

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	Dale & Charlene Rhodes
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey & Ian Schmidt
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 26:1-8
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sermon: "Living as a distinct community"
 Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21
 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: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 130	
Giving through 8.27.17	
August 27th Giving	\$ 4,768.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 177,212.22
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 7,072.16

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Tuesday, September 5

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Karen Harvey. The topic will be: 'Speak.' Our project will be money for Relief Kits. Lunch will be provided. (Pizza)

PRAYER REMINDERS

Health & Healing: Harold Blosser
College Students: Jenna Boller, Mariah Swartzentruber
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
MCUSA: Pray those who are affected by Hurricane Harvey and all those who are working to respond.
Central Plains: Pray that God will make a way for the Max and Gloria Villatoro family to be reunited. We invite you to fast and pray for the Villatoros on Tuesday of this week.
Mennonite Mission Network: Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops, and in worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the "healing of the nations."

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

#ActionAlert from MCC - All the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resources Centers in the U.S. need a combined total of 7000 comforters by November! Yes, you read that right, 7000 comforters are needed to fulfill the requests from MCC partner organizations in Iraq, North Korea and Syria! Save the dates to join the effort at the MCC Mini Comforter Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton, Kansas on September 29 and 30. Check mcc.org/comforter-blitz for more details, or contact katemast@mcc.org, 316.283.2720.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Medicare Monday's People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Monday's*, 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. 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.

Fall meeting of the Crowded Closet Association will be held Monday, Sep 18, 7:00pm at Washington Mennonite Church. All volunteers and interested persons are invited to attend and learn of the latest happenings at the Closet.

WELCOME THE STRANGER: Exploring Biblical View of Immigration is a training opportunity at SUGAR CREEK MENNONITE CHURCH, 1209 Franklin Ave., Wayland, IA on Saturday, September 23 from 10 am-3 pm. Immigration has become one of the most important and complex issues of our day. While often portrayed as a political issue, immigration is fundamentally an issue about people including those in our churches, workplace and school. Come hear what the Bible has to say about immigration, recent immigration policies, common questions about immigrants and ways we can respond. To registration, complete the digital form at bit.ly/WaylandWTS.

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.

Pleasantview Home - NEEDED: A beef or donations towards the purchase and processing of a beef which will be sold in frozen packages at the Pleasantview Home Benefit sale Nov. 3 and 4. If you or your Sunday School class would like to contribute, please contact Nyle Kauffman (354-3304) or Larry Swartzendruber (656-2421). Also, please be thinking about what you might contribute to the silent and/or live auction. And make plans to attend the events in November!

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday during the service we will be commissioning the new Gift Discernment roles for the 2017-2018 church year.

For anyone interested, Denny & Becky Yoder have sweet corn available on the bench in the foyer. A basket will be provided for donations with all proceeds going to MCC & MDS for those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

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.

Calling all women! The Women's Bible study group will meet here at East Union on Sunday afternoons at 3, beginning 9/10 & going through 10/29. Please join us! We'll be looking at Ruth, Esther, & Ephesians, as well as having a time of sharing each week. We're excited to study these scriptures together & strengthen friendships within the church. *Please note the time change for the 1st session:* we'll meet at **1:30** so you can also go to the Sweet Sundaes Serenade! Please talk to Christine, Karen, Emily M., or Allison if you have any questions or to let us know you're coming!

Calling all parents of Jr. MYF students There will be a parent meeting in the Jr. MYF youth room following worship on Sunday, September 10th for all parents of students in 6-8th grades. We will meet briefly to handout a tentative schedule of events and collect contact information. We look forward to seeing you there! - Jon & Carrie

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 13 - CHOW

The first CHOW event for the new school year will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:00 pm in the pavilion. Hotdogs, drinks, and place settings will be provided, please bring sides to go along with the hotdogs. We will have a basket for donations to cover the cost of hotdogs, buns, condiments, and drinks. After dinner there will be hayrides for all ages and making s'mores when you return from the hayrides.

Monday, September 18 - Senior Saints Day

Come hear stories from the early days of East Union to the present, as remember our Goodly Heritage. An invitation will be in mailboxes next Sunday.

Sunday, October 8 - Guest Host Night or Noon

Guest Host Night or Noon is scheduled for Sunday October 8 with Saturday evening, October 7th also an option to meet this time. Look for more information next week.