

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service September 18, 9:30 am

Greeter: Leah Witzig	Worship Leader: Rick Stehouwer
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Jeremy Gernand
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (see insert)

Gathering Hymns – STJ # 96, “I’m pressing on the upward way”
“Heavenly sunlight” (see insert)

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Children’s Time – Nel Kopp

Offering our Gifts

Scripture Reading – Kathleen Stehouwer; Rosita Derstine
Isaiah 40:4, 29-31 (p. 581); Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 978)

Sermon – Joel Weidner, “Choosing the Way of Life”

Hymn of Response – HWB #439, “I want Jesus to walk with me”

Confession and Reconciliation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Marv Friesen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #421, “Bless’d be the tie that binds”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Today Mennonite Church USA, along with Mennonite Mission Network’s Peace and Justice Support Network, celebrates Peace Sunday. Pray for God’s wisdom as we challenge the violence that continues to be our culture’s all-too-frequent response to conflict.

Mennonite Education Agency: Recognizing September 21 as the International Day of Peace, pray that adults may bless children by interpreting Christ’s love through promoting peaceful environments, especially as children encounter violence, exploitation, discrimination and other injustices. Pray that people of the world will recognize children as a blessing entrusted to them.

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

September

Mon 19	Friends for a Ten Thousand Villages Store Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 25	Community Café and BBQ Dinner 5 pm
Tue 27	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

October

Wed 5	Elders Meeting 7:00 pm
Sun 9	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Tue 11	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Tue 11	Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm
Wed 12	Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
Thu 20	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri 21-Sun 23	Camp Hebron

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

Announcements, September 18, 2016

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There will be adult Sunday school upstairs in the sanctuary, and there will be options for children and youth of all ages in the basement.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: This is a busy week! **We're excited to host Ted & Co TheaterWorks for two performances - Monday night will be at Penn State in Pasquerilla's Eisenhower Chapel at 7:30 performing his show Listening for Grace**, a show that offers voice to our fears and hopes when a faith community engages in questions around sexuality and same-sex relationships. It's about a father's journey, a church's struggle and a search for commonality. **On Tuesday Ted & Co will be at Faith UCC (300 E. College Ave) performing his show Laughter is Sacred Space**, his own story of grief, loss and ultimately hope in dealing with the loss of his long-time acting partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007.

We are co-hosting Peterson Toscano, a queer Quaker author and environmental activist, on Wednesday afternoon at 1pm at Abba Java Coffee House for a chat with students and interested community members.

Also on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 we're joining the Penn State community at the inaugural International Day of Peace March, meeting in the Paul Robeson Cultural Center. Please join us!

Other events this week include Pause for Peace (Wednesday, 11:15am in Pasquerilla 118), Table Connections at Scott and Ieva's place on Wednesday night at 6pm, and 3WC on Tap on Thursday at 4pm! Join us if you are interested!

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

Support the efforts to open a permanent Ten Thousand Villages store in State College by attending a September 19, 7:30 pm community meeting at the Friends Meetinghouse on 611 E. Prospect Avenue. Representatives from the Ten Thousand Villages organization will be present and give a short presentation. Meet other supporters in the community who are ready to make this happen, learn about the mission of Ten Thousand Villages and how their work promotes social justice around the globe, and understand what it will take to open a store in State College. See Joel Weidner, Kris Charles, or Jean Landis for more information.

Call to Worship

Leader: God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes

All: Show us your way.

Leader: God of the stormy seas, the bread that nourishes

All: Teach us your truth.

Leader: God of the still, small voice, the wind that blows where it chooses

All: Fill us with life.

Leader: God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys

All: Set our feet on your road today.

May God bless us with a safe journey

May the angels and saints travel with us

May we live this day in justice and joy. Amen

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UMC will be holding a Community Café on Sunday, September 25 on the topic of deepening our spiritual lives as a community. We will start with a barbeque dinner at 5 pm followed by a time for discussion in small groups from 6-7:30 pm. Childcare will be provided. Contact anyone in the leadership team for more information.

FROM INTERFAITH INITIATIVE CENTRE COUNTY:

FALL 2016 Interfaith Picnic today – Sunday, September 18, 1:00–3:00 pm Pavilion 1, Sunset Park, McKee St., State College.

Students Eat Free – No need to bring anything! Easy walk from campus.

Delicious halal food will be available; also beverages; eco-friendly (recycled or biodegradable) plates, cups, utensils provided.

Food Contribution suggestions from non-students: Vegetarian dishes always appreciated; Kosher or Halal dishes welcome from those who know how to prepare; Favorite dishes welcome too! Please list ingredients (No pork or alcohol, please)

Children Welcome – Playground Available. Free parking!

Rain location: State College Friends Meeting, 611 East Prospect Ave., State College