

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	Greg & Sarah Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 70
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sermon: "The kingdom of heaven is like..."
 Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13
 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: Carrie Schmidt & Norah Yoder
 Next Sunday: Loren Hochstedler & Sam Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 129	Sunday School: 78
Giving through 11.5.17	
November 5th Giving	\$ 6,398.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 230,738.78
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 9,528.60 (7 weeks remaining)

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
College Students: Joel Beachy, Nick Santoro
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
From last week's sharing: Phil Yoder, heart surgery and recovery; Ryan Knepp chemotherapy and treatment; Middle East and North Africa.
Central Plains: Please pray for the pastoral team in Quito Mennonite Church as they continue to lead the congregation and as they move to the new building that they have purchased. Pray for Peter Wigginton as he starts teaching classes at an indigenous seminary in Riobamba.
Mennonite Mission Network: For the past months, Connie and Dennis Byler have been visiting congregations in the US. Pray for them as they return to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mennonite Mission Network and as they continue to share the gospel in "retirement" in Spain.
Mennonite Education Agency: AMBS, Elkhart, Indiana
 Give thanks for those who contributed to the development of a new free app for Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book. Pray that this app would reach users worldwide with this resource for morning and evening prayer from AMBS's Institute of Mennonite Studies.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available!
 Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply!

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The third and final Central Plains Bible Study webinar with Keith Slater is coming up! Join us at 7:30pm on Tuesday, November 28. Keith will give guidance on how to prepare good questions in *A Unified Purpose: Preparing to Lead*. RSVP on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by Monday, November 27.

Katie Graber, a member of Resonate Team, the Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, will worship and sing with Washington Mennonite Church on Sunday, November 26th, at 9:30 AM. Katie will share about the committee's work and lead us in songs from their Great Day of Singing sampler that are being considered for inclusion in a new hymnal to be released in 2020. We will also sing old favorites and requests and have a time for a Q&A with Katie. All are welcome to come and join us in Washington.

Everence

* **Help available for sorting out retirement options** 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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* Crooked Creek invites you to join us in welcoming Jill Hartzler as our new Office & Guest Services Manager. Jill began her work with us November 6 and we are excited for her to join us in camp's ministry!

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

* November 17-18 is CRAFT RETREAT from 3pm to 3pm. Please register by November 15. Details available at crookedcreekcamp.org

Pleasantview Home David Heusinkveld, Executive Director of Pleasantview, has decided to return to pastoral ministry after serving Pleasantview Home for the past seven years. David's tenure at Pleasantview has been an excellent time for both him and Pleasantview. We wish him God's blessings as he further discerns God's will and seeks God's guidance. We ask that you pray for him and his family during this transition. David's last day in the office will be in early spring 2018.

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, November 12

- Reminder: there will be a Visitation Ministry meeting at 2 pm in the south conference room.

Wednesday, November 15

- Church Council meeting 7 pm
- Choir practice 7 pm

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.

Teacher needed With the 1st quarter of SS coming to a close at the end of November, I am looking for a teacher for the Winter Quarter (Dec. -Feb) for our 5 middler students (3rd, 4th & 5th grade). This is a great group of kids who are eager to learn the love that Jesus has for them from YOU! Come join us! See Carrie Schmidt for details.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School Visit Days | November 15 & November 27, Grade 8 and transfer students are invited to IMS for the day to shadow a current student. Parents can also take part in a Q&A coffee with the administration team at the beginning of the day. Details and registration are at: <http://www.iowamennonite.org/visit/>.

West Union Mennonite Church Celebration - The West Union Mennonite Church building is 100 years old and is the oldest Amish Mennonite Church building in the State of Iowa and beyond. On Sunday, Nov 19 at 9:30 A.M. a church service reminiscent of the dedication service from November 25, 1917, will be held with Ron Guengerich of Goshen, IN, preaching. The 11 am gathering will consist of accounts of that day in 1917, the historical story of the people who built the church, and stories and impressions by West Union people from earlier days to recent times. All are cordially invited to join West Union for this special day. (A carry-in meal will follow at noon.)

Please join us for a free community Thanksgiving dinner. Thursday, Nov 23 from 11 am - 1 pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Richmond, Deliveries available in the Kalona area For reservations :Joyce Mattes at 656-3276 by: *Tues. 11/21 Dinner is Free Donations will be given to local organizations.*