

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service August 14, 9:30 am

Greeters: Joyce & Marvin Hall	Worship Leader: Leah W. Witzig
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Mark King
Hosts: Fellowship Meal	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Rosenberger
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Prelude – Hal Kunkel

Call to Worship (see insert)

Gathering Hymns

HWB #124, “O worship the Lord”

HWB #498, “He comes to us as one unknown”

Lighting the Peace Lamp – Peace Reading (see insert)

Children’s Time – Meredith Wideman

Offering

Offertory – Hal Kunkel

Welcome of Visitors

HWB #137, “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

Scripture Reading – Krista Weidner

Psalms 139:1-14; Luke 15:11-32

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “Embracing the Compassionate Father”

Hymn of Response

HWB #497, “Come, ye disconsolate”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Announcements and Celebrations

Sending Hymn

STS #57, “Go, my friends, in grace”

Benediction

No Sunday school for the summer

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network partners in Mongolia request prayer for a smooth government transition as the main opposition party, Mongolian People's Party, won the parliamentary elections on June 30.

Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for Hesston College students arriving on campus for a week of practices, team community building, orientation, and a jump start on classes. May their interactions be blessed as they build friendships with each other.

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

August

Sun 14	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Thu 18	Worship Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 21	Congregational Business Meeting 11:00 am
Tue 23	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Thu 25	Picnic at Spring Creek Park 6:00 pm

September

Wed 7	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 7	Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm
Tue 13	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am
Tue 13	Sister Song practice 7:00 pm
Wed 14	Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm
Tue 27	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

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

Call to Worship

It is a risk to have come to worship today.

This is a place where believers

worship what cannot be seen,
choose to participate in a living mystery,
and try—with all of the Spirit's help—
to allow transformation within their lives,
the church, and the world.

This is a place where believers try—

with all of the Spirit's grace—
to risk letting go of familiar but stubborn ways
in order to believe, receive, and love anew.

Come! Let's worship our Living God!

Announcements, August 14, 2016

There will be no Sunday school today or for the rest of the summer.

Sunday school will resume for all ages on September 4.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: We are now only one week away from the fall semester! Thanks to all who helped make our summer schedule take shape. We have our last Pub Night of the summer on Wednesday evening at 8pm at Otto's this week and a full fall event schedule to come soon!

You can lend your voice by leading a short 5-minute reflection in our weekly Pause for Peace gathering, Tuesday mornings at 11:15am. If you can contribute, contact Ben. We are also still in need of a few 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>

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/>

Mark your calendars for this year's Ten Thousand Villages festival sale that will be held on Friday and Saturday, November 4 and 5. We

didn't have a sale last year and many in our community missed the event. The sale requires a lot of volunteers to help out during that week with unpacking, setting up, staffing tables, cashiering, and tearing down and packing up. We hope you can help us in the week leading up to the sale and on the Friday and Saturday sale days.

Peace Reading

Gracious God, we come before you to confess:

we have not lived out the folly of the Gospel.

You call us to be poor in spirit,

yet we often place our desires over the needs of others.

You call us to mourn,

yet we insulate ourselves
from the pain surrounding us.

You call us to be meek,

yet we struggle to appear strong and superior.

You call us to thirst for righteousness,

yet we want to take the easiest path.

You call us to be pure in heart,

yet our hearts are pulled in many directions.

You call us to be peacemakers,

yet we struggle to live in peace
with those closest to us

and we are too often silent about the warring ways of our nation.

Forgive us, O God,

and help us to follow the way of Jesus
ever more faithfully. AMEN.

Announcements, August 14, 2016

Fellowship Meal Today at Noon

Everyone is invited to stay for a delicious carry-in meal. There is always enough for everyone and you are invited to stay whether you planned to or not. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and especially any dishes containing nuts.

August 25 (Thursday) 6pm Picnic at Spring Creek Park

Everyone is welcome to a summer picnic at Spring Creek Park, Spring Lea Drive at Houserville Road in State College. Bring your own meat or something to grill, a dish to share and your own place settings. Cold water will be furnished. Musicians with instruments are especially welcome. Come early and play in the creek! We will be in Pavilion # 1, nearest the parking lot.

Camp Hebron Church Retreat October 21-23

Each year our church community gathers for a weekend of fellowship, fun, and worship. We will meet once again this year at Camp Hebron in Halifax, 18 miles north of Harrisburg. Everyone is welcome. If you are new to our community, consider attending: it's a great way to get to know others at UMC in a relaxed, natural setting. Sign-up sheets will be posted early in September. More information will follow.