

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service July 24, 9:30 am

Greeter: Cathy Shannon	Worship Leader: Leah Lumeya
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Ruth Parrish Sauder
Hosts: Kathleen & Rick Stehouwer	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Rosenberger
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship (see insert)

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

HWB #16, *God is here among us*

HWB #26, *Holy Spirit, come with power*

Children’s Time – Vonda Yoder

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors

Offering – Nathanael Myers, Garrett Myers

Offertory – Becky Kephart

Scripture Reading – Genesis 27:1-40

Sermon – Fidele Lumeya, “Spiritual Journey”

Hymn of Response – HWB #356, *Breathe on me, breath of God*

Sharing Joys and Concerns, and Prayer – Jim Pierce

Announcements and Celebrations

Benediction – Ben Wideman

Sending Song – HWB #418, *Move in our midst*

No Sunday school for the summer

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Praise God for the courage of the persecuted Christians in Sidi, Burkina Faso, who overcame violence with acts of love. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying that the crops they planted this year will produce a plentiful harvest, even as their seeds of faith help grow the church.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for members of the incoming class at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana as they prepare to transition to seminary study. May they sense God’s peace and presence as they make space in their lives for new academic challenges, transformative experiences and relationships that will play a part in shaping their calling.

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

Pastor:	Marv Friesen	(marv@universitymennonite.org)	814-234-2039
	Office Hours: Tue – Fri, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm		
Campus Pastor:	Ben Wideman	ben@3rdwaycollective.org	215-859-0037
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Chair Elect:	Karen Rath	karenrath@gmail.com	814-880-5425

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

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

Tue 9	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Tue 9	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Tue 9	Sister Song Practice 7:00 pm
Tue 9	Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm
Wed 10	Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:30 pm
Sun 14	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

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

Announcements, July 24, 2016

Contribution Pledges Requested - Each year members and attenders of University Mennonite Church are asked to submit anonymous pledges indicating how much financial support they plan to give to the church budget in the coming fiscal year (September through August). The practice of making these commitments follows the Biblical principal of "first fruits giving"--the faithful practice of putting God first in our giving--not waiting to see what is left over after all the bills have been paid. We invite all community members to participate and submit a pledge. Please consider completing a pledge form and place it in the box in the foyer, or in the mailbox of our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger, or email your form to our treasurer at JLR@psu.edu. Pledge forms are due by August 7 and our church finance committee will use the pledges to help draft the church budget.

Committee Budget Planning – UMC committee chairs and representatives should provide budget requests (for the 2016-17 fiscal year) for their respective committees and positions, to the treasurer, Jim Rosenberger, by Sunday, August 7. You can view the most recent financial report (income and expenses) with the budget and year-to-date spending for the current fiscal year on the web at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/cong-meeting-reports> (login in first) in the May 15, 2016 meeting reports. Please send budget requests or questions to JLR@psu.edu.

A UMC canoe trip is planned for Saturday, August 20 on the West Branch of the Susquehanna River between Clearfield and Shawville. This 11-mile section (4.5 hours of paddling) of the river is a remote stretch that winds through some gorgeous scenery. Eat a packed lunch on the shore before exploring a tunnel or two. Depart at about 8 am and return mid-afternoon. Please let Marvin Hall (231-1447, mhh2@psu.edu) know so that he can make arrangements and add you to the “canoe trip” email list.

BUSINESS MEETING of Interfaith Initiative Centre County – All congregations, please send a representative!

Friday, July 29, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Location: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 760 Waupelani Drive Ext., State College

All Welcome!

Bring your lunch! Halal and vegetarian snacks also provided.

Come share your wisdom and ideas for interfaith community building.

Get in touch if you need a ride.

Call to Worship

(inspired by Genesis 12: 1-4, John 3: 1-17)

One: God of Abraham and Nicodemus,
God of all of us who think we are
too old or too poor or too small or too weak or too busy,
God of all of us daunted by the sheer wonder
of the plan you lay out before us:
we come to you now, aware of all you have done for us,
and yet still struggling with our doubts.
Birth us all anew, O God;

All: hear us and help us on our journey.

[Silence]

One: God of Abraham and Nicodemus,
we pray for all those who long for a new beginning:
those who are imprisoned,
those who are estranged,
those who have left loved ones behind,
and those who are ill or infirm, especially . . .
Give them all new life by the power of your Spirit.
Help us to see how we can be present with them
as your hands and feet.
Birth us all anew, O God;

ALL: hear us and help us on our journey.

[Silence]

ALL: Birth us all anew, O God.

Hear us and help us on our journey.

Help us to grow up again,

to accept not only earthly things but heavenly things,

to lift up your Son and be lifted up ourselves,

to let your Spirit move us beyond our understanding.

God of Abraham and Nicodemus and all of us,

hear us and help us even as surely as the Spirit blows among us.

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Hymn requests for Music Sunday: Please consider requests for your favorite hymns in preparation for our next Music Sunday on **July 31, 2016**. If you would like you can submit a request to rgrsmclane@comcast.net ahead of time.

There will be no Sunday school today or for the rest of the summer. Sunday school will resume for all ages on September 4.