

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service November 27, 9:30 am

Greeters: Esther Prins & Leland Glenna	Worship Leader: Karen Rath
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Faith King
Hosts: Jim & Gloria Horst Rosenberger	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

## First Sunday of Advent

*Focus Statement: God's peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.*

**Prelude** – Mike Bratt

**Call to Worship** (back of bulletin)

**Candle Lighting** – Psalm 122 (see insert)

**Gathering Hymns**

HWB #172, “O come, O come, Immanuel”

HWB #178, “Come, thou long expected Jesus”

**Welcoming Visitors**

**Children's Time** – Bethany Spicer Schonberg

**Offering**

**Offertory** – Mike Bratt

**Confessing/Reconciling** (back of bulletin)

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 2:1-5 (p. 550); Matthew 24:36-44 (p. 806)

**Sermon** – Marv Friesen, “Be Ready!”

**Hymn of Response** – HWB #307, “Will you let me be your servant”

**Communion**

**Sharing Time** – Marv Friesen

**Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Benediction** (back of bulletin)

**Sending Hymn** – HWB #425, “Come, come, ye saints”

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Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

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## Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Petrus and Yuliana Handoyo and their two sons have been sent to Cambodia by an Indonesian Mennonite mission agency and Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for Petrus as he teaches religion and ethics in two universities, and for Yuliana as she directs an education ministry for children living on the edge of the city.

**MEA:** Pray for EMS as preparations are made for the School for Leadership Training, Jan. 16-18, 2017. May those who attend hear God's call to deepen relationships through “neighboring” rather than “othering.”

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**Church Information:** [www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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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](http://www.universitymennonite.org/mailling-lists).

**Upcoming Events:** For more details, go to [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

December

Wed 7 Elders Meeting 7:00 pm

Sun 11 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Mon 12 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 14 Student Ministry Student Advisory Committee 7:30 pm

Thu 15 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Sun 18 Children's Christmas Program 11:00 am

Sat 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

Sun 25 Christmas Service Downstairs 10:00 am

Tue 27 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

January

Wed 4 Elders Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 4 Leadership Team Meeting 7:30 pm

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*Recordings of each worship service are available at  
[universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings](http://universitymennonite.org/worshiprecordings)*

## Candle Lighting – Psalm 122

Leader: *I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

Left Side: *I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

Right Side: *I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”*

Leader: Standing on holy ground;

Left Side: bound firmly together;

Right Side: we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

All: And together we will pray for peace:

Leader: peace within these walls;

Left Side: peace within our family and friends;

Right Side: peace within ourselves.

All: In the house of God, we give thanks to the name of the Lord!

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## Announcements, November 27, 2016

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**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.

**It is time once again for us to collect food for Christmas boxes** for the 35 families of the children attending the Park Forest Preschool. We need the following items: child sized toothbrushes, children's toothpaste, canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, turkey gravy packet, applesauce, canned cranberry sauce, canned corn, canned green beans, and boxed instant mashed potatoes. Your donations to this project are greatly appreciated. **Please bring the items to the church by Sunday, Dec. 11.** If you prefer to contribute cash, please see Cathy Shannon who is coordinating this for our church. She can be reached at 814-933-8005, or cbs4@psu.edu. Thank you for helping to provide Christmas dinner for these families.

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### OPEN DOORS...OPEN HEARTS

Open a door to tour **Holiday Homes** in the College Heights Section of State College and open your heart to support the **Park Forest Preschool** at the same time. Have a fun afternoon exploring 6 homes open for self-conducted tours on **Sunday, December 4 from 1-5 pm**. Tickets cost \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. Upon purchase of your ticket, you will receive a small booklet with addresses and directions to each of the six homes. There will be gift baskets raffled in each home and a scavenger hunt with a grand prizewinner announced at the end of the day. Ticket sales benefit the Park Forest Preschool, a tuition-free preschool for 2, 3, and 4 year olds from income-qualified families in Centre County. **Joyce Hall and Joel Weidner have tickets to sell.** Ace Hardware and a number of other businesses are also selling tickets. Check out the following website for a list of the businesses and for more information about the tour: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.org/holidayhometour>

**Christmas Day Service:** Join us for an informal, interactive Sunday morning service on Christmas Day. **We will meet at 10 AM downstairs** followed by a fellowship time. Please bring an inexpensive "stocking stuffer" wrapped gift to exchange during our offering time - bring as many as you would like to receive. See Bethany, Sharon, Karen R., or Meredith with questions.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Way Collective Highlights

We return after a week off for the break with our Grad Student Pub Night