

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	MYF - Jacob Boller & Tobi Chen
Prelude, Offering	Steve & Ella Groenewold
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Congregational Singing	Steve Groenewold

WORSHIP

Call to Worship
 Congregational Singing
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 147:1-11
 Announcements
 First Fruits Offering
 Sermon: "Proclaiming the Gospel"
 Scripture: Mark 1:21-28
 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: Janet Geyer and Ella Groenewold
 Next Sunday: Norman Schrock and Jacob Boller

PRAYER REMINDERS

At home: Joe Martinez

College Students: Thomas & Gabriella Cikos Rhodes

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

From last week's sharing: Carrie Schmidt's father, Dick Yoder, cancer surgery; Phil Yoder and Ken Hochstedler's successful surgery and Emily Miller's successful end to chemotherapy; Harold Blosser's new home at the Iowa City Rehab and Healthcare Center

Central Plains: Pray for David Boshart and Linda Shelly as they travel to Venezuela for partnership meetings to encourage emerging Mennonite communities in the face of political and economic upheaval. We also invite you to pray and fast on Tuesday for the Max Villatoro and Alejandro Huesca families.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Juliet Kilpin of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom. Pray for her as she serves among refugees in Calais, France, through advocacy, presence, and training in nonviolence.

Mennonite Education Agency: Bluffton (Ohio) University Bluffton students who participated in a cross-cultural experience last semester will present during Forum on Tuesday. Please pray for all students who are studying abroad. Also pray for students who are considering the different cross-cultural opportunities available that they give careful discernment to each program.

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CENTRAL PLAINS & MENNONITE AGENCIES

Everence will present an informative seminar on the topic of farm commodity giving on **Monday, Feb. 12** (10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.). The presentation will explain how the gifting of commodities can provide support for church and charities while also reducing taxes. The recent tax reform may make commodity giving even more advantageous for farmers. The information will be presented by Lyle Miller, Everence Stewardship Consultant, 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

Women of Central Plains: You are invited to "Sister Care: Equipping Women for Healing Ministries" at the Leadership Center in Aurora, Nebraska, on March 3-4, 2018. Sister Care seminars provide women with tools for ongoing personal healing, for recognizing and celebrating God's grace in their lives, and for responding more confidently to the needs of others. Sister Care is a ministry of Mennonite Women USA and will be led by Rhoda Keener, former director of Mennonite Women USA, and Carolyn Heggen, psychotherapist. For more information or to register online, visit: FMCLincoln.org/WomensRetreatSisterCare or contact First Mennonite Lincoln Church member Carol Knieriem at carolknieriem@hotmail.com or 402-366-6598.

Looking for that next great adventure? MCC SALT positions now available! Spend a year living somewhere that you never dreamed you'd go...Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace and more! Start now at salt.mcc.org, to find answers to frequently asked questions, assignment options and to apply, don't delay the deadline to sign up is 2/15.

You can nurture your children's faith at home this Lent and Easter with family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at www.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between March 1 and April 16 (Easter Sunday), it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

February 4th bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today Sunday, February 4

- Together we will celebrate communion. There will be baskets in front and at the back for your contributions to the *Sharing Fund*.
- The adult choir is in charge of the service at Pleasantview Home this evening.

Tuesday, February 6

- Mennonite Women meet. Devotions by Pastor Joel. The topic will be: Retreat. Our project will be the Kalona Food Pantry. A meal of enchilada casserole will be provided.

Wednesday, February 7

- Choir practice 7 pm
- Church-wide quilting and knotting 6-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, February 10

- Men's Bible study 9-10 am

Next Sunday, February 11

- The IMS Touring Choir will be leading our worship service. There will be baskets at the sanctuary if you wish to contribute to their expenses.
- Women's Bible study 4-5 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 14 - CHOW

The CHOW activity will be an Ash Wednesday service.

