

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 6, 10:30 am

Greeters: Krista & Joel Weidner	Worship Leader: Leah W. Witzig
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Krista & Joel Weidner	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Rosenberger
Childcare (0 – 4 years): available in the nursery	

Focus Statement: As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.

Prelude – Mike Bratt

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (*reverse of bulletin cover*)

Opening Prayer

Gathering Hymns

STJ #4, “You’ve got a place”

STJ #27, “God of the Bible”

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Children's Time – Betty Brockett

Offering – Becky and Dale Kephart

Offertory – Mike Bratt

Scripture Readings – Sharon and Tom Spicher

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Ambassadors of Reconciliation”

Hymn of Response – STS #58, “O God, how we have wandered”

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation (*reverse of bulletin cover*)

Assurance (*reverse of bulletin cover*)

Sharing of Joys and Petitions

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #425, “Come, come, ye saints”

Sunday School (second hour) - see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Alisha and Josh Garber of Mennonite Mission Network teach and mentor students at LCC International University in Lithuania. Throughout the winter, Josh has battled bronchitis. Pray for renewed energy for Josh and for the health of Alisha and their first child expected in May.

Mennonite Education Agency: We pray for the EMU Young People’s Christian Association students as they embark on spring break trips to serve in communities across the east coast and South.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: umcbulletin@yahoo.com

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 www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists.

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

March:

Tue 8 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 9 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 14 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Thu 17 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sun 20 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Sun 20 Peace Walk 2:45 pm

Tue 22 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Thu 24 Maundy Thursday Service 7:00

Fri 25 Community Good Friday Service 12:05 pm (St. Paul’s Methodist)

Fri 25 Good Friday Service (Albright-Bethune) 6:00 pm

Sun 27 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Mon 28 Bridge of Hope Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Recordings of each worship service are available at
universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings

Announcements, March 6, 2016

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3rd Way Collective Highlights: Campus Pastor Ben joins three other colleagues this week leading a group of 16 students to Miami, Florida to serve and learn with Mennonite Mission Network's DOOR program. We will be learning about immigration, homelessness, and human trafficking in an urban context. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel as a group! Please note - pledge forms are now available in the church foyer to re-commit to our campus ministry! For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit 3rdWayCollective.org or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org

WANTED: Recent copies of "Mennonite World Review" to share with your fellow congregants. Displayed in the UMC library, we'll keep copies in the magazine rack to the right of the library bookcases. Please check out an issue(s) using the clipboard adjacent to the copies. For further information, please contact Leah Witzig.

SAVE THE DATE: Our speaker on Palm Sunday, Mar. 20, will be Sarah Thompson, scholar-activist and Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. CPT is a multi-faith international organization committed to building partnerships to transform violence and oppression. Thompson's current growing edges are related to her interest in postcolonial theology, power analysis, social movement building, embodied nonviolence, and alternatives to robotic warfare and society. She received her M.Div. from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

State College's first ever Palm Sunday Peace Walk is taking place on March 20th! Inspired by Christ's call to work for peace, the first annual 1.2-mile Peace Walk will bring our diverse faith communities together to learn about some of the work for peace happening in downtown State College. The walk will begin at **University Baptist & Brethren Church (411 South Burrowes St)** and participants may do as much or as little of the walk as they are able. **We will gather at 2:45 and the walk will begin at 3:00**, making stops at six locations in our community currently working for peace. At each stop we will learn about the work being done and a local faith leader will offer a prayer of blessing. We will end at Faith United Church of Christ around 5:00 for a simple soup meal and sharing about our time together. People of all ages and faiths are welcome to join. A signup has been created for individuals and congregations to help with food for the soup meal at the end of the walk. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daae28a0ff2-volunteer>.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:

UPDATED IICC INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR: Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Jamal Rostami, a member of the Islamic Society of Central Pennsylvania, invites interfaith friends to his home for an interfaith coffee hour on Wednesday evening, March 16th! Location: 1520 Chaumont Ave., State College. Please sign up on this Doodle poll to indicate your interest in coming: <http://doodle.com/poll/3unzi7fsz53z6ges>

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