

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	Verna Zook
Sermon	Phil Yoder
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt & Quartet
Coins for Camp Helpers	Audrey & Claire Miller, Annie Troyer

WORSHIP

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Scripture Reading: John 9:1-12
- Announcements
- Moment in Missions
- First Fruits Offering
 - Coins for Camp
- Sermon: "What is healing"
- Invitation to Healing Service
- Song of Response
- Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song
- Benediction

- 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: Catrina Miiller and Madison Higdon
 Next Sunday: Marv Slabaugh and Collin Miller

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 144	Sunday School: 92
Giving through 1.7.18	
January 7th Giving	\$ 5,549.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 5,549.00

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Pleasantview Home** Emma Jean Schrock
- College Students:** Nick Santoro
- Iglesia Zoar :** Prayer for Iglesia Zoar, Jose, Raquel, Emma and community.
- From last week's sharing:** Marvin Slabaugh (Linnea settling in Mexico); Will Miller (thanks for prayers for Tom Swartzendruber); Ryan Knepp, continued health and healing; Passing of Judy Showalter's mother, Janet Bauer; Tom Bailey, continued health and healing; Larry Detweiler (traveling with Pastor Joel to South Dakota)
- Central Plains:** Pray for the Annual Meeting Task Group meeting on Wednesday of this week in Lincoln.
- Mennonite Mission Network:** Kristin and Mike Sharp of Mennonite Mission Network serve as community hosts for Round Chapel in the East End of London. Pray for them and their two daughters as they engage the congregational vision of "living out God's warm embrace" in an area with many homeless people.
- Mennonite Education Agency: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana** At AMBS, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Daniel White Hodge, Ph.D. will speak on "No Church in the Wild: Christianity, White Supremacy, Black Liberation and Hip Hop." May seeds be sown to bring about changes to unjust power systems and structures.

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CENTRAL PLAINS & MENNONITE AGENCIES

Your Medicare questions answered Everence® will present an informative Medicare seminar on Monday, Jan. 22 (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). Attendees will learn about the various Medicare plans and what they cover, plans that supplement Medicare and enrollment details. Important Social Security information also will be included. The seminar will be presented by Kent Blossom, CFP®, Financial Advisor and will be held at **Kalona Public Library**, 510 C Ave. To reserve your spot, contact Joyce Gingerich at (319) 656-4242, (877) 656-4242 or joyce.gingerich@everence.com

More workers are needed to join the Central Plains work team heading to Ecuador February 23 - March 5, 2018! This is a great opportunity to escape the cold here in the upper Midwest and travel to a warmer climate to work with our brothers and sisters in Quito to help with the renovation of their recently acquired building. Couples and individuals are welcome to come work on light construction, painting and other renovation tasks, all while developing friendships with the folks in Ecuador who are eager to host this group. If there are not enough members to form a work team, this trip will not

If you are interested in participating, or helping with the costs of this work, contact Doyle Roth as soon as possible at doyleroth@hotmail.com or by phone at 402-641-0266.

Thank you so much for your continued support in making and donating comforters for MCC. This past year, MCC sent 49,223 blankets and comforters to people experiencing war, displacement, and natural disasters in Bosnia, Iraq, Jordan, North Korea, Somalia, and Ukraine. 1,958 of those came from the Central States region! MCC continues to receive more requests for comforters from our partners around the world. Save the date for the upcoming Comforter Blitz in Yoder, Kansas, taking place on March 5th-7th, 2018, as we work together to bring comfort to our brothers and sisters around the world, mcc.org/comforter-blitz!

January 14th bulletin insert

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Edna Yoder who passed away Wednesday, January 10. Visitation will be held from 2:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, January 19 at the Yoder Powell Funeral Home in Kalona. A graveside service will take place at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 20 with a Celebration of Life service following at 10:30 AM at East Union Mennonite Church. There will be meal in the Fellowship Hall following the service. A memorial fund has been established for East Union and Iowa City Hospice.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Janet Bauer, mother of Judy Showalter, who passed away January 6th. Funeral services were held on Friday at the West Chester United Methodist Church.

Congratulations! to Jeb and Lauren Gent, son and daughter-in-law of Carey and Joani Miller, on the birth of a daughter, Amelia Kaye Gent, born December 28.

Thank you! to all who helped make the Benefit meal last Sunday a great success. Those who set up tables, the dishwashers and especially the MYF Youth who helped with serving and cleanup. Also all who furnished salads and desserts and all the unseen things that are done and all who attended. Thank you also to the many who attended who are not a part of our congregation! A total of \$6,279.00 was raised to help with Emily's living expenses as she continues to undergo chemotherapy. May God add His Blessings. It was all appreciated. ~ The Service Committee

The sexual misconduct video needs to be viewed every 5 years. It will be shown during the Sunday school hour on Jan. 28th and Feb. 4th for those who are required to view it again. You will receive a notice in your mailbox if it is time for you to review it. Call Becky or Christine with any questions you may have. Thanks Becky Yoder.

Attention Quilters! You are invited to help work on the custom quilt sold at the MCC sale. Quilting days will be January 22 - January 25 at Fairview Mennonite Church. You may come anytime after 9 am. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Carolyn Miller at 656-2883. If you have any questions, please see Lauralee. Thank you in advance for your help!

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 tomorrow, 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. We hope people can come out to support this important event!

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, January 14

- **Healing service** The healing service will include three stations, two at the back and one at the front 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
- Tomorrow, January 15, marks this year's national celebration of Martin Luther King Day. The preservice and offertory music today will feature melodies familiar to us as "Negro Spirituals", as a tribute to our African American siblings in Christ, and their slave ancestors, who gave us these songs of suffering and hope.
- The Shekinah Sunday school class is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this morning.

Monday, January 15



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasantview Home is looking for a 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.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

Do you know of someone who would like a part-time job? Crooked Creek Camp has a position available for a lead housekeeper. This is a flexible position (except for Mondays which are required) and would work well for someone who cleans and is looking to add some hours or for anyone looking for part-time income. Someone who can run the show when it comes to housekeeping and can oversee a small staff and volunteers to get the job done. Beautiful setting and a true family environment with a passionate team. Occasional weekends may be needed, but only for a couple of hours. For more information, please contact Jill jill@crookedcreekcamp.org or call 319-653-3611. Position is only available due to a retirement after 17 years!

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.

* **Singing Valentines** | **The IMS Chamber Choir** will be delivering singing valentines in the local area on Wednesday, February 14. For a donation of \$35 for individuals and \$60 for groups, the 6-voice a cappella ensemble will make a surprise visit to homes or place of business, offering valentines greetings. The singers will perform two pieces or more and include a box of chocolates for that special someone(s). To schedule a Singing Valentine call the office at 319-656-2073.