

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service April 17, 9:30 am

Greeters: Gloria & Jim Rosenberger	Worship Leader: Fran Osseo-Asare
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts: Brenda & Marv Friesen	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

For reflection: “You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.”

Matthew 13:14-15

Prelude – Jessie Pierce

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

HWB #145, *There’s a wideness in God’s mercy*

HWB #362, *Help us to help each other*

Welcome of visitors and passing of the peace

Confession (bulletin insert)

Assurance of forgiveness

STS #5, *Open my ears, open my eyes*

Children's Time – Nel Kopp

Offering – Capriel Myers and Leah Lumeya

Offertory – Fidele Lumeya

Scripture Readings – K. Osseo-Asare

Romans 15:1-13

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Can Jesus Learn? Can We?”

Hymn of Response – STS #65, *Open my eyes*

Sharing and prayer – Marv Friesen

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song – STJ #74, *Now go in peace*

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: The *Samuelito* daycare center in Bolivia is reaching out to children’s parents. Pray for the center’s director, Yuneth Vargas, and for Freddy and Margrit Kipfer Barrón of Mennonite Mission Network who lead Alpha courses that engage 15-18 parents in examining the spiritual aspects of their lives.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the members of Bethel College’s Women’s Ensemble as they give their spring concert this afternoon.

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

April:

Sun 17	Community in Prayer 6:30 pm
Wed 20	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
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

May

Wed 4	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 4	Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 8	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Mon 9	Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
Tue 10	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Tue 10	Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm
Wed 11	Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 15	Congregational Business Meeting 6:30 pm

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

Announcements, April 17, 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: It's hard to believe there are only two weeks of classes remaining! Regular events this week will include our monthly Grad Student Pub Night on Monday evening at Otto's at 8pm, Pause for Peace on Wednesday at 12:30pm, our Peace & Justice Bible Study on Thursday at 1pm and 3rd Way Conversations on Thursday night at 8:00pm. Campus Pastor Ben will also be having dinner this week with our current student officers and future student officers who will begin in the fall, to reflect on this school year and the future! 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/>

Pastoral and Congregational Evaluation – The leadership team is coordinating an evaluation of Pastor Marv and a congregational self-evaluation. The primary instrument for conducting the evaluation is a congregational survey that was provided by the Mennonite Church USA, and that we have adapted for our purposes. Everyone who feels committed to UMC as their church home and church family is invited and encouraged to complete the evaluation survey. The survey can be completed online by going to: <http://tinyurl.com/ZOL7MU3>. Paper survey forms with instructions are also available in the foyer. To be included in the evaluation, paper surveys must be turned in (Esther Prins's mailbox) by noon on Sunday, April 24, and electronic surveys must be completed by 9am on Monday, April 25. If you have questions about the evaluation process or surveys, please talk with Esther Prins or one of our elders.

SPRING INTERFAITH PICNIC – Sunday, May 1, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Pavilion 1 (center right), Sunset Park, State College. Students Eat Free – No need to bring anything. Meet your friends and neighbors of other faiths. Easy walk from campus; Come when you want, leave when you wish – anytime between 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Delicious halal food from Pita Cabana will be available; Soft drinks, eco-friendly (recycled or biodegradable) plates, cups, utensils also provided. Food Contribution suggestions from non-students: Vegetarian dishes always appreciated; Halal or Kosher food welcome from those who know how to prepare; Favorite dishes welcome too! For our friends with allergies, please list your ingredients (No pork or alcohol, please.)
Featured Special Guest: Interfaith Human Services Director, Wendy Vinhage
Children Welcome – Playground Available

Confession

Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –
When we remake you in our image,
When we claim our causes as your own,
When we box you in,
And explain you away,
And in our attempts at understanding, whittle away all mystery.
Forgive us for our human impulses, and change us:
Awaken us to your blinding glory,
Confound us by your love,
Shower us with grace so that we will be made new,
Recreated in your image,
Grateful for all that you have done, known and unknown
In the name of Christ, who brought us closer to you, we pray. Amen