

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service October 8, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Gloria Horst Rosenberger	Worship Leader: Esther Prins
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Jeremy Gernand
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

GATHERING

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship – bulletin insert

Opening Hymns

HWB 46, “I sing the mighty power of God”

HWB 106, “All hail the power of Jesus’ name”

Welcoming Visitors

CONFESSING AND RECONCILING

Confession and Lighting Peace Lamp

A Prayer for People Living in a Violent Land – bulletin insert

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time – Joel Weidner

Scripture Readings – Amy Sattler

Isaiah 5:1-7 (p. 552); Matthew 21:33-46 (p. 803)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Taking Care of the Vineyard”

RESPONDING

Hymn of Response – HWB 311, “The church’s one foundation”

Offering – UMC kids

Offertory – HWB 96, “We plow the fields and scatter”

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

SENDING

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB 418, “Move in our midst”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Mennonite Mission Network confesses the complicity many in our church have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.

MEA: Today is Clergy Appreciation Day. Pray that pastors, the world over, will interpret Christ's love to young children through enriching healthy family relationships, supporting high quality education and care for all children, protecting them from exploitation, violence and discrimination, thus promoting peace.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN INCLUSION: Thursday, 12:00 noon

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University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

To reserve space for your event or meeting in our meetinghouse, please contact Carolyn Brubaker, 237-6602. **To participate in the UMC email list, sign up at** university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

Upcoming Events: For more details, go to www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

October

Sun 8 Community Café 5:00 pm

Tue 10 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 10 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Wed 18 Dinner and Goshen College Student Program 5:30 pm

Tue 24 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 25 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

November

Wed 1 Leadership team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 1 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm

Recordings of each worship service are available at
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings>

Announcements, October 8, 2017

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There are classes for children in the basement, and adults have the option of a sermon discussion in the sanctuary or a Bible study on Mark in Room 3 downstairs.

We will be having a Community Café this evening, Sunday, October 8, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be a simple meal provided by the fellowship committee at 5 pm, followed by a small group discussion at 6 pm. Please bring your own place setting.

The purpose of this Community Café is to gather feedback from the congregation to aid the search committee in filling out the Congregation Information Form that will be provided to prospective candidates for pastor.

Prayer Concerns for Mennonite Disaster Service

Please pray for Kevin King, MDS executive director, Larry Stoner, MDS regional operations coordinator and the MDS Puerto Rico Unit as they work together to evaluate the impact of Hurricane Maria on the island and assess how MDS should respond. The team will need to address challenges in the areas of communication, travel & available resources.

Continue to remember those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the MDS volunteer teams responding in the area of Bloomington and Aransas Pass, Tex. Also keep in prayer the volunteers in Florida doing clean-up work after Hurricane Irma.

While we all are focused on responding to the urgent needs of the hurricane survivors of Harvey, Irma and Maria, also remember in prayer all the continuing projects MDS has ongoing that were started before this current hurricane season, including those in California, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Dakota, and West Virginia.

Donate to MDS at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate/donate-form/>

Announcements, October 8, 2017

We welcome all as we explore the Gospel of Mark this Fall, downstairs to the right of the back stairwell. If visiting our Church, struck by a sudden impulse or curiosity, we encourage you to drop in!

We plan to visit about one chapter per week.

Questions, ask Dale Kephart at beckdale2@comcast.net or 814-466-2335.

Third Way Collective Highlights

This is an exciting week as 3rd Way Collective hosts NY Times bestselling author, Rachel Held Evans on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at St. Paul's United Methodist Church! Students can join us for a special dinner with Rachel at 5:30 (get in touch with Ben to RSVP). We are also joining with PA-IPL for an invasive species service project on Saturday at 2pm at Walnut Creek Park. Also consider stopping by the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center for the final week of the "Waging Peace" exhibit highlighting 100 years of nonviolent peace work.

We encourage you to connect with the Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at the Allen St. Gates on Monday at 4pm. Thanks for helping create more spaces for peace, justice, and faith in our community!

For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org. A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

UMC provides tuition assistance for members of UMC and their children to attend Mennonite Colleges. If anyone eligible plans to attend AMBS, Bethel, Bluffton, EMU or Goshen College next year this is a good time to make a visit. Please see me about the many lifelong benefits of an Anabaptist education. UMC provides support of \$3,000 per student each year. These funds are matched dollar for dollar for the first \$1,000 and \$1 for every \$4 above \$1,000. Thus UMC's \$3,000 gift becomes \$4,500 toward the student's tuition.

Jim Rosenberger, UMC Treasurer

Call to Worship

Leader: All around us, the universe sings of God's creative love.

People: We gather as God's people, seeking that love which no one else can offer.

Leader: Every day, the sun bears witness to God's hope; every night, the stars whisper of God's peace.

People: We gather as God's people, needing peace in a warring world, searching for hope in the midst of despair.

Leader: The breath of the wind carries God's grace, the mountains echo God's glory.

People: We gather as God's people, from the north and south, from the east and west, to sit at Jesus' feet.

A Prayer for People Living in a Violent Land (by Brian Zahnd)

Leader: Most merciful God, we confess that we are a nation addicted to violence.
We have celebrated and mythologized the violence we call good,

Only to be shocked by violence we know is evil.

We have sown the wind and reaped the whirlwind.

People: Forgive us for disseminating the deceit of redemptive violence;

For embracing the satanic lie that we can do good by killing.

May we who confess that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace,

Have the courage to turn swords into plowshares,

And spears into pruning hooks.

May we embody the way of peace.

Leader: We lament the fifty-nine dead in Las Vegas,
And pray for their souls.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We lament the hundreds wounded,
And pray for their healing.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We lament our addiction to violence,
And pray for our deliverance.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We lament that our culture sacralizes weapons,
And pray to learn the better way of peace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We lament that we have idolized violent men,
Instead of learning from your servants of peace.
So we pray as we learned from your servant Saint Francis.

**All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O, Divine Master,
grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.**