

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service July 3, 9:30 am

Greeters: Hope & Roy Brubaker	Worship Leader: Leah W. Witzig
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

GATHERING

Prelude – Fidele Lumeya

Call to Worship (see insert)

Opening Hymns

STJ #27, *God of the Bible*

STJ #50, *Keep me safe, O God*

Introduction of Visitors

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Confession and Assurance of Pardon (see insert)

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time – Peter Sensenig

Scripture Reading – Karen Brandes

Acts 11:1-18

Sermon – Peter Sensenig, “Growing Our Roots”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of Response – STS #15, *Hope is a candle*

Offering

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

SENDING FORTH

Announcements and Celebrations

Benediction

Sending Hymn – STJ #87, *Put peace into each other’s hands*

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Brian and Kelly McPhail, along with 1-year-old Elsie, are completing three years of ministry in China with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they say goodbyes to friends, colleagues and students, and as they re-adjust to life in the United States.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for the Bethel College students who are serving this summer at Camp Mennoscah (Kansas), Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp (Colorado), Camp Friedenswald (Michigan) and other church camps – for health, safety and good interactions with children and youth.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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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

July

Sun 10 Outdoor Worship Service at Tussey View Park 10:00 am

Sun 10 Potluck Fellowship Picnic 12:00 pm

Tue 12 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 12 Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm

Wed 13 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 25 Bridge of Hope Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Tue 26 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 27 Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

August

Wed 3 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 3 Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Announcements, July 3, 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.

Today will be the last day of Sunday school for adults and children for the summer. Sunday school will resume for all ages on September 4.

July 10 Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic - All are welcome to join us for our Sunday morning worship service, starting at 10 am in Tussey View Park next door to the church, behind the Nittany Valley Charter School. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket, your own table service, and a dish to share (to serve 12). Please bring a cooler for cold food and take it directly to the park. Cold water will be provided. Nursery childcare will also be provided. In case of rain we will meet in the church.

A Meeting for Peace, sponsored by the four peace churches in State College (State College Friends Meeting, University Mennonite Church and 3rd Way Collective, University Baptist and Brethren Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship), **will be held at the State College Friends Meeting House on July 10, 2016 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm with a potluck supper to follow.** The purpose of this Meeting for Peace is to bring us together in spiritual fellowship and to share our ideas for continued collaboration to promote peace in our community. Please plan to attend to be part of this effort and to share in the potluck and social time after the meeting. For those of you who contribute a dish to the potluck, it would be helpful to people who have special dietary considerations for certain foods to be labeled (for example, “contains nuts/meat/dairy,” “halal,” “kosher,” “gluten-free”). The State College Friends Meeting House is located at 611 East Prospect Avenue. We hope to see you there on July 10.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: We continue to be inspired by the students who are looking for meaningful connections this summer. One of our student leaders organized a last minute group this week to go out for a music and pop culture trivia night and a group of 8 people showed up!! We look forward to July’s home cooked meal and pub night.

We need meal hosts for the fall! Sign up today to prepare a meal for students during the 2016-17 school year by visiting this link - <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daee28a0ff2-3wchome>

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/>

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God is an awesome God who breathed into emptiness and created all that is.

People: With love and care, God shaped the world in all its diversity with mountains and valleys, rivers and deserts, and people of all colors and sizes.

Leader: And threading through it all are beautiful dreams of justice, compassion, liberation, and peace.

People: O God, creator of our past, our present, and our future, we thank you for the many blessings you bestow on us each moment.

Leader: Be with us now. Draw near to us as we draw near to you.

People: Lead us in paths of righteousness. Fill our hearts with compassion and a thirst for justice. Teach us to be co-creators with you, of a world where we belong and share in the abundance you have given us.

All: Praise be to God.

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Patient God, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities which sap our energy, our resources, and our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus’ words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. AMEN.