

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service January 24, 9:30 am

Greeters: Sue & Doug Miller	Worship Leader: Leah W. Witzig
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Ruth Parrish Sauder
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0 – 4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

MENNONITE WORLD FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

GATHERING

Prelude – Carissa Heine

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship – (New Zealand) [insert]

Gathering Hymns

“The kingdom of God is justice and peace” (Taize, France) [insert]

HWB #76, “Praise, I will praise you, Lord” (France)

HWB #35, “Many and great, O God” (North American Plains Indian)

Introduction of Visitors

Prayer of Confession (Maori, New Zealand) [insert]

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Children's Time – Joel Weidner

Scripture Readings

Micah 6:6-8 [page 757]; Matthew 6:19-34 [page 787]

Dave Beppler

Sermon “The Priority of the Kingdom,” Marv Friesen

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response

STJ #78, “We will walk with God” (Swaziland)

Offering – Mike Bratt (Latin America)

Becky and Dale Kephart

Offering Prayer – (Dominican Republic)

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

GOING FORTH

Announcements

Benediction – (England)

Sending Hymn

STJ #77, “The peace of the earth be with you” (Guatemala)

Sunday School (second hour) - see announcements insert

Prayers Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Lauren Baer, Laura Haar, Malte Kaliske, Jessica Lindsay, and Pablo Lorenzana make up Mennonite Mission Network’s Service Adventure unit in Albany, Oregon. Pray for them as they work with Habitat for Humanity, care for older adults, help in the local school system, and engage in ministries with homeless people.

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

January:

Mon 25 Bridge of Hope Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Mon 25 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 26 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Thu 28 UMC Women Group Comforter Knotting 7:00 pm

February:

Tue 2 Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm

Wed 3 Elders Meeting 6:00 pm

Wed 3 Leadership Team Meeting 7:30pm

Mon 8 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 9 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 10 Ash Wednesday Service 5:30 pm

Wed 10 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 14 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Thu 18 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sun 21 Congregational Business Meeting 6:30 pm

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

Call to Worship – (New Zealand)

Let us be still:
and realize God's yearning and desire to enter into a relationship with us.
Let us be still:
and open our hearts to the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit.
Let us be still:
and bring before God all our worries, stresses, and sorrows.
Let us be still:
and let ourselves be enveloped in God's all-embracing love.
Let us be still:
and receive the peace of God that passes all understanding.
Let us be still:
and receive God's grace, a gift beyond compare.
Let us be still:
and give thanks to God in all things.

Prayer of Confession (Maori, New Zealand)

E te Atua, Lord God, Creator of All,
We are each in your image
Yet some insist this is not so.
Help us always to see one another as you see us.

E te Atua, Lord God, Creator of All,
We are each entrusted the care of your Creation,
Yet some continue to exercise destructive dominion.
Help us always to be as nurturers, protectors,
and caregivers of your Creation.

E te Atua, Lord God, Creator of All,
We are blessed by your call to discipleship.
Help us always to be responsive to the cries of the poor.

E te Atua, Lord God, Creator of All,
We are privileged by your insistence upon servanthood.
Help us always to be your faithful mission people.

E te Atua, Lord God, Creator of All,
Our lives are lived in faithfulness to you.
Help us always to be worthy of your unending love for us.
AMEN.

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at about 11:00 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 week will include our weekly events - Pause for Peace on Wednesday at 12:30pm, and our Bible Study (1pm) and 3rd Way Conversations (8pm) on Thursday. Pastor Ben will also be traveling to Orlando on Friday to attend the annual Mennonite Youth Minister and Campus Minister conference held over the weekend. 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

LOST & FOUND: Please check the lost & found corner, downstairs in the hallway. There are several baking dishes, etc. also a scarf, cap, & black umbrella. Hanging in the lobby on the coat rack is a black ladies jacket size small.

UMC women will be knotting baby comforters on Thursday, January 28 at 7 p.m. at the church. All women are welcome! The comforters will be given to expectant mothers affiliated with the Park Forest Preschool. Contact Joyce Hall, with any questions: 814-231-1447, jeh21@comcast.net

Mennonite World Conference achieves its mission:

- as it encourages member churches to commit to each other on the basis of shared convictions of theology and practice,
- as it nurtures solidarity through joint activities and communication among the members,
- as it promotes biblical and theological reflection by and among the members,
- as it accepts counsel from members for its life as a community,
- as it supports the member churches in ministry to the world, and
- as it facilitates relationships with other international Christian communities.