Sunday, February 18 - MYF Worship service

Tuesday, February 20 - Annual Business Meeting

Scheduled for 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 25 - Town Hall Meeting

We will meet in the fellowship hall for a church-wide Town Hall meeting to have conversations about what is going well at East Union and dreams for our future. We will plan to meet, in a town-hall format, an additional three times throughout the remainder of the year (dates TBD)

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 131	Sunday School: 105
Giving through 1.28.18	
January 28th Giving	\$ 3,356.00
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 19,325.32

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, hugs, and the delicious meal provided for Mom's funeral. Your love and support means a lot to us! Blessings to you! Jim & Deb Miller, and the rest of the Edna Yoder family

Thanks for all who donated to Crooked Creek Christian Camp in our Coins for Camp offering. We raised a total of \$215.08. Thanks also to all of the kids who pulled the wagon and helped collect money. Your generosity is much appreciated! Chris Rhodes -- East Union Camp Rep

The sexual misconduct video will be shown today, Feb. 4th in the choir room for those who received a notice in your mailbox. Thanks for your cooperation.

It's back! The EU Women's Bible study will start up again next Sunday, 2/11. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 4 pm to study the book of Mark. We were inspired by the men and decided to study Mark as well! We are planning to finish with the crucifixion/resurrection right before Easter. Please join us! Warm beverages will be provided. Questions? See Karen, Emily M, Christine, or Allison.

Coming soon - Gift Discernment forms will be in the mailboxes on Sunday, 2/18. Bring forms to complete during the Sunday school hour. Please begin thinking of positions that align with your gifts or that another church member would enjoy!

Coming to East Union...During the month of April and in conjunction with Child Abuse Prevention Month, children and youth will be using the *Circle of Grace* curriculum during the Sunday School hour. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



February is Food Pantry month at East Union!

Women's Fellowship and the Shekinah Class will be collecting food, hygiene, and monetary donations all through the month. Please donate generously and help us reach our goal of 2,000 items!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Plan on supporting the international relief, development and peacebuilding work of Mennonite Central Committee and mark your calendars to attend the 2018 Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale, June 1 and 2 at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. If you would like more information on the sale, have items to donate, or would like to volunteer to help, please call Jim Yoder at 319-430-3761 or Rebecca Beachy Miller at (319) 631-2461.

Iowa Mennonite School

* **IMS Cafe** | This years Culinary Arts Class restaurant dates are **February 28 and March 14, 28**. The restaurant opens at 8:30 AM each day and the menu will include various entrees, sides, and desserts. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the school office 319-656-2073. Cost per person is \$8.

* **Chili Supper** | The annual Chili Supper hosted by the IMS senior class is on **Saturday, February 10** serving from 4:30PM-7:00PM in Hillcrest Union. This year will take a trip back in time to 1960, the year the Chili Supper was started by (then cook) Elta Burkholder. We have her handwritten, original chili and cheese sandwich recipes that we will base our menu off of. 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. And as we celebrate the history and tradition of the Chili Supper (our current cook) Maria Boucher may be starting a new tradition. Along with all the traditional Chili Supper menu items, we will also be serving the Mexican soup, Pozole [po'sole] with all the fixings. Join us at IMS for something old and something new!

* **Touring Choir** | The IMS Touring Choir will kickoff its local tour on Sunday morning, February 11 at East Union Mennonite Church. The public is welcome at all events. Here is a link to the Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/811255009067936/>.

* **Visit Day** | 8th grade and transfer students are invited to visit IMS for a day on **February 19**. This visit will have a different format than the fall visit days so feel free to come again. Parents are invited to a Q&A at the start of the day with the administrative team. Students are invited from 8:10AM-3:15PM 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

Table to Table There are 19,500 food insecure people in Johnson County. Be a part of Table to Table's volunteer team that delivers 45,000 lbs of food each week to agencies that serve the hungry, homeless, and at-risk populations of Johnson County. We are looking for community members that have 2-3 hours a week and can help us rescue food! To learn more contact us at 319-337-3400 or volunteer@table2table.org.