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Celebrating "His-Story"

This month East Union will celebrate 125 years of congregational life, serving God and community. The celebration will be incorporated with our now annual "Church Day Out." Church Day Out has become an opportunity in the summer to gather for worship outside followed by a meal using the picnic shelter. Lonnie Yoder will be our guest Speaker on August 16 for worship that will begin at 10:00 a.m. Included in the weekend will be a hymn sing and special music time on August 15, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Also joining us for worship will be Noah Helmuth and Michael Loss, both former pastors of East Union.

As we celebrate East Union's history I want to be mindful of how I am making history; to realize how each and every individual in the church has helped to create history and is at this very moment making history. I know some may think that making history is only when great things happen like walking on the moon. Yet for me making history can be as simple and important as being faithful to God's word and the His church.

In a way the congregation is part of making "His-Story," making the story of God come alive in testifying to salvation of God in Jesus Christ, proclaiming peace and justice of the Gospel, and revealing the unity and power of the Holy Spirit. We are making "His-Story" by the grace of God in our lives and living out His truth in our witness.

May we continue to allow the blessings of God to be our strength; the fellowship of believers to be our encouragement; and our history of faith to be the witness of salvation in Christ for generations to come.

Happy 125th

Pastor Jay



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Because of legal privacy policies and varying personal opinions as to what information is private and what is public, out of respect to those who attend East Union, the Office staff is requesting that the following types of announcements please be submitted by immediate family members: Bereavement announcements of relatives not currently attending East Union, prayer concerns not negotiated through a pastoral or Elder Board Member visit, and individual congratulations.

Change of address is preferred to come from the person or family changing address but, the office will accept change of address from extended family members.

Also, many phone numbers are considered public information. If you want your phone number to remain private, (not posted on any publication), please specifically indicate such notation every time you provide your phone number.

Notes From Past Bulletins:

50 years ago: 1959

Aug. 2 – The MYF will meet at the Kalona Menn. Church Fri. evening at 6:30 p.m. for an Indian supper prepared by Jacob Flisher's who will also be guests.

Aug. 9 – Evening Service: H. D. Swartzendruber will speak on "Relief through Church World Service in Pakistan and India".

Aug. 16 – 7:45 p.m. Tues there will be a meeting of the MSO organizations of Southeast Iowa at the church. Wilbert Lowen of Winnipeg, Canada will be guest speaker.

Aug. 30 – Due to our remodeling here we will meet at the IMS auditorium for our Sunday morning services continuing until further notice.

40 years ago: 1969

Aug. 3 – The Mennonite Hour and the Alleluia Singers representing EMC will present a program at IMS this evening.

Aug. 10 – Frank Yoder is leaving Tuesday enroute to Germany where he will spend a year as an exchange student in the ICYE program.

30 years ago: 1979

Aug. 5 – Evening Service: a program entitled "The Meaning of Church Membership" will be given by the kitchen class.

MYF Officers for the coming year:
Pres: Linda Schlabach; Vice Pres: Susan Yutzy;
Sec'y-Treas: Melanie Yoder; New Sponsors: Jim & Deb Miller and Jerry & Lou Ann Miller.

Aug. 12 – Appointed a committee to study and prepare forms for evaluation of our church congregational life.

Aug. 19 – Evening service by the MYF.

Aug. 26 – All persons interested in a Mennonite Church Camp in S. E. Iowa are urged to attend a meeting at the Washington Mennonite Church at 2:00 p.m. Sept. 9. A site has been purchased and is available, and will be shown weather permitting.

20 years ago: 1989

Aug. 6 – Morning Offertory by Heather & Heidi Troyer with a violin duet "Wondrous Love" a traditional folk hymn.

Congratulations to Doyle Geyer who graduated Friday from the University of Iowa with a Master's Degree of Counseling in Education Degree.

Aug. 13 – Commissioning for Chris, Cherie, & Rebecca Rhodes who will be leaving for a two year Voluntary Service term with the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

We are now able to allow two homes to receive our Sunday Services via telephone hook-up since the new phone system has been installed.

