

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	Nolan & Lori Gerber
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Renae Miller, Behla Schmidt, & Olivia Caskey
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Quartet & Praise Band
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Time	Joel & Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candle
 Congregational Singing
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Let it Be Whole"
 Scripture: Luke 1:46b-55
 Song of Response
 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: Meghan Schrag & Behla Schmidt
 Next Sunday: Rachel Yoder and Eden Schrag

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 135	Sunday School: 83
Giving through 12.10.17	
December 10th Giving	\$ 5,130.10
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 262,535.38
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 11,634.54 (3 weeks remaining)

PRAYER REMINDERS

At Home Joe Martinez

College Students: Danny Lam

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

From last week's sharing: Ken Hochstetler (death of first cousin's son, Michael); Catrina Miiller (relative, Nancy Gingerich, pace maker on Thursday); Lori Gerber (friend, Brenda Caraway, continued healing for health issues)

Central Plains: Pray for you sister churches: Shalom in Eau Claire, WI; First and Bethel in Mountain Lake, MN; and Rochester (MN) Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

Mennonite Education Agency: Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA)

Pray for the 40 IBA volunteer tutors who serve at study centers across the country. May God bless them as they give of their time for this ministry and contribute to the training of new leaders for the Hispanic churches of Mennonite Church USA. May God grant them wisdom, patience and lots of energy as they continue to serve with IBA in the coming year.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iowa Mennonite School

- * Please continue to remember the **Cardenas Family** in your prayers. And remember a memorial fund has been set up in her name. Gifts to the *Teresa Cardenas Memorial Fund* can be made to IMS or to Hills Bank in Kalona.
- * **TODAY December 17 | Christmas Concert** at 3:00PM 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.
- * **TODAY December 17 | Prospective Student Christmas Party** following the Christmas Concert for all students in grades 6-8.

Crowded Closet

- * Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is seeking a full-time **Workroom Supervisor**. 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.*
- * Come be a part of our **Saturday management team** at Crowded Closet. Your flexible schedule and leadership skills are needed. *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.*

Pathway Christian school is having it's Christmas Program Thursday Dec. 14 at 6:30pm. All are welcome. Please bring finger foods to share. The alumni will be invited to sing the last song "He is the Lord."

Thanks to all who so generously donated to the fundraiser on Dec. 3 to help the Jimenez family with medical bills at Wellman Mennonite Church. This truly is a caring community.

Pleasantview Home is hiring part time one-on-one companions for residents in houses. Assist as needed with non-medical tasks (cooking, cleaning, dressing, etc.). Also build friendship with resident. Flexible schedule between 8 am-noon weekdays. If interested call Elvesta or Karen at 656-2421.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * We are on the way to completing funding the Welcome Center with \$77,200 to go! Thank you for considering a year-end gift!
- * SAVE the DATE 6-8th graders and THINK SNOW! WinterFest is coming January 12-14.

December 17th bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Sunday, December 17

- All Adult SS 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.

Monday, December 18

- Church council meeting 7 pm

Wednesday, December 20

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, December 24

- The annual Children's Christmas Program will be held during regular church service.
- Christmas Eve service 10:30 pm
- No Sunday School



CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of the office Crystal will be out of the office on Friday, December 22 and will be printing bulletins on Wednesday. Please have bulletin announcements in by noon on Wednesday.

The MYF will be serving Christmas Cookies TODAY and next Sunday 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.

No Adult Sunday School Enjoy a pause from Adult Sunday School during the Advent Season. There will be no Adult Sunday School on Christmas Eve December 24 and New Year's Eve December 31.

Save the Date There will be a fundraiser meal for Emily Miller (daughter of Dennis & Sally Miller) after the service on Sunday, January 7th, to assist with ongoing expenses.

January CHOW Making food packets for **Take Away Hunger** will be our CHOW activity on January 10th. It costs \$1800 to run 4 lines for 1 hour. Please put your contribution in the basket at the back of the church.

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes next year, please take a box and sign your name next to the number you are taking. There is a limited supply at this time, but more ordered and on the way and will be available soon. Thank you!