

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	Nyle & Lauralee Kauffman
Prelude, Offering	Grace Rempel
Christmas Program	East Union Youth
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Time	Joel & Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candle
 Congregational Singing
 Opening Prayer
 Children's Time
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 89:1-4
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Special Music
 Congregational Singing
 Children's Program
 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: Rachel Yoder and Eden Schrag
 Next Sunday: Renae Miller and Greta Schrag

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 130	Sunday School: 60
Giving through 12.17.17	
December 17th Giving	\$ 16,050.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 278,585.38
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 9,426.81 (2 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: Frank Hochstetler (health concerns); Judy Showalter (mother, Janet Bauer, recovery from hip surgery and continued health concerns); Steve Schrag (thank you for prayers and support); Steve Groenewold (friend, Steve Litchfield, recovering after heart attack); Dorothea Moberly (Ralph's passing); Ed Yoder (home from hospital);
Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.
Mennonite Education Agency: Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, Iowa
 Pray with thanksgiving for our supporting congregations who see the value in our mission as we work to serve Christ.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.*

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.

December 24th bulletin insert

For unto us
a child is
born, unto us
a Son is given;...
And His name will
be...
Prince of
Peace.
ISAIAH 9:6
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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today 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



Monday, December 25

Merry
Christmas

Wednesday, December 27

- Choir practice 7 pm

Next Sunday, December 31

- No Sunday School

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MYF will be serving Christmas Cookies TODAY 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.

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.

Prayer Walk To usher in the new year, the congregation is invited to participate in a prayer walk around the church building immediately following the fundraiser meal on Sunday, January 7. We will pray for the various ministries and spaces throughout the building. If you have any questions, see Joel Beachy.

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 are ordered and will be available soon. Thank you!

Delays and Cancellations It's that time of year again! Weather related delays and cancellations will be announced through KCRG, WMT and Facebook, as well as through our One Call phone service. Pastor Joel and congregational leaders will make decisions and communicate in the ways listed above.