

# 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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<b>Worship Leader</b>	Nolan & Lori Gerber
<b>Sermon</b>	Joel Beachy
<b>Prelude, Offering</b>	Bruce Harvey
<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Steve Groenewold & Quartet
<b>Special Music</b>	Adult Choir
<b>Children's Time</b>	Joel & Catrina Miiller

## WORSHIP

Call to Worship  
 Lighting of Advent Candle  
 Congregational Singing  
 Opening Prayer  
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
 Announcements  
 First Fruits Offering  
 Special Music  
 Children's Time  
 Sermon: "Let it Be"  
 Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
 Song of Preparation  
 Communion  
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Sending Song  
 Benediction  
 Skit

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: Wanda Yoder & Julia Boller  
 Next Sunday: Will Miller & Ian Schmidt

## PRAYER REMINDERS

**Oaknoll Retirement Home:** Edna Yoder

**College Students:** Thomas & Gabriela Cikos Rhodes

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

**From last week's sharing:** Gretchen Geyer (prayers for Edith at Columbus Mennonite); Warren Yoder (Ed Yoder knee surgery and recovery)

**Central Plains:** We invite you to pray and fast on Tuesday for the Villatoro and Huesca families. Max & Gloria's brother-in-law, Alex Huesca, who is the pastor at Iglesia El Balsamo in Muscatine, Iowa has been deported. Pray for strength and wisdom for these families and all families in which husbands and fathers are separated from wives and children.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey's back and neck.

**Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana** Give thanks for a new publication, *Where Are We? Pastoral Environments and Care for Migrants*, edited by Daniel Schipani, Dr.Psy., Ph.D. Published by the Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, the book includes contributions from AMBS faculty members who participated in a recent collaborative faculty scholarship project.

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## CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congratulations** to Josh, son of Judy Showalter, & Katie Showalter on the birth of Ellis Jo on Saturday, November 25th at 10:18pm, weighing 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 20 inches long.

**Today we enter our Advent season.** Each Sunday we will have 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.

**The MYF will be serving Christmas Cookies** on Sunday, December 17 & 24 in between church and Sunday school. We are adding something new to the event! We'll have calendars for sale! They will have pictures of current and past MYFers. We will include birthdays and anniversaries (like in the Chronicle) of everyone in the church. Please keep this in mind for Christmas gifts/stocking stuffers! Quantities will be limited. As always we thank the church congregation for their support in all of our MYF fundraisers.

**Shop with Scrip is a fundraising option for IMS.** There are hundreds of gift cards available to purchase for stores, restaurants, gas etc. You purchase the gift cards from IMS and the school receives a percentage of the value that goes towards tuition assistance, student aid, classroom supplies, etc. You have a few options on how to purchase them. You can contact Candi Schmieder at IMS and pay for them and pick them up at IMS. The other option would be to contact Jeff and Carol Boller, 319-936-0537, or Lori and Nolan Gerber, 319-325-2962 and they would be willing to place your order and deliver them to you at church. This program has been going on for several years and is an easy way to help the school earn some extra money. Orders are placed every other week throughout the year and deliver the following week. Upcoming dates before Christmas are November 30th and December 14th. If you have questions or would like to see what cards are available please ask anyone listed and we would be happy to assist you. Thank you for your consideration.

## CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

**Advent At Home begins today!** Download the free guide for Advent family worship at [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org). "Yes! Let It Be!" will help you slow down with your children to ponder and prepare for what it means to receive Jesus.

**Dear members of Central Plains,** your conference needs your financial support. Our recent brochure tells the stories of how we all benefit from sharing together in the mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Together, we can do things that we cannot do by ourselves. Please consider a year-end gift and donate at [www.centralplainsmc.org/donate](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/donate) or P.O. Box 101, Freeman, SD 57029. We are so grateful for the strong support of our members!

