

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.

Our Motto: *Growing in the way of Jesus, sharing God's love, Word & hope.*

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| Worship Leader | Don & Verna Zook |
| Sermon | Joel Beachy |
| Prelude, Offering | Grace Rempel |
| Congregational Singing | Steve Groenewold |
| Special Music | Adult Choir |

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Sermon: "Salvation belongs to our God"
 Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17
 Song of Response
 All Saints Day Service
 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: Norman Schrock & Jacob Boller
 Next Sunday: Doyle Geyer & Micah Miller

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| Attendance Last Sunday: | |
| Morning Worship: 123 | Sunday School: 73 |
| Giving through 10.22.17 | |
| October 22nd Giving | \$ 7,232.00 |
| Year-to-Date Giving | \$ 220,197.78 |
| Average weekly giving needed | \$ 8,582.36 (9 weeks remaining) |

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Nita Miller, Clayton White
College Students: Jenna Boller, Mariah Swartzentruber
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
From last week's sharing: Dennis Miller (Emily's surgery went well, continued prayers)
Central Plains: Alejandro Huesca, pastor at Iglesia Christiana El Balsamo in Muscatine, IA, for possible deportation. Also pray for your sister churches in Montana: Ashland Christian Fellowship, Lame Deer Mennonite Church, and White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church. Dave and Shana Boshart will be with these churches next weekend.
Mennonite Mission Network: Country School, an English-language academy in Spain founded by Brian and Noelia Fox, is starting its fifth year of classes this month. Pray for the Fox family, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, as they help their students grow in faith as well as intellectually.
Mennonite Education Agency: Goshen (Indiana) College Pray for Goshen College students as they engage with questions about interfaith dialogue with guest Eboo Patel.

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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in exploring baptism? Ready to take the next step in your relationship with God? A New Believer's Class is forming. To learn more, please talk to Joel Beachy.

Interested in becoming a member at East Union? Becoming a member is more than having a name on a list. It is about publicly and actively committing to the work of God as it is lived out at East Union. Questions? See Joel Beachy.

The Gift Discernment Committee asks you to prayerfully consider the following people to fill the position beside their name(s). Ballots to affirm names are in your mailboxes and are due next Sunday, November 5.

MCC Relief Sale Rep - Janet Geyer

Congratulations to Aimee (Moberly) and Jake Forgie! They were married on Saturday, October 14. Let us remember them and Lisa & Greg Schmidt during this exciting time in their lives.

Book study open to all: The Doulos class is going to start reading/studying *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala on Sunday, November 5th. We welcome anyone who would like to study this book with us! The Doulos class meets in the choir room. There is a copy of the book in our library; please see Lori or Allison if you have any questions.

Membership update Jon Miiller requested a transfer of membership from East Union Mennonite Church to Lower Deer Creek where he and his family currently attend.

Ordination Tim Detweiler recommended, and Elders and Church Council unanimously approve and recommend Joel for ordination. If you wish to have input into this decision, please contact one of the elders.

Thank you for the prayers and for all of you who visited, brought in food, sent cards and called during my recent surgery and recovery. It was all appreciated. Thank you also to Joel for coming to the hospital on the day of my surgery. It is so nice to have such a caring and loving church family.

- Ruth Boller

2 more volunteers are needed for the Pleasantview Benefit Sale Friday, Nov. 3, for the evening meal. There are 2 shifts and a variety of ways to serve. Please contact Becky Yoder by phone or text at 319-936-0777.

Leader: Ever-living God, the generations pass before you. Your way is love, and your nature is compassion. Today we remember those who lived and labored and loved among us. We are here in the land of the dying, recalling those who crossed to the land of the living.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: We call to mind the great and the good, the long-suffering and the self-forgetful, those whose names are cherished, and those who died as though they had never been. Wise and courageous in their words, they were just and loving in their deeds.

People: Their memory is a blessing forever.

Leader: We thank you for your boundless love in Christ, for his resurrection from the dead, and for your Spirit, the Comforter who never leaves us.

People: Your presence is a blessing forever.

Leader: O God, our Breath, we are yours: our help is in you. Our hope is in your promise.

People: Your presence is a blessing forever.

All: Amen.

Words for Worship 2- 237

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, October 29

- Today in worship we are lighting candles in loving memory of those who have died this past year from our congregation. We are grateful for the lessons of faith and life that we carry as we remember Marguerite Zook, Marilyn Yutzy and Donna Martinez.

