

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service January 12, 2020

## GATHERING

Call to Worship – Esther Prins

Leader: In the beginning God created all things,

**People: and God saw that they were good.**

Leader: At our beginning, God created us

**People: unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured even before God created us.**

Leader: In all our new beginnings, God creates something new

**People: so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.**

Leader: Lord God, King of Creation,

**People: open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
ever here in your creation,  
and ever beyond it in eternity.**

**All: Amen.**

~ Adapted from *Liturgy of Creation*

Opening Hymns – Faith King

HWB #46 I sing the mighty power of God

STS #1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness

Welcoming Visitors

Lighting the Peace Lamp

**Confession and Assurance of Pardon (read in unison)**

Leader: God of history and of my heart,  
So much has happened to me during these  
whirlwind days:

**People: I've known death and birth;  
I've been brave and scared;  
I've hurt, I've helped;**

Leader: I've been honest, I've lied;  
I've destroyed, I've created;  
I've been with people, I've been very lonely;

**People: I've been loyal, I've betrayed;  
I've decided, I've waffled;  
I've laughed and I've cried.**

Leader: You know my frail heart and my frayed history  
and now another day begins.

**People: O God, help me to believe in new beginnings  
and in my beginning again,  
no matter how often I've failed before.**

Leader: Help me to be a beginning to others,  
to be a singer to the songless,  
a storyteller to the aimless,  
a befriender to the friendless;

**People: to become a beginning of hope for the despairing,  
of assurance for the doubting,  
of reconciliation for the divided;**

Leader: to become a beginning of freedom for the oppressed,  
of comfort for the sorrowing,  
of friendship for the forgotten;

**People: to become a beginning of beauty for the forlorn,  
of sweetness for the soured,  
of gentleness for the angry,  
of wholeness for the broken,  
of peace for the frightened and violent of the earth.**

**All: Help me to believe in beginnings,  
to make a beginning,  
to be a beginning,  
so that I may not just grow old,  
but grow new  
each day of this wild, amazing life  
you call me to live  
with the passion of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Each time we fall short of what God intends God reaches  
out to us in Christ and lifts us up again and again.

**People: We believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ  
we are forgiven.**

~Adapted from "Help Me to Believe in Beginnings" - A Prayer Poem (Ted Loder, *Guerrillas of Grace*)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time – Amy Sattler

*Children are welcomed forward while congregation sings HWB #20, Come  
and see.*

## Scripture Reading – Leland Glenna

### Genesis 1:1-5

In beginning, He, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and shapeless and darkness covered the face of the deep, while She, the Spirit of God, pulsed over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

### Proverbs 8: 22-36

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. “And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favour from the Lord; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.”

**Sermon** – Kate Heinzel

### RESPONDING

**Hymn** – HWB #482, Mothering God, you gave me birth

### Offering

**Sharing of Joys & Concerns** – Joel Weidner

### SENDING

### Announcements

### Benediction

**Sending Hymn** – HWB #407 We are people of God’s peace

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Greeter: Marvin Hall

Accompanist: Krista Weidner

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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 by sending an email to:**  
[university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

**Upcoming events:** For more details, go to: [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

### January

- Jan 14 Men’s fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am
- Jan 15 Meetinghouse committee meeting, 6:30 pm
- Jan 20 Worship committee meeting, 7 pm
- Jan 22 Fellowship committee meeting, 7 pm
- Jan 24 Women’s fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am
- Jan 28 Men’s fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am

### February

- Feb 5 Elders meeting, 6:30 pm
- Feb 8 Knotting comforters for MCC, fellowship hall, 2 pm
- Feb 9 Potluck fellowship meal, noon
- Feb 11 Men’s fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am
- Feb 12 Leadership team meeting, 6:30 pm
- Elders meeting, 7:30 pm
- Feb 16 Joint worship with Albright Bethune United Methodist Church, 11 am

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

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## Announcements

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Kate will resume “**out of the office hours**” at **Good Day Café** (286 W. Hamilton Ave) next Tuesday from 2-4 pm. Due to several conflicts, she will be there every other week through mid-February. Upcoming times to meet: January 7 and 21, February 4, then back to every Tuesday starting February 18. As always, you’re free to call and set up a time to meet that fits your schedule (717-606-2909).

