

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	Jim Brennehan
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Praise Band
Children's Time	Joel Beachy

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Interview: The Family of God
 Sermon: "Stories from Iglesia Zoar"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

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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: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller
 Next Sunday: TBD

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 110	
Giving through 8.20.17	
August 20th Giving	\$ 4,965.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 172,444.22
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 6,944.15

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home: Emma Jean Schrock

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

Central Plains: Pray for Keith Slater as he prepares to lead three webinars to equip Central Plains members to facilitate Bible studies. Pray for the inspiration and leading of the Holy Spirit on all who plan for and participate in the webinars, that we might be transformed by our study of the Bible.

Mennonite Mission Network: Deb Byler, based in the Indiana office, has served Mennonite Mission Network in worker care for many years. Now, she is returning to Guatemala to minister alongside women leaders in the Kekchi Mennonite Church. Pray for Deb as she renews relationships and encourages women to use their gifts.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

HELP DISPLACED PEOPLE IN DR CONGO: Armed conflict in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo has displaced 1.4 million people, including 8,000 Mennonites. A Congolese assessment team visited this summer and found a severe lack of food and increasing malnutrition. Families had to leave their fields and animals when they fled the violence, and food that is available for purchase is very expensive. An Anabaptist response is underway, shaped and implemented by Congolese Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren church-based relief committees, coordinated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and supported by global and Canada- and U.S.-based Anabaptist organizations. Your gift of money will help provide food, household items and shelter supplies. Make your donation online at mcc.org/congo-relief or by phone, 1-888-563-4676; mail checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501. Please keep those who have been forced from their homes, and those hosting them, in your prayers.

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health concerns Bea Knepp had surgery on Monday, August 22 for stomach cancer. She is recovering in Joplin, MO hospital. Cards may be sent to her home at 54250 E 200 Rd., Afton, OK 74331.

The Mennonite Women would like to invite all ladies to participate in comfort knotting and quilting night on Wednesday, September 6th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have never quilted before this is a great time to learn! For more information or questions you can contact Jane or Rebecca.

Please join us! We're beginning a Women's Bible study at East Union! It will usually be held at the church on Sunday afternoons at 3:00, except we'll **meet at 1:30 on the the first Sunday (9/10)**. We'll be studying Ruth, Esther, & Ephesians so all you need is your Bible! Please see the flyer in your mailboxes today for more information & contact Christine, Karen, Emily M., or Allison if you have any questions.

Adult Sunday School returns Summer 2nd Hour is winding down and the return of Adult Sunday School is just around the corner! Do you have ideas for the new year or elective suggestions? Are you interested in joining a different class or the possibility of combining classes? Interested in teaching or facilitating a class? Let us know! Please contact Joe Schmidt (joeschmidt77@gmail.com / 319-656-4411) or Donald Zook (dvzook@juno.com / 319-683-2623). Thank you.

Gift Discernment If you haven't already done so, please fill out the ballot forms from last Sunday and place them in the Gift Discernment box located underneath the mailboxes in the foyer. They are due next Sunday, September 3. Thank you!

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.

*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 27th Bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, August 27

- Camp East Union. Potluck lunch will follow service in the fellowship hall.
- Items for MCC School kits due today

Monday, August 28

- **Bridal Shower** for Gretchen Geyer. 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.'

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)

Monday, September 18 - Senior Saints Day

Save the date! More information coming soon!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Songfest 2017, sponsored by the Council of Mid-Prairie Churches will be held at Lower Deer Creek Church TODAY. 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 THIS TUESDAY, August 29 from 5-7pm is an open house and supper. Burgers and homemade ice cream near the pond. A dedication of the Welcome Center will take place at 5:45pm.

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.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Homecoming & Alumni Family Weekend** will take place on campus Oct 13-15. Events will include alumni volleyball and soccer games, Joetown Classic, food fundraiser by the PTO with outdoor music by The Young Ramblers, Annual Pork Supper, and a community worship service. Campus will be open all weekend for tours and for classes to meet.

* **The Joetown Classic** 5K run walk will take place on Saturday October 14 at IMS. Go to iowamennonite.org/joetown-classic for details and to register.