Wednesday, November 1

- Congregational Business meeting 6:45 pm
- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, November 5

- Daylight Saving Time ends
- MarriageCare Breakfast 8 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 8 - CHOW with Taize Service
Meal provided by the Dunamis Class

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Harvest Celebration Bring your family for hayrack rides, pumpkin bowling, face painting, photo booth and more! Costumes are welcome (nothing scary or graphic). We will be serving free hot dogs, chips and drinks. October 31, 5:30-7:30 pm; Lower Deer Creek Church, 1408 540th St SW, Kalona. We will also be doing a service project - assembling bags of candy for the Ronald McDonald house. Bring a bag of candy and join in!

Get your feather or foam pillows cleaned, sanitized, deodorized & NEW TICKING on Tuesday, November 7, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p. m. At Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th St. Sponsored by the Kalona Mennonite WMSC

Serve MCC locally. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a full-time **Processing Assistant Manager**. Applicant will lead workroom process and support volunteers. Must be able to lift and carry 30-50 pounds regularly. Qualified candidates should have strong organizational and interpersonal skills. *For more information or a detailed job description contact Crowded Closet at 319-337-5924 or email the Executive Director at crowdedcloset.gm@gmail.com.*

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* On October 19, camp experienced a fire that was contained in our maintenance shop built 10 years ago. We are grateful there were no injuries! A portion of the structure, equipment and numerous hand tools were damaged. This past week the focus has been mitigating the damage and preparing to recover and restore the building. We are gladly accepting volunteers and MDS Iowa unit is helping to coordinate people.

* Employment Opportunities are available at Crooked Creek that include Office & Guest Services Manager and a part-time Housekeeping Manager. Job description is available on the camp website: crookedcreekcamp.org

* November 11 is WOOD CUTTING DAY starting at 8am until finished. Lunch is provided, please RSVP by calling the camp office or your local camp rep.

* November 14 is ANNUAL MEETING with dinner served at 6:15pm. All are invited to celebrate camp ministry.

* November 17-18 is CRAFT RETREAT from 3pm to 3pm. Details available at crookedcreekcamp.org

Update on Max Villatoro

* **We need funds to replenish the Villatoro Family Fund.** Since Max was deported, the fund has supported the family with monthly allocations, and the fund has paid legal bills. After two years and a recent large bill, the fund is empty. **Please consider donating to the Villatoro Family Fund at www.centralplainsmc.org/donate.**

* We invite you to **set aside one meal on the first Tuesday of every month to fast and pray** for the Villatoro family.

* Congregations, **please remember the Villatoros in prayer on the first Sunday of every month.**

Iowa Mennonite School

* **Anne of Green Gables on November 4 & 5** IMS will present the fall musical, *Anne of Green Gables* directed by Alisa Kandel and Michael Swartzendruber. Tickets are now on sale by calling the office at 319-656-2073. Details at iowamennonite.org/2017/09/musical-tickets-on-sale-now/

* **Blood Drive on Tuesday November 7** from 7:00-11:00AM. The IMS chapter of the National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive at IMS. Plan now to donate blood by scheduling a donation time through the office 319-656-2073. Thank you for giving in this special way.

* **Boys Basketball Jamboree** IMS will host the 8 team jamboree in Hillcrest Union on November 20. Schedule to be announced later.

Everence

* **Help available for sorting out retirement options** People approaching retirement have quite a few decisions to make regarding Medicare and Social Security. That's why Everence is offering *Medicare Mondays*, the last seminar for 2017, designed to help people make informed decisions about both federal programs. The seminar is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 13 at Kalona Public Library. Contact Cheryl Martin Miller at (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com for more information.

* **Join Everence for an evening of insight, inspiration and stories of generosity** Everence Financial will be hosting an event dedicated to the topic of generosity on Monday, Nov. 13, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. You'll hear about the profound impact generous people can make on our world; how estate planning can help you support causes closest to your heart; and what you need to know about the law and your legacy. The event will take place at Iowa Mennonite School (Celebration Hall), 1421 540th St. SW, Kalona. Refreshments will be served. Reserve your spot soon by contacting Cheryl Martin Miller at (877) 656-4242, (319) 656-4242 or cheryl.martinmiller@everence.com.

* **Everence has an opening for a Client Services Representative** in our Kalona office to provide administrative, sales, and marketing support for financial advisors and stewardship consultants as we seek to help individuals and organizations integrate their faith and finances. Qualified applicants will have minimum two years' sales support experience (preferred); proven organizational skills, strong computer software knowledge and aptitude; excellent customer service skills; and willingness to become licensed in life and health insurance. For more information about the position and/or to apply, please visit our website, www.everence.com. Resumes may also be sent to Everence, Human Resources, PO Box 483, Goshen, IN 46527; or e-mailed to hr@everence.com.