

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	Joani Miller
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Announcements
 Congregational Singing
 First Fruits Offering
 Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11
 Children's Time
 Confession/Reconciling: *back of bulletin*
 Sermon: "Grace as a Matter of Perspective"
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

Sunday School

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: Lisa Schmidt & Grace Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 123	Sunday School: 92
Giving through 9.17.17	
Special offering - Iglesia Zoar	\$ 2,810.00
September 17th Giving	\$ 6,985.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 194,142.22
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 7,378.34

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan

College Students: Danny Lam

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

From last weeks sharing: Healing for Kendra Bailey

Central Plains: Pray for those who are planning and participating in the webinar on Tuesday at 7:30pm, "Don't Mourn or Weep: Goals and problems," the first in our series of three free webinars offering practical tips for leading Bible study. Also, pray for Max Villatoro on Thursday from 11:30am when he has a very significant meeting.

Mennonite Mission Network: Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas, for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

Mennonite Education Agency: Mennonite Early Childhood Network
 Pray for participants in Journey, AMBS's distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program. May God use the program's focus on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring and gifts development to deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Sunday, September 24

- Women's bible study 3 pm
- Jr MYF Youth Event at Jon & Carrie's house, 835 1st Place, Kalona from 4 - 6 pm. Feel free to bring camp chairs to sit around a campfire.

Tuesday, September 26

- Central Plains Bible Study Webinar - see announcement for details

Wednesday, September 27

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, October 1

- Together we will celebrate communion. There will be baskets in front and at the back for your contributions to the Sharing fund.
- Annual Reports due

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Crystal will be out of the office Friday, September 29 and printing the bulletins on Wednesday. Please have bulletins announcements in by noon. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for the wonderful wedding shower! The beautiful decorations, delicious desserts, lovely company and fun gifts made it such a memorable evening. Thank you for the years of love and support and for welcoming Thomas into our church family! -Gretchen & Thomas

Baptism On Sunday, October 1, we will be celebrating Sarena Gerber's baptism immediately following the service, outside near the pavilion. Please join the rest of the congregation as we celebrate with Sarena on her decision and support her as she takes this important step in her faithwalk.

Change of address Joe Martinez has moved to Iowa Veterans Home at 1301 Summit St., Marshalltown Iowa. He continues to call East Union home and appreciates all the love and support he has received here and welcomes phone calls and/or cards.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lifeguard Ministry is hosting a Kickball and Cornhole Tournament on Sept. 23rd at 10:30am at Kalona City Park. We are inviting all 3rd - 6th grade students and their families to join us for some family fun. The whole family is invited. This event is FREE. All 3rd - 6th grade students will get a FREE T-shirt. Free lunch is provided for all the families. Lifeguard Ministry is a high school student run ministry and this is their first event. Come for the family fun.

J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group) invites you to hear Pastor Jose address the topic, "Ministering to refugees." Pastor Jose ministers to the poorest of the poor in a squatter settlement in northern Mexico. Join us on Sunday evening, October 1, 2017, at East Union Mennonite Church, 5615 Gable Avenue, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm for the presentation and discussion. For more information call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at wilmajane17@gmail.com.

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.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **IMS needs volunteers on October 9** to help with alumni and friends data collection. Come out to IMS at 6:00PM and join friends, classmates, and faculty/staff as we work together at gathering emails to complete our info database. Food and fellowship will be provided. Please RSVP to Jeremy Ours at jours@iowamennonite.org.

* **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.

* **The Annual Pork Supper** will be on Saturday October 14 serving from 4:30-7:00PM in Hillcrest Union. The junior class is currently selling tickets, but tickets will also be available at the door. Tickets are \$10 Adults, \$9 Seniors 65+, \$5 Kids 4-12, and Free Kids 0-3.

Pleasantview Home

* Pleasantview Home will be hosting a monthly Family Support Group for persons whose family member is experiencing dementia. The next meeting will be held in the Miller Chapel on Thursday, September 28 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.