

# 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	Tammy Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook, Sam & Henry Yoder
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Congregational Singing  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:33-40  
 Announcements  
 Commissioning - Honoring our gifts  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Sermon: "Work it out between you"  
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:15-20  
 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: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder  
 Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 111	
<b>Giving through 9.3.17</b>	
September 3rd Giving	\$ 4,328.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 181,540.22
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 7,243.67

## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to Gretchen Geyer, daughter of Doyle & Janet Geyer, and Thomas Leonard who were married on Saturday, September 2. We wish them God's richest blessings in their future together.

**Thank you for your generous donations.** \$185 dollars was raised for Hurricane Harvey! Denny and Becky

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Pleasantview Home:** Nita Miller, Clayton White  
**College Students:** Thomas & Gabriela Cikos Rhodes  
**Iglesia Zoar:** Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.  
**Central Plains:** Next weekend in Freeman, South Dakota, the Central Plains conference board will meeting jointly with the Christian Formation, Pastoral Leadership, Outreach & Service and Discernment Committees. Pray for these meetings and for Sid Burkey of Milford, Nebraska, who is our new moderator.  
**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.  
**Mennonite Education Agency:** **Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas**  
 • Pray for Rachel Waltner Goossen, speaking on conscientious objection during World War I, and Bethel College's Kauffman Museum staff, opening a new special exhibit this afternoon.

## Commissioning

**Leader:** Through the Spirit, God gives many gifts, all of them useful in building the church. God calls all of us to the ministry of reconciliation. Each of us thus shares in the servanthood of all.

*(To commissioned)* As you accept your service assignments, your tasks become our tasks, your covenant becomes our covenant. We therefore join in this commissioning charge.

**People:** **We commission you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As you serve, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of God has come near.” Call people to faith in Christ. Care for the sick in body and soul. Be messengers of the healing and victory over evil that comes with God’s powerful reign.**

*Commissioned:* *With joy, we accept this charge and count ourselves as ambassadors for Christ, bearing the message of reconciliation, forgiveness, and a new creation in Christ.*

**People:** **As God’s spirit calls and the church commissions, the servants of Christ are scattered in places of need. We accept your service as an extension of this congregation and pledge our support to make your ministry effective. We join you in affirming the priority of Christ’s kingdom. May God protect and strengthen you in all circumstances, and grant you a deep love for those whom you serve. We will keep praying for you, that Christ may be seen through you in word and deed.**

—John H. Mosemann (1967), in the *The Mennonite Hymnal* (HP, 1969), 732 (adapted). Based on 1 Cor. 12-14; Matt. 10:5-8; Juke 9:2; 2 Cor. 5:18-20

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## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### *Sunday, September 10*

- **Commissioning-** Today we commission all those that are taking on or continuing church roles through the Gift Discernment process for the 2017-18 church year. Let us hold everyone who serves East Union and the broader community up in prayer this year for their ministry in the congregation and in the world.
- Jr MYF parent meeting following worship in the Jr. MYF room.
- **Today is the day!** The Women's Bible study group will meet here THIS afternoon at **1:30** (different time than the flyer!) to begin our study on Ruth! We hope you can join us. Please talk to Christine, Karen, Emily M., or Allison if you have any questions or need us to convince you to come!

### *Wednesday, September 13*

- **CHOW** - Hotdogs, drinks, and place settings will be provided, please bring sides to go along with the hotdogs. We will have a basket for donations. After dinner there will be hayrides for all ages and making s'mores when you return from the hayrides.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *Monday, September 18 - Senior Saints Day*

Come hear stories from the early days of East Union to the present, as we remember our Goodly Heritage. Invitations are in mailboxes.

### *Sunday, October 8 - Guest Host Night or Noon (or Sat evening, Oct 7)*

*What is guest-host night or noon?*

- It is a designated Sunday where people in the church are invited to someone’s house for a light meal and a few hours together. Sometimes they play games; sometimes they visit. It is a fun time getting to know each other better. This time we are adding Saturday evening as an option.
- You decide if you want to participate. We hope you do! You must sign up to be included, but all, including children, are invited.

