

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 13, 9:30 am

Greeter: Rosita Derstine	Worship Leader: Jim Pierce
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Sharon & Tom Spicher	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Focus Statement: *“An Unexpected Twist.” The Grand Author works in mysterious ways—ways that we often find to be inexplicably, extravagantly generous. The twists that are thrown into the plot are counterintuitive to our human ways of seeing things. Where one would expect only to find a vast, dry, barren desert, we discover a refreshing, anointing, life-giving stream of hospitality.*

Prelude – Cathy and Jim Pierce

Call to Worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

HWB #114, “In thee is gladness”

HWB #140, “Open, Lord, my inward ear”

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture Readings – Leah and Fidele Lumeya

Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sermon – Leland Glenna, “It Makes No Sense”

Hymn of Response – HWB #150, “Wonderful grace of Jesus”

Offering – Cathy and Jim Pierce

Offertory – Fidele Lumeya and Karl Bartsch

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Jim Pierce

Sharing Hymn – STS #120, “Somebody prayed for me”

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – STJ #14, “Lord Jesus, you shall be my song”

Sunday School (second hour) - see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia and the Mongolian Prayer Movement that began four years ago. Pray with Christians in Mongolia as they desire to send mission teams to each of the 40 modern-day countries that once made up Genghis Khan’s vast 13th century empire.

Mennonite Education Agency: At Lezha Academic Center, Lezha, Albania, prayers are needed for funds for teachers, and also a lot of prayers are needed for teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

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:

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 (St. Paul’s Methodist) 12:05 pm

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*

Announcements, March 13, 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.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: We had an incredible week serving and learning with DOOR Miami. Student reflections were recorded each day and posted on the 3WC website on the podcast page. As we return to campus this week, our regular events will include a Home Cooked Meal with Brenda and Marv on Monday night, Pause for Peace on Wednesday at 12:30pm, our Bible Study (1pm) and 3rd Way Conversations (8pm) on Thursday, and the inaugural Palm Sunday Peace Walk in one week. 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. A new monthly reflection will also be posted at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

ICC 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 a special coffee hour on Wednesday evening, March 16th! Refreshments served.

Suggested Discussion Topic: What traditions of your faith help you to remember your loved ones who have passed? This occasion marks the anniversary of the passing of Jamal's father, and he will tell us about the custom of providing food & drink to others as a way of memorializing loved ones.

Location: 1520 Chaumont Ave., State College.

RSVP needed! <http://doodle.com/poll/3unzi7fsz53z6ges>

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/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-volunteer>.

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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.

Fellowship Meal March 20 at noon

Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal next Sunday. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. Regular attenders are encouraged to bring your own place settings (don't forget cups) and a dish to serve 12 or more.

Last names A-L bring a main dish

Last names M-Z bring side dish, vegetables, bread, fruit or other dessert

An oven can be set to 350 for those who would like to cook. There will be labels on the food table for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and especially any dishes containing nuts.

Easter Breakfast March 27 at 8am

Everyone is welcome to a delicious potluck Easter breakfast. Regular attenders are invited to bring eggs, breakfast casserole, pastries, bread, or fruit, plus your own table service. Beverages will be provided. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and especially any dishes containing nuts.