

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service February 28, 10:30 am

Greeter: Carolyn Brubaker	Worship Leader: Rick Stehouwer
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Ruth Parrish Sauder
Hosts: Vonda & Doug Yoder	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Rosenberger
Childcare (0 – 4 years): available in the nursery	

Focus Statement: *God the Author of the grand story, invites us to drink in the works of the covenant, the good news that we are part of an abundant narrative. As we do, we become living words that leap off the page into all aspects of relations: with God, each other, and the earth.*

Prelude – Hal Kunkel

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Call to Worship (see insert)

Gathering Hymns

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Children's Time – Joy Miller

Bible presentation to Ezra Gernand

Offering our Gifts – Kathleen Stehouwer and Grace Friesen

Offertory – Ruth Parrish Sauder

Scripture Reading – Todd and Shelley Davis

Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 4:14-21

Sermon – Marv Friesen & Jessie Pierce, “Choosing the Way of Life”

Hymn of Response

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Marv Friesen

Prayer

Announcements

Benediction – Marv Friesen

Sending Hymn

Sunday School (second hour) - see announcements insert

Prayers Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for SOOP volunteers to work alongside staff doing office, maintenance and construction work, acting as teachers' aides, and assisting in the kitchen at Academia Menonita Betania, a bilingual Christian school located near the city of Aibonito, Puerto Rico.

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 1 Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm

Wed 2 Elders Meeting 6:00 pm

Thu 3 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

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 3:00 pm

Tue 22 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

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

Mon 28 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We gather to praise you.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will bless you as long as we live.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

All: We will lift up our hands and call on your name.

Announcements, February 28, 2016

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.

Lenten Supper Thursday, March 3, 6:00 pm - A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Everyone is invited to a simple supper of sandwiches, veggies, and fruit, followed by a brief devotional program and faith story sharing from Alison and Jeremy Gernand. Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: In the final week before spring break, our regular events will include Pause for Peace on Wednesday at 12:30pm, and our Bible Study (1pm) and 3rd Way Conversations (8pm) on Thursday. 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.

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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. Please sign up here if you can contribute: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-volunteer>.