Aug. 20 – Last meeting of the 1989 Iowa/Nebraska Conference which has been in session on Fri & Sat of this week.

Aug. 27 – Michael Loss is preaching at Iowa City Mennonite this morning for the installation of Firman Gingerich.

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Book Reports

Mandie and the Charleston Phantom

In this book you will read about Mandie going to Charleston with her parents during Thanksgiving break to visit Thomas, a friend from boarding school.

While she is there Mandie will have fun in all three of Thomas' houses, but not if Thomas' little sister, Josephine, scares her. Josephine is determined that in each of the houses there is a ghost and she keeps reminding Mandie of that every day she is there. Mandie seems a little frightened but knows ghosts are not real. What kind of mystery is going on?

Read the rest of this eye-popping book to find out the surprising ending in Mandie and the Charleston Phantom. And don't forget to read the next book Mandie and the Abandoned Mine.

Review written by: Jenna Boller

Mandie and the Abandoned Mine

In this book you will read about Mandie exploring her Uncle John's ruby mine that used to belong to his father. Somebody is trying to buy her uncle's mine and Mandie will get the chance to explore it before he sells the mine.

Mandie will explore it with all of her friends: Joe, Sallie, Hilda, Dimar and Celia looking for rubies, but rubies are not all they will find. They will find much, much more. What happens when Mandie disobeys her mother's instructions? What are all those dolls doing in the attic at home? Read this book that will make you go "wow".

Read Mandie and the Abandoned Mine, to find out what happens. And don't forget to read the next book, Mandie and the Hidden Treasure.

Review written by: Jenna Boller

Saturday August 18

East Union Mennonite Church

1884 - 1984

The lines are fallen in pleasant places; Yea,
I have a goodly heritage.

Psalms 16:6

Program of the Celebration of 100 years August 17, 18, 19,
1984

Friday August 17 – 7:30 P.M.

Worship Leader.....Lonnie Yoder

Song Leader.....Ethel Troyer

Words of Welcome.....L. David Yoder

Songs:

411 For God So Loved Us

384 Our Father God, Thy Name We Praise

Scripture Reading

Prayer

Hymns of Faith

43 – Immortal, Invisible, God

545 – Blessed Savior We Adore Thee

586 – I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous

538 – The Love of God

544 – Blessed Assurance

573 - All The Way My Savior Leads Me

560 – Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross

430 – Forth In Thy Name

Ladies Sextet – Take Up Thy Cross

East Union Mennonite Church
Our Goodly Heritage

Shirley Erb Gingerich
Velma Brenneman Yoder
Paul T. Guengerich

504 – God Be With Us Till We Meet Again

Benediction

You are invited to an Ice Cream Social in the tent
following the evening program

11:45 A.M.

Basket Dinner for Family Groups

1:30 P.M.

Children and Youth Activities

Historical Displays - Visitation

3:00 P.M.

Church Family Reunion – Sharing of Memories of Former
Events at East Union

Leader.....Wallace Fisher

Speakers - Lester Yoder

Grace Miller Tiessen

Phyllis Yoder Litwiller

Lois Brenneman Gugel

Kenneth Hershberger

Open Mike Sharing from the Audience

4:30 P.M.

Centennial Barbeque

7:30 P.M.

Historical Drama

East Union 1884-1894

WriterVerna Zook

Director.....Marj Rush

Asst. Director.....Dallas Schrock

Committee Chairman.....Gene Troyer

Secretary.....Julie Beachy

Synopsis of Drama

Our drama takes the form of short sketches, spread out
over 100 years of East Union’s history. The skits include two
early members talking in the 1800’s; Christian Warey
counseling a brother in the early 1900’s; several young men

SoloDuane L. Yoder

The Redemptive Community, Social Harmony, and the Search for Authentic Faith..... John A. Hostetler

Men’s Quartet

Offering

East Union – Forth in Thy Name We Go

MDS.....Tom Yoder
WMSCS.....Darlene Logan
MYF.....Clair Yoder
Sunday SchoolDon Showalter
Missions.....Arvilla Flisher
Work/Profession.. Nyle Kauffman

385 – Blessed be the Tie that Binds

Benediction

7:00 P.M.

