

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	Nelson Miller
Prelude, Offering	Bruce Harvey
Sermon	Joel Beachy
Congregational Singing	Lisa Schmidt, Praise Band & Quartet
Special Music	Adult Choir
Children's Time	Tammy & Trent Yoder

WORSHIP

God's promise and God's love have broken the barriers; there is nothing between us!

- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Creating the Living Cross
- Scripture Reading: *John 20:1-18*
- Confession & Words of Assurance
- Announcements
- First Fruits Offering
- Children's Time
- Special Music
- Sermon: Nothing Between Us
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Songs of Easter Praise
- Our Call to Commitment: WFW1 #148
- Sharing Time, Testimony, Prayer concerns
- Congregational Prayer
- Sending Song: *Handel's Hallelujah Chorus*
- 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: Will Miller and Ian Schmidt
Next Sunday: Meghan Schrag and Behla Schmidt

PRAYER REMINDERS

Pleasantview Home: Dorothy Rhodes, Dorothy Helmuth

College Students: Jenna Boller, Danny Lam

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

From last week's sharing: Raquel from Iglesia Zoar, health issues; Phil Yoder - health update, thanks for support; Jeff Boller - Jenna back to Hesston from trip

Central Plains: Pray for your sister churches in South Dakota: Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls and Bethany, Hutterthal, Salem and Salem-Zion in the Freeman area.

Mennonite Mission Network: On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a Mennonite Mission Network SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not (only) that we shall die and go home to be with (Jesus), but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers (and sisters) with him."

Mennonite Education Agency: Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia Pray for the Zehr Institute as they embark on a series of webinars this month and seek to transform a culture of sexual harm through restorative justice.

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CENTRAL PLAINS & MENNONITE AGENCIES

Lunch & Learn at MCC with Joanna Shenk! Join us on Thursday, April 5 from noon to 1 pm at MCC in North Newton, Kansas to hear Joanna share about her new book, "The Movement Makes Us Human an Interview with Dr. Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam and MLK." Lunch will be provided by Mojo's Coffee Bar. *Please RSVP for lunch by April 3.* For the first time, we're offering an opportunity for you to join this event virtually, on any computer or device. Visit mcc.org/lunch-learn for information about Joanna, the book and about how to join the event from your home or office! Questions or to RSVP: 316.283.2720 or patsydirksen@mcc.org.

Sexualized violence and the church Mennonite Central Committee is offering three free webinars this spring for churches who want to learn more about how to address sexualized violence within their congregation and how to encourage healthy sexuality and healthy masculinity among members. The webinars will be led by church leaders and others with expertise in the topics. All three webinars will start at 2 pm and end at 3 pm CST. The first webinar, Healthy sexuality in our congregations will be on April 11. Kathrine Goerzen and Benjamin Reynolds will lead the discussion focusing on what role the church can play in fostering and supporting healthy views of sexuality. May 9's webinar will focus on Sexualized violence – how should churches respond? And then on June 13, Healthy masculinity. Learn more and register for the webinars at mcc.org/wwwso. Contact karinkauffmanwall@mcc.org with questions.

Youth ages 16-22, connect with Central Plains mission partners in Quito, Ecuador, by joining a Youth Venture team! There are a few spots left on the team traveling there for a two-week trip in June. Come and see how God is at work in the Mennonite church in Quito and among the Cofan tribe in the rainforest. Visit www.MennoniteMission.net/YouthVenture for more information. Inquire this week before the trip fills up.

The Gathering Live, the annual gathering of youth ministry leaders in Mennonite Church USA, will take place on May 4-6, 2018, in Kansas City with the theme "Encountering God." Sessions will be based on Kenda Creasy Dean's *Almost Christian*, emphasizing the importance of experiencing God for growth in genuine faith. The weekend will include MennoCon19 information and plenty of time for conversation and networking. [Registration is open now!](#)

April 1st bulletin insert

THIS WEEK AT EAST UNION

Today, Easter Sunday, April 1

- MYF Easter Breakfast from 8-8:45 a.m.
- We would like to invite anyone who would like to sing the *Hallelujah Chorus* to come forward and join the choir.
- No Sunday school

Tuesday, April 3

- Mennonite Women meet. Devotions by Heidi Gingerich. The topic will be: *Receive*. Our project will be Toiletries for the Shelter House. Soup and sandwiches will be provided.

Wednesday, April 4

- Church-wide quilting and knotting from 6-9 in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 7

- Guest Host Night or Noon

Next Sunday, April 8

- Guest Host Night or Noon
- A Special offering will be taken for Iglesia Zoar to help with medical costs for Raquel's kidney transplant.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, April 11 - CHOW

Saturday, April 14 - Women's Fellowship Banquet

We are capable of leaping at any age or stage of life. Find your inspiration while enjoying good food and fellowship at *Taking a Leap of Faith* Women's Banquet, 10 am on Saturday, April 14. Bring your daughters, mothers, aunts and friends! Tickets available in the foyer today and next Sunday at \$8 per person; or by calling Lisa Yoder at 319-430-0251 or Joani Miller at 515-509-1724. Reservations will be taken until Monday April 9th.

