

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	Joel Beachy
Prelude, Offering	Verna Zook
Sermon	Elaine Maust
Congregational Singing	Tammy Yoder & Quartet
Children's Time	Joel & Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candles
 Congregational Singing
 Opening Prayer
 Christmas Program Video
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 148
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Interview: The Family of God
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Yes! Let it be new"
 Scripture: Luke 2:22-40
 Song of Response
 Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
 Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song
 Benediction
 Skit

15 minutes of coffee & fellowship time

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: Renae Miller and Greta Schrag
 Next Sunday: Carey Miller and Henry Yoder

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 177	No Sunday School
Giving through 12.24.17	
December 24th Giving	\$ 9,330.35
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 287,915.73
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 9,523.27 (1 week remaining)

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth
College Students: Jenna Boller, Mariah Swartzentruber
Iglesia Zoar: Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
From last week's sharing: Steve Groenewold (friend, Steve Litchfield, recovering at home); Will Miller (Tom Swartzendruber health and healing); Linnea Slabaugh teaching English in Mexico for 6 months.
Central Plains: We invite you to pray and fast on Tuesday for the Villatoro and Huesca families, that Max and Alex may be reunited with their wives and children.
Mennonite Mission Network: Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.
Mennonite Education Agency: Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) May God fill SeBAH students with wisdom and blessings. May God help them to devote themselves to their studies and guide them through this learning process.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, December 31

- Today we welcome Pastor Elaine Maust, from Jubilee Mennonite Church in Meridian, MS (mother of Christine Maust Beachy), as she shares the sermon. Let's welcome her this morning to East Union!
- No Sunday School

Monday, January 1



Tuesday, January 2

- Mennonite women meet. Devotions by Grace Rempel. The topic will be: 'Engage.' Our project will be cash for Food for Hunger. Soup will be provided. Please bring relish, sandwiches and desserts.

Wednesday, January 3

- Calling all quilters and knotters (men & women of all ages). Mennonite Women will again have a quilt and comforters set up from 6-9 pm. Come any time.

Next Sunday, January 7

- Fundraiser meal for Emily Miller (see announcement)
- Prayer walk following fundraiser meal (see announcement)

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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.

The Doulos Class is continuing discussion of the *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* book by Jim Cymbala. Come join the intergenerational conversation about the power of prayer. The group will gather in the choir room during the first 2-3 Sundays in January. All Adult Sunday School classes are welcome as the group finishes up this book and considers options for future intergenerational class material.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasantview Home

* Pleasantview Home is looking for a Chaplain. 30+ hours / week. Full time benefits. Duties include leading Bible studies & prayer groups, schedule services, counsel & support residents in Independent living and nursing care. Occasional preaching and worship leading. Mail or email resume to davidheus@pvhome.org by January 12 to Pleasantview Home, 811 Third St., Kalona IA 52247 (attn. David).

* Thank you to the area congregations and you as individuals for your continued support! We appreciate your involvement in the lives of our residents and ask your continued support for 2018! We value your contributions - financially, giving of your time and energy, your prayers. There are exciting things on the horizon as we seek to help our residents in the process of "aging well." Blessings to all in 2018.

* Pleasantview's monthly *Aging Well* program will feature resident Frank Yoder's slide show entitled "Do You Remember When?" It begins at 10:00 am on Tue., Jan. 9 in the Friendship Center on the Pleasantview campus. All are invited to attend; call 656-2421 for further information.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **THANK YOU!** As we begin 2018, IMS would like to thank you for your continued support. It costs over \$16,000 to educate a child at IMS, something that tuition alone does not cover. It is the faithful giving of our community that allows us to continue serving our students. We are thankful to those that choose to include IMS in their giving plans, your generosity is truly appreciated. And we look forward to having many more partner with us as we make the future of IMS bright.

* **Visit Days** | 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for a day on **January 15 or February 19**. This visit will have a different format than the fall visit days so feel free to come again. Parents are invited for a short meeting at the start of the day to visit with the administrative team. Students are invited from 8:10 am - 3:15 pm to tour facilities, visit classes with a host student, eat lunch, meet faculty & other future students, and hear from a panel of current students. Register to attend at www.iowamennonite.org/visit.

* **Special Chapels** | **January 17** [Glen Guyton](#) will speak during a special chapel time. Glen is the Chief Operating Officer for Mennonite Church USA. He is also an advocate for cultural competency and will be doing special sessions with teachers and each grade level of students. Watch our website for more information on the schedule for chapel that day. **January 18 & 19** [Michele Hershberger](#) will come to speak at chapel around the topic of shalom justice. Chapel those times will be from 9:47AM - 10:17AM. There will be time for coffee with area pastors following chapel on Thursday, January 18 and Michele will join Bible classes on Friday, January 19. The public is invited to join us for our chapel times.

* The annual Chili Supper hosted by the IMS senior class is on **Saturday, February 10** serving from 4:30-7PM in Hillcrest Union. This year will take a trip back in time to 1960, the year the Chili Supper was started by Elta Burkholder. We have her handwritten, original chili and cheese sandwich recipes that we will be serving. And for those of you that remember watching the Audubon Society films after you ate, we will have a modern spin on those as well.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* WinterFest camp for 6th-8th graders is January 12-14, 2018...THINK SNOW! To register as a youth group see your youth sponsor. To register individually go online <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/winterfest.html>. See you there!

* Coins for Camp in January fundraiser will go towards a new play structure near the Pavilion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fundraiser meal

* East Union will be hosting a fundraiser meal next Sunday, January 7, on behalf of Emily Miller to help support her as she continues to undergo chemo. Due to her recent move, Emily has not accrued sick or vacation leave, which is an issue as she receives ongoing chemo treatments. All funds will go directly to ongoing living expenses.

* On the table in the foyer is a sign up sheet for Emily Miller's fundraiser meal. Salads and desserts are needed at this time. You may also see Jane Miller, Verna Zook or Lauralee Kauffman to see what items are needed. We will be making calls next week if there aren't enough names signed up, so thank you in advance for your help! A main dish of scalloped potatoes/ham and green beans will be provided.

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.