

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, Ethan & Nora Yoder
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Steve Groenewold
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold & Quartet

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-7
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sermon: "Gathering the sheep"
 Scripture: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 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: Grace Rempel & Evelyn Gerber
 Next Sunday: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 129	Sunday School: 90
Giving through 11.19.17	
November 19th Giving	\$ 5,714.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 241,883.28
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 11,111.14 (5 weeks remaining)

PRAYER REMINDERS

Parkview Manor: Ervin Miller, Nora Dickel
College Students: Jenna Boller, Mariah Swartzentruber
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
From last week's sharing: Phil Yoder (continued health and healing after heart surgery); Renae Miller (Linda Miller health concerns); Anna Yoder (continued health and healing for nephew, Larry)
Central Plains: Pray for Dave and Shana Peachey Boshart and Tim and Carol Detweiler as they travel to Nashville, TN, later this week to attend the annual gathering of conference ministers of Mennonite Church USA.
Mennonite Mission Network: Kendra Selzer serves through Mennonite Mission Network's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and the Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten - grade 10 students and also helps with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.
Mennonite Education Agency: Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)
 Pray for energy and stamina for both students and tutors participating in the many IBA study centers across the country.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 17- All Adult Sunday school classes are invited go to Pleasantview Home to sing Christmas carols to the residents during the SS hour. Warren Yoder will be leading. This was well received this past summer. Let us show the joy of Christ with the residents! Questions? See Joe Schmidt.

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Families with children: Next week is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of "Yes! Let It Be!" a free, downloadable guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6. Pick and choose the activities that work best for your family. Find it at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wellman Mennonite Church Sunday, December 3 you are invited to come and enjoy a traditional Mexican meal at Wellman Mennonite church. We'll be serving pork or chicken tacos, rice & beans (with pico de gallo & guacamole salsa), cheese quesadillas (for the kids), chips and salsa, and strawberry cake for dessert. Lunch will be served from 11:45 am - 1:15 pm; proceeds will provide for the ongoing medical expenses of Melitza Jimenez

Pathway is having a chicken dinner fundraiser on December 8 from 5-8pm. Proceeds will go towards tuition assistance/ scholarships.

Southeast Iowa MCC Meat Canning will take place on Thursday, December 14 and Friday, December 15 at the Daniel K. Yoder shop building, two and a half miles west of IMS. Volunteers will be needed for set-up on Wednesday afternoon and processing of poultry on Thursday and Friday. More details will be forthcoming as to how you can volunteer. For now, \$26,000.00 needs to be raised to meet the cost for meat (either turkey or chicken thighs) and processing supplies. The poultry is purchased here in SE Iowa. You may send a check directly to Southeast Iowa MCC Meat Canning, c/o Sylvan Schlabach, PO Box 621, Kalona IA 52247 or write a check to East Union MC and write MCC meat canning in the memo line. These cans of meat are sent to places all over the world, in the name of Christ. If you have questions, contact Donald & Verna Zook at 319-683-2623 or dvzook@juno.com. Any contribution you can make is greatly appreciated.

HOMEMADE CHEESE BALLS! Members of Lower Deer Creek Mennonite Church are selling our popular homemade cheese balls as a way to raise funds for missions of the church. The cheese balls are available in 4 flavors: pineapple, ham, veggie and back by popular demand - pesto! They will be made and ready for pickup at the church on Saturday, December 16 from 10 to noon. Cost is \$9.50 each or 3 for \$27.00. To place an order call, the church at 656-2076 or email ldc@kctc.net by December 10.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **THANK YOU!** IMS would like to thank you for your continued support. We are blessed to have such a supportive community.

* **Visit Day | 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/>.

* **#GivingTuesday | 11.28.17** for the twenty-four hours of GivingTuesday we encourage you to give to IMS and give generously. You can give any size donation online or you can send a check to the school postmarked 11.28.17. Through this event we hope to raise **\$20,000 in one day** for The Annual Fund.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp is on the final dash to fully fund the new Welcome Center building. The goal is to raise \$96,053 to complete the project with contributions or pledges fully paid by December 2018. You can give online at www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, November 26

- **Offering:** Today, as an act of worship and as a way to reflect more deeply on Thanksgiving, we invite you to bring your offering forward and place it in the basket on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary during the offering time. Please feel free to send your offering with a child or someone else if you do not feel comfortable or are unable.

Tuesday, November 28

- **Central Plains Webinar:** You can still register for *A Unified Purpose: Preparing to Lead*, the final Bible study webinar provided for you from Central Plains on Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Fill out the RSVP form on the Bible Study Webinars page at www.centralplainsmc.org by noon Tuesday. We will be meeting in the church basement. Everyone is invited to participate even if you weren't at the previous meetings.

Wednesday, November 29

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, December 3

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

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP - You are invited to join us on Monday, December 11th, at 7:00PM in the East Union foyer as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord! This a cappella, 4-part early American sacred music stirs your soul. All are welcome - no experience necessary! Questions? Contact Tammy Yoder at greeneearth@kctc.net or Warren Yoder at dubyoder@gmail.com.

Shop with Scrip is a fundraising option for IMS. There are hundreds of gift cards available to purchase for stores, restaurants etc. If you are looking to buy gift cards for the upcoming holidays then you have this opportunity. The cards you receive are at full face value, but IMS receives a percentage that goes to tuition assistance, student aid, classroom supplies, etc. Jeff and Carol Boller have been participants in the program since IMS started it several years ago and Lori and Nolan Gerber also participate. There are a couple opportunities to order before Christmas. Orders are due on November 30 and December 14 and will deliver the following week. Both families are willing to order the cards for you and deliver them back to you at church if you want. Or you can contact Candi Schmieder at IMS to place an order.

Gift Discernment Janet Geyer has been approved for the MCC Representative position.

Next week, we will be entering our Advent season. Each Sunday, we will have a Children's Time. As a way to transition, we will invite the congregation to join the song leader in singing, *This little light of mine*. The worship committee hopes this can become a part of our worship whenever we have children's time.