

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	Doyle & Janet Geyer
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey, Greta & Eden Schrag
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Congregational Singing	Warren Yoder & Quartet
Children's Time	Joel & Catrina Miiller

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Lighting of Advent Candles
 Congregational Singing
 Opening Prayer
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 72:1-7
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Children's Time
 Sermon: "Yes! Let it be declared"
 Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
 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: Carey Miller and Henry Yoder
 Next Sunday: Catrina Miiller and Madison Higdon

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 97	No Sunday School
Giving through 12.31.17	
December 31st Giving	\$ 7,540.00
End of Year 2017 Giving	\$ 295,455.73

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home Frank Hochstetler, Darlene Logan
College Students: Thomas & Gabriela Cikos Rhodes
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: Pray for the Pastoral Leadership Committee meeting on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Swan Lake camp in South Dakota.
Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men find new meaning in their lives.
Mennonite Education Agency: Seminario Biblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) Pray for SeBAH students who will start their Pastoral Project course and for Professor Tony Brun. Pray that God's presence be with them and may wisdom be upon throughout this course.

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THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, January 7

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

Wednesday, January 10

- **CHOW** Making food packets for **Take Away Hunger** will be our activity. It costs \$1800 to run 4 lines for 1 hour. Please put your contribution in the basket at the back of the church. A quilt will be set up for those who would like to come to the church during the day.
- Choir practice following CHOW

Next Sunday, January 14

- **Healing service** The healing service will include three stations, two at the front and back of the sanctuary, where those interested may come for prayer and anointing. The healing service is designed for individuals to pray with an elder or pastor for physical, emotional, and/or spiritual healing for themselves or on behalf of a friend or loved one. Please consider how God is calling all of us towards healing and wholeness. Peace and Blessings, Pastor Joel

CENTRAL PLAINS and MENNONITE AGENCIES

Prayer for the new year As Mennonite Church USA, we're embarking on our [Journey Forward](#) in this new year. We invite prayers that we may seek the beauty and hope of God's spirit drawing us into this community of faith. Let us continue joining our voices in song, in prayer, in fellowship—that even the mountains and the hills may join.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day events at AMBS. On **Sunday, Jan. 14, 2–3:30 p.m.**, join us for a free public talk at the Historic Roosevelt Center, 215 E. Indiana Avenue in Elkhart: **“The Soul of Hip-Hop and the Church in America,”** with **Daniel White Hodge**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Intercultural Communications at North Park University, Chicago. AMBS is also hosting a book drive for the Tolson Center at the event; new and gently used non-religious books for diverse youth in grades 3-7 are especially welcome. On **Monday, Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m. – noon** at AMBS, 3003 Benham Avenue in Elkhart, Dr. White Hodge will lead an interactive workshop: **“Intercultural Competencies in an Era of Trump and Fake News.”** Registration is required for the Jan. 15 workshop (limited to 30 participants). www.ambs.edu/mlkday

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundraiser meal There will be a fundraiser meal TODAY, 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 towards ongoing living 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 being held today. We will pray for the various ministries and spaces throughout the building. If you have any questions, see Joel B.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration We are excited that the East Union Mennonite Church adult choir will be singing at the Annual Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration at Bethel AME in Iowa City on January 15 @ 2:30 p.m. The celebration is focusing on what dreams we have for the Iowa City community to continue the work of racial reconciliation that Dr. King embodied in his life and death. I hope people can come out to support this important event!

Offering Envelopes for 2018 are on the literature table in the foyer. If you would like to use offering envelopes this 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. Joel B. 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

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

* WINTERFEST camp is next weekend January 12-14...and WE HAVE SNOW! If you haven't registered yet please register TODAY! (Register online or by asking your youth sponsor.)

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

- * SAVE THE DATE: May 5, 2018, is **Crooked Creek Wild** mud run-obstacle course. Registration coming soon!
- * THANK YOU for the ways you bless the ongoing ministry at Crooked Creek Christian Camp! Your involvement is the reason camp is a successful ministry providing opportunities for children and adults to experience Christ in new and different ways through retreats and the great outdoors!

Pleasantview Home

- * Pleasantview's monthly **Ageing Well** program will feature resident Frank Yoder's slide show entitled "Do You Remember When?" It begins at 10 am on Tue, Jan. 9 in the Friendship Center. All are invited to attend.
- * The **Board of Directors** unanimously appointed Nick Jedlicka as its next Executive Administrator. Nick has been Administrator at Pleasantview for the past four years and will succeed David Heusinkveld, who is leaving on February 28 after more than seven years as Executive Director. Nick's appointment is effective March 1. Please keep the residents, families, staff and administration in your prayers throughout this time of transition.
- * **Pleasantview Home** looking for **Chaplain**. 30 hour/week. Full time benefits. Duties include lead Bible studies & prayer groups, schedule services, counsel & support residents in Independent living and nursing care. Occasional preaching and worship leading. Applications will be accepted online www.pvhome.org or in the Pleasantview lobby until January 22.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * **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 MCUSA. 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 18th & 19th [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, Jan 18 and Michele will join Bible classes on Friday, Jan 19. The public is invited to join us.
- * 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.