*When is it?* October 7 or 8, at a time to be arranged by your host

*How do we get involved?*

- A sign-up form is in your box today with extras on the table at the back of the sanctuary.
- You indicate on the form if you want to be a host or a guest (don't feel bad if you are unable to host! We cannot all be hosts, and you can take your turn another time!)
- You indicate if you will be able to do Saturday evening or Sunday noon or Sunday evening meal. We'd like to know your first choice as well as all times that you could make work.
- You indicate how many people you can accommodate as a host or how many people from your family will attend as guests
- Place your form in the basket at the back of the church
- A committee will assign guests to hosts, keeping in mind the number that can be accommodated
- You will be notified who your guests are or who your host is

Questions? Ask Tammy Yoder or Grace Rempel

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**REVIVE Iowa** On Tuesday, September 19 a group from Time to Revive of Dallas, Texas will be in the area for three days preparing to bring their movement here in January. They will begin with an open meeting at Kalona United Methodist Church on Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. An open meeting for High School and College Age Youth will be held at Pathway School at 7 pm on Wednesday, September 20. The Group will include Nate Beachy from Florida, Steve Bachman and Jason Revels from Indiana.

**Kalona MOPS** is in need of childcare workers from 8:30 -11:45 AM the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. If this is something you would like to donate your time to and bless a mother with some kid-free mommy time, please call Mary Beth Miller, 319-430-9226.

**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.

**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](mailto:cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com) for more information.

**The first Central Plains Bible Study Webinar** is coming soon! Join us at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 26, for *Don't Mourn or Weep: Goals and problems*. We'll start with how leaders can contribute to a good study and move on to addressing the biggest challenges leaders encounter. These free webinars are especially for Sunday School teachers of youth and adults or facilitators of small groups, but anyone is welcome. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars 2017 page at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org) by Thursday, Sept 21.

### ***Crooked Creek Christian Camp***

\* We're excited to welcome our newest staff person and one-year volunteer Kayle Kroeker! Kayle is no stranger to camp life having grown up at Swan Lake Christian Camp. Kayle will be living at Crooked Creek and working as a volunteer in various positions at camp. If you see Kayle, be sure to say hi!

\* SENIOR DAY is October 12 with musician and story-teller Paul Siebert. Paul is a musician, song writer and story-teller. Hailing from Lincoln, Nebraska, Paul travels a five state area sharing music and stories that include venues such as history re-enactments, weddings, nursing homes, schools and coffeehouses. You are likely to hear a song you love with a wide range of musical ability playing pop, rock 'n roll, country, gospel to folk music on one of his 8 instruments. Come to Crooked Creek to tap your toes and clap your hands as you listen to Paul Siebert lighten your day! Open to whoever wants

to have a fun day register at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/senior-day.html>

### ***Iowa Mennonite School***

\* The 2017-18 school wide theme is *'Come & Worship'* and the chapel committee is working with the theme *'Worship is....'* Each week we will emphasize the variety of ways we can connect to God. Chapels happen from 9:49-10:09AM. All are welcome.

\* **Ice Cream Social Tuesday Sept 12** for prospective students in 6-8th grade and their families following the varsity volleyball game (around 8:00PM). Join us for the game and then ice cream. You will get to meet students from our National Honor Society, our volleyball team, and our cross country team. We hope to see you there!

\* **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, and the Annual Pork Supper. Campus will be open all weekend for tours and for classes to meet. **\*Note a change - we will not be having a worship service Sunday morning. Instead there will be a Hymn Sing in Celebration Hall at 7:30PM (after the Pork Supper).**

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

\* Practice has begun for the fall musical, *Anne of Green Gables* directed by Alisa Kandel and Michael Swartzendruber. There will be performances on Nov 4 and 5.

### ***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!

\* The **Pleasantview Benefit Sale** will be **November 3 and 4 at IMS** in a similar format to last year. How can YOU help? Volunteer to help serve a meal, serve on the breakfast committee, bake for the bake sale, donate a monetary gift, or donate auction items such as: quilts (to be donated by Sep. 16 at Stitch 'n Sew Cottage), meals in homes, hand-made items, gift certificates, donations of labor, themed baskets, a batch of soup or a dessert delivered every month for 6-12 months, etc. **We would like non-perishable items before October 30<sup>th</sup> to put pictures on pvhome.org.** For more info, contact: Nyle (chair) and Lauralee Kauffman (319-354-3304), Julie Gingerich (319-325-5540) (Carl and Donna Darby (319-887-7097), Kris Brennenan (319-683-2661), Pam Hochstedler (319-656-3558), Grace Rempel (319-683-2681), or Larry Swartzendruber at Pleasantview (319-656-2421). Thank you!

\* Pleasantview's September "Aging Well" program will feature personnel from the Kalona Public Library, sharing about digital information, online resources, and more! All are welcome to attend the session in Pleasantview's

Friendship Center on Tuesday, September 12, from 10:00-11:00 am. Call PV for more information: 319-656-2421.