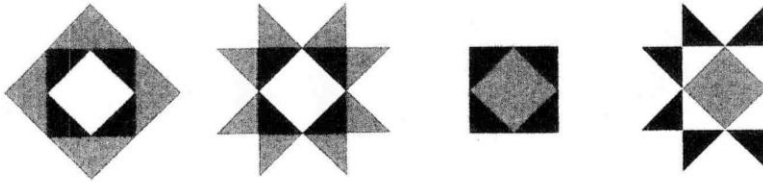
**We will have a fellowship meal today at noon.** Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

**Penn State returns from the winter break this week, and so does 3rd Way Collective.** This week we will be present at Monday’s New Student Involvement Fair in the HUB. We will also have our first home-cooked meal of the semester on Wednesday evening at 6 pm at Ben’s home!

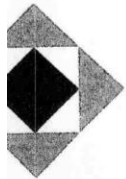
We are busy filling in dates for the spring semester! If you would like to help out this semester by hosting a home-cooked meal, joining us for a pub night, or helping to plan or coordinate some other event or activity, please contact Ben directly! For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org).

**Need to renew your spiritual life? Need some time for reflection?** Then consider attending a joint UBBC/UMC Spiritual Growth Retreat on February 22. The retreat will be based on ideas from Joyce Rupp’s *The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth*. All are welcome, and you need not be familiar with the book to attend. The retreat will be co-led by UMC pastor Kate Heinzl and Bonnie Kline Smeltzer, pastor of University Baptist and Brethren Church. Both congregations are invited to attend. The retreat will be held at State College Friends Meeting at 611 East Prospect Ave. from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturday, February 22. Lunch will be served. There is no cost, but please do register. To register, please call the UBBC office at 237-2708 and talk with or leave a message for Alysia, or email [office@ubbcwelcome.org](mailto:office@ubbcwelcome.org) and put “Feb. Retreat” on the subject line and the full names of those wishing to register in the text of the email.

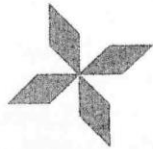
**Wanted: Singers for Ecumenical concert** - Singers are invited to participate in the eleventh annual ecumenical Lenten concert on Wednesday, March 25 from 7-8 pm at Grace Lutheran Church in downtown State College. The 40-50 voice choir, directed by Laurel Sanders, features a Rachmaninoff Kyrie; settings of Lord, Have Mercy by Orlando Gibbons and William Byrd; the premiere of The Window: A Kyrie for Notre Dame by Laurel Sanders; A Little Jazz Mass by Bob Chilcott; and Behold, How Good by Michael John Trotta. Music will be provided to singers at no cost and there are no auditions. Music-reading skills are helpful, but all singers are welcome. For details or to sign up, contact Laurel Sanders at [lsanders@glcpa.org](mailto:lsanders@glcpa.org) or call (814) 238-2478.



## THE GREAT WINTER WARM-UP



SAVE THE DATE  
Saturday  
February 8

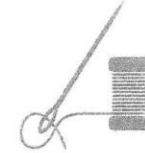


This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee. One of the many ways MCC is celebrating is to make 5,000 comforters here on the East Coast for the distributing to people in need all around the world.

Come participate in helping to knot a comforter on **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8** starting at 2:00 in the fellowship hall at our church.

MCC is also asking for donations of new twin or full size blankets. And, MCC needs sewing kit supplies. If you are interested in donating to either of these projects, you can bring the items along on February 8. See the other side of this paper for sewing kits items.

## SEWING KIT



In many places where MCC works, sewing skills open doors to new possibilities, including additional income that can help a family make ends meet.

### Contents (NEW items only)

- 3 spools white thread** (all-purpose; cotton/poly or 100% polyester; minimum 250 yds.)
- 3 spools black thread** (all-purpose; cotton/poly or 100% polyester; minimum 250 yds.)
- 1 metric fabric tape measure** (plastic or fiberglass; 150 cm; inch marking optional)
- 1 thimble** (metal; medium size)
- 1 dressmaker shears** (good quality)
- 1 package needles** (minimum 25; assorted sizes)
- 1 pkg straight pins** (minimum 80; round plastic heads preferred)
- Shirt-style buttons** (12; black or white; size ½–1 inch; place loose buttons in a resealable plastic bag)
- Sew-on snaps** (minimum 20; assorted sizes)
- Safety pins** (minimum 10; assorted sizes)

**Instructions:** Sewing kits are distributed in a useful double-drawstring cloth bag 11¾ x 16¾ in. You may sew the bag yourself, request bags from an MCC collection center or donate contents that we will place in a bag. For bag-making instructions and collection centers, visit: [mcc.org/kits/bag](http://mcc.org/kits/bag)



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