Sunday, April 15 - MarriageCare Lunch

Sunday, April 22 - Youth Advocate lunch

Please RSVP to Betsy Slabaugh or Emily Miller.

Attendance Last Sunday:	
Morning Worship: 131	Sunday School: 91
Giving through 3.25.18	
March 25th Giving	\$ 9,054.40
Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 64,662.47
Average weekly giving needed	\$ 5,692.71

CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Harold Blosser who passed away Sunday, April 25. A celebration of life service was held on Friday, April 30 at East Union.

We also extend our deepest sympathy the family of Mike Yoder, brother of Denny Yoder, who passed away Wednesday, March 28. Visitation will be held at Teahen Funeral Home in Cedar Rapids on Monday, April 2 from 4-7 pm. An additional visitation will be held at Trinity-St. James United Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids from 10-11am with a funeral service following at 11am.

One Call Now It seems with every call sent out from East Union's calling system, there is at least one or two calls that don't make it through. If this happens, you may be able to retrieve the message by calling One Call Now directly at 1-877-698-3261. For this to work, you must call from the phone you are set up to receive messages on. At the prompt, dial 1 and you should be able to hear the last message. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if you would like to change or add an additional phone line to the system. Thank you! Crystal

The Intergenerational adult class has enjoyed discussing the topic "Growing the church in the rural neighborhood" and are excited to continue the conversation! We'll resume discussion on Sunday, April 8. All adult Sunday School classes are welcome to join the group in the Choir room. Bring your thoughts and ideas about East Union's role in the community and growing our church in rural Iowa. Hard copies of the Mennonite Mission Network Missio Dei guidebook that we're using may be found in the foyer or you can find a pdf copy at <http://bit.ly/2oouk9R> If you have any questions or need additional copies, please contact Joe Schmidt.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pleasantview Home's Aging Well program in April will feature the Heritage Digital Collection by Laura Michelson. Laura is a graduate research assistant working with the Kalona Community Heritage Project. All are welcome to attend the April 3rd meeting at 2:00 pm in Pleasantview's Friendship Center, and are also welcome to bring their own electronic devices as a way of engaging in the program. Please contact PV at 656-2421 for further info.

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary on April 14-15. The celebration services will be a time of spiritual renewal, reflection, refreshing and just praising God! Following is the schedule of services: Saturday, April 14, 4 pm at St. John AME Church in Burlington, IA; Sunday, April 15, 11 am at Arnett Chapel AME Church in

Chicago, IL; Sunday April 15, 4 pm at Gaines Chapel AME Church in East Moline, IL.

Iowa MCC Relief Sale

- * The MCC Sale is in need of 1 beef for April 25 and 3 hogs for May 2. Please contact Roy Beachy at (319) 430-9086 to donate or for more info.
- * The MCC Sale is in immediate need of 2 individuals (or 1 couple) to serve on the Food Committee. This is a 3 year term; primary responsibilities include overseeing the organization and implementation of food booths. Anyone interested please contact Lowell and Mary Yoder at 319-656-3715, or Joe and Carrie Schmidt at 319-471-0531.

Iowa Mennonite School

- * The IMS Operating Board wishes to announce that the search process for a Principal will soon be underway. It will be a careful and diligent search and likely will not be concluded prior to the beginning of the next school contract year. Therefore Dwight Gingerich will serve as the Interim Principal for the 2018-19 school year. Dwight's long history with IMS and his current role on the Administration Team will allow the school to continue moving forward during the search process. Please be in prayer as the search committee is formed and for those who will be considering the Principal position. We will inform constituents when the committee is named so that suggestions for potential candidates can be given to the appropriate people.
- * The IMS Touring Choir leaves for the MSC Choral Festival hosted by Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg VA this week. Follow along on social media using the hashtag [#MSCCHORALFESTIVAL](#) and watch the performance live streamed starting at 2PM CT on Sunday April 8 online or at IMS in Celebration Hall.
- * The IMS FFA hosts their annual Farmer's Feed on Friday April 13 from 7-8 AM. Please come and bring your farmer friends! There will be plenty of food! Goodwill donations will be accepted.
- * Prospective Student Skating Party April 13 from 6:30-8:30PM at the Wellman Skating Rink.
- * Rehearsals are underway for the Children's Dramas that will be performed on Saturday April 28 at 7PM and Sunday April 29 at 3PM. Featuring fresh tellings of the old stories of Hansel and Gretel, 3 Little Wolves (and the big bad pig) and Mushkil Gusha, students bring to life a few important life lessons. Performances will be in Celebration Hall, no admission will be charged, donations for the IMS Drama Dept are welcome.

Crooked Creek Christian Camp

- * Summer Camp registration is OPEN! Register online NOW for the BEST RATE at <http://www.crookedcreekcamp.org/summer-camp.html>
- * *Crooked Creek Wild* is May 5! Register at your convenience at www.crookedcreekcamp.org/crooked-creek-wild The goal is 100 participants. Come for a fun and muddy time!