SERVICE OF PRAISE

Worship Leader.....J. John J. Miller

Song Leader.....Harold Blosser

448 – God of Our Fathers ... organ, trumpet

Litany of Praise and Thanksgiving

Hymn – God of Our Life

I

31 - Now Thank We All Our God

1 - Holy God We Praise Thy Name

261 – How Firm a Foundation

II

352 – To God Be the Glory

534 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

535 – How Great Thou Art

III

95 – All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

101 – Glory to God on High

13 – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

IV

434 – God of Grace and God of Glory

300 - Be Thou My Vision

524 - Praise to God, Immortal Praise

191 – Crown Him with Many Crowns

v.1 Congregation, unison, organ, trumpets

v. 2 Congregation, unison melody, organ

v.3 Choirs – A capella

v.4 Congregation – unison melody, organ
choir descant

v.5 Congregation – unison melody, organ
trumpets, descant

Processional to the Corner Stone

Ceremony

525 – A Mighty Fortress is Our God

374 – Christ is Our Cornerstone.

Placement of the documents in the Cornerstone by J.

John J. Miller

606 –

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Centennial Committee

Chairman.....L. David Yoder
Co-Chairman.....John Rhodes
Secretary.....Dori Yoder
History Book ...L. Glen Guengerich
Cook Books.....Nita Miller
Music.....Harold Blosser
Drama.....Gene Troyer
Members.....Eldon Rhodes

J. John J. Miller
Dale Logan
Ethel Troyer
Wallace Fisher

Grounds John Kauffman

Keith Dickel

Food.....Raymond and Barbara Schlabach

Doug and Judy Showalter

Dale and Nina Yoder

Children’s Activities.

Tom and Jackie Bailey

Dale and Charlene Rhodes

Youth Activities Mike and Linda Yoder

Jere and Tami Erb

Displays.....Joe and Wilma Kauffman

Raymon and Ethel Troyer

Wallace and Evelyn Fisher

Hosts.....Nelson and Mary Helen Miller
Milton and Charlotte Winborn

Art.....Cindy Dickel
Celia Yoder

Calligraphy Carolyn Detwiler

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EAST UNION CENTENNIAL QUILT

The centennial quilt (a quilted tapestry) was commissioned by the WMSC, Darlene Logan, president. The quilt was designed by Harold Blosser, Karen Harvey, and Wanda Yoder. The artistic realization and design was by Cindy Dickel. Calligraphy was by Carolyn Detwiler. Embroidery work was by Peggy Blosser, Wilma Kauffman, Thelma Steckley, and Velma M. Yoder; the text by Leola Hershberger and Nita Miller. Appliqué work was by Leola Hershberger and Nettie Yoder.

Quilting was done by Mary Boller, Lola Fay Erb, Darlene Logan, Mabel Miller, Dorothy Rhodes, Ruby Schrock, Thelma Steckley, Nettie Yoder and Velma M. Yoder.

Central in the design is the sunburst, representing God the Father (circle), God the Son (red cross), and God the Holy Spirit (dove). The sunburst is surrounded by the names of those who ministered to the congregation during the first hundred years.

The sunburst hovers over a sheaf of wheat representing the congregation. The sheaf is bound together by the handclasp of Christian love and fellowship. The centennial theme verse is emblazoned underneath, representing the Word of God. The design is framed by scenes symbolic of meaningful aspects in the Life of the congregation

The quilt was commissioned to be used as a backdrop for worship services in a more intimate area, so only the symbols of God and the scripture selection were given color prominence. Purposefully, the rest of the design fades into the distance-----a partial allusion to the scripture that all things will pass away, but only God's Word endured forever.

By the Church Historian
L. David Yoder