

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service May 1, 9:30 am

Greeter: Leah W. Witzig	Worship Leader: Eric Smith
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Jeremy Gernand
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Call to Worship (see bulletin insert)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Opening Hymns

STJ #97, *The Lord is my light*

STJ # 95, *I want to walk as a child of the light*

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time – Rick Stehouwer

Offering – Jim & Cathy Pierce

Offertory – Hal Kunkel

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Readings – Terry Yoder & Suzanne Wolfe

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (p. 537), Romans 8:14-28 (p. 919)

Psalms 23 (KJV)

Hymn – STJ #101, *Our darkness*

Sermon – Karen Rath, “In the Valley of the Shadow”

Hymn of Response – HWB #566, *In the cross of Christ I glory*

Sharing and Prayer – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Announcements

Benediction – Karen Rath

Sending Song – STJ #67, *Let there be light, Lord God*

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the Sister Care ministry of Mennonite Women and its partnership with Mennonite Mission Network in offering hope around the world. Pray for Noëlie Bananzaro, Nancy Frey and Claire Traoré from Burkina Faso, as they share what they learned in Sister Care sessions last month in Kenya.

Mennonite Education Agency: We ask your prayers for the Bluffton University students who are spending their May term cross cultural experiences in Kentucky, Arizona, Chicago, Bangladesh and Iceland.

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

May

Wed 4	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 4	Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 8	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 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
Thu 19	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Sun 22	Recognition of High School Graduates 11:00 am
Mon 23	Bridge of Hope Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Tue 24	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

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

Announcements, May 1, 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: As the semester draws to a close we want to thank you for your incredible support! 3rd Way Collective was involved with more than 120 events that involved over 1600 people in our community during this past school year. Our community is growing and changing and we're excited by our new officers for this coming fall and the launch of our 3rd Way Collective intentional living community with five students. Our hope is to provide connecting opportunities through the summer (home cooked meals and pub nights) as we plan and prepare for the fall. Please hold students in your prayers as they take final exams this 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/>

Volunteer Positions for 2016-17 forms need to be submitted as soon as possible to Karen Rath. There are hard copies in the lobby which can be filled out and put in Karen's mailbox, or positions you are volunteering for can be emailed to karenrath@gmail.com.

Fellowship Meal May 8 at noon

Everyone is invited to a delicious carry-in meal. 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 a 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.

Anyone wanting to order the church magazine "THE MENNONITE," this is the time. It is a monthly magazine and the price for the year is \$37.00. There are copies in the library if you wish to see what it's like. Also, if you are already receiving it and wish to renew, please give your check to Carolyn Brubaker made out to University Mennonite Church.

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 124, James 5)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

People: Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

Leader: Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.

**People: We come with songs of praise,
with prayers too deep for words.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!

People: Blessed be the Lord!

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Please consider contributing to this year's Centre Gives event! Centre Gives is a unique 36-hour (6 A.M. Tuesday, May 3 – 6 P.M. Wednesday, May 4) online-only giving event in which people who care about the future of Centre County can log on to CentreGives.org and donate to any of the dozens of participating charitable organizations that serve Centre County, with the added incentive that Centre Foundation is providing a stretch pool of \$100,000 and other cash prizes! Park Forest Preschool, a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two, three, and four-year-old children from low-income families, is a participant of the Centre Gives 2016 event. UMC has supported Park Forest Preschool in many ways. Donations designated for Park Forest Preschool at www.centregives.org during the Centre Gives event would be most appreciated. (The minimum donation amount for Centre Gives is \$25.) Contact Joyce Hall if you have questions: jeh21@comcast.net

Big Valley Community Hymn Sing

7pm May 8

Maple Grove Mennonite Church

115 Maple Grove Road

Belleville

Everyone is welcome!

A free will offering will be given to the Central PA Clinic for Special Adults and Children. If you like, you are invited to bring light refreshments such as cookies, cheese platter, mixed nuts, or fruit. Beverages will be provided.

For more information, contact Elaine Mercer 717-935-2327 or Leon Miller 717-935-2992 leonlynda77@gmail.com