*December 3rd bulletin insert*

## Revelation song

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth  
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua

Holy Lord God of Hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory

## THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

### Today, Sunday, December 3

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

### Tuesday, December 5

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Joel Beachy. The topic will be: 'Affirm.' Our project will be Hygiene Kits. West Union Mennonite Women will be our guests and we will have a potluck. With the added guests, please bring two dishes: salads, main dishes and/or desserts.

### Wednesday, December 6

- Calling all quilters and knotters. Mennonite Women will again have a quilt and comforters set up. Come anytime after 6:00 pm.
- Choir practice 7 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, December 11 - SHAPE NOTE SINGING FROM THE SACRED HARP** - You are invited to join us 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](mailto:greeneearth@kctc.net) or Warren Yoder at [dubyoder@gmail.com](mailto:dubyoder@gmail.com).

**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.

<b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b>	
Morning Worship: 117	Sunday School: 90
<b>Giving through 11.26.17</b>	
November 26th Giving	\$ 5,987.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 247,870.28
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 12,392.18 (4 weeks remaining)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wellman Mennonite Church** TODAY 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.

**J-POG (Just Peace Outreach Group)** invites you to hear Kathy Kelly address the topic, "Yemen, Afghanistan, and the War against the Poor" Kathy Kelly is the coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence and has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize three times. Join us on Sunday evening, December 10, 2017, at Kalona Mennonite Church, 902 6th Street, Kalona, IA at 6:00 p.m. for a finger-foods potluck and conversation (please bring your own table service) or at 7 pm to hear the presentation from Kathy Kelly. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or email Jane Yoder-Short at [yodershort@netins.net](mailto:yodershort@netins.net).

**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 are needed for set-up on Wednesday afternoon and processing of poultry on Thursday and Friday. A sign-up sheet for the various shifts is on the bulletin board by the library. Lunch and supper and snacks are supplied. Another way to participate is to contribute to the \$26,000.00 needed to purchase meat and processing supplies. 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. If you have questions, contact Donald & Verna Zook at 319-683-2623 or [dvzook@juno.com](mailto:dvzook@juno.com). Any contribution you 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](mailto:ldc@kctc.net) by December 10.

### **Iowa Mennonite School**

- \* **THANK YOU |** To all who participated in #GivingTuesday by making a gift to IMS on 11/28/17. It's our generous, supportive community that makes us great.
- \* **Basketball Scrimmages |** December 5 boys in grades 5-6 and December 12 boys in grades 7-8 are invited to play at halftime during the girls varsity and boys varsity basketball games at IMS. The girls game starts at 6:00PM.
- \* **Alumni Night |** Saturday December 16 Games start at 3:00PM (JVB, VB, VG). Prizes will be given away throughout the afternoon/evening including 3 overnight stays. There will also be alumni and student activities during the halftimes of each game as well as an alumni reception following the last game.
- \* **Christmas Concert |** December 17 at 3PM in Celebration Hall. To close the concert, the choirs and band would like to invite anyone who has sung the Hallelujah Chorus before to join them on stage. There will be two rehearsals before the performance. The rehearsals will be held on Friday December 15 from 3:30-4:30PM and Saturday, December 16 from 9:00-10:00AM. If you cannot make it to the rehearsals but would still like to participate, you can join us on Sunday at the concert.
- \* **Prospective Student Christmas Party |** December 17 following the Christmas Concert for all students in grades 6-8.

### **Crooked Creek Christian Camp**

- \* Thank you for the many ways you as a church community continue to support the ministry of Crooked Creek! Recently the shop was restored from a fire with more than 200 hours of volunteer help. The annual meeting was celebrated by 128 people raising \$10,185! Thank you for supporting camp ministry!
- \* Welcome Center funding is making progress on our dash with \$83,900 left to raise in cash or pledges. Thank you for your gifts! You can also give online at [www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation](http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/make-a-donation)
- \* Crooked Creek seeks a part-time Housekeeping Manager. Job description and application available at [crookedcreekcamp.org](http://crookedcreekcamp.org)

