East Union (see bulletin announcement)

Next Sunday, August 27

- Camp East Union

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 123	
Giving through 8.13.17	
August 13th Giving	\$ 3,760.30
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 167,479.22
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,839.99

SUMMER 2ND HOUR

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 13 - CHOW

Please note that CHOW is now on the 2nd Wednesday of the month this year (except for March due to spring breaks)

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who came to or dropped off gifts for my bridal shower this past weekend. It was great to see everyone and celebrate my upcoming wedding with my church family. Jake and I truly appreciate all of your kind words, blessings, gifts, and thoughts as we prepare for our marriage. Thank you. Aimee Moberly & Jake Forgie

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 NEXT 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)



The Gift Discernment Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the following people to fill the position beside their name(s). Ballots to affirm these names are in your mailboxes and are due on Sunday, September 3.

MYF Sponsors - Warren & Emily Yoder

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. 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: Thank you to those who have volunteered to teach fall quarter. We are thrilled to start the new school year on Sunday, September 3rd! There are teaching opportunities for all grades during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter this year so please contact Sarah or Carrie S if you are interested in teaching a Primary/Junior Sunday School in the future.

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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * TODAY at 6:00pm is Sing and S'mores! Hymn singing and deluxe s'mores
- * Coming up August 29 from 5-7pm is a camp open house and supper. Burgers and homemade ice cream near the pond. A dedication of the Welcome Center will take place at 5:45pm

Iowa Mennonite School

- * IMS will begin its 73rd year of classes on August 23.
- * New Student & Family Orientation is on August 22 at 7:00PM
- * The All-School Retreat will happen all day on August 24 at Crooked Creek Christian Camp in Washington
- * IMS All-Parent Meeting will take place on August 28 at 7:00PM

The Home Place Retreat will be hosting Sweet Sundaes 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.

Pleasantview Home

- * Pleasantview Home will host a monthly Family Support Group for persons whose family member is experiencing dementia. The next meeting will be held in Miller Chapel on Thursday, Aug. 24 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.
- * Come see Pastor Chris O'Loughlin - aka the 'Cowboy Preacher' - share the Gospel with a western twist at Pleasantview Home! From Texas, Pastor Chris brings his laid back style of ministry to the Friendship Center at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 22. All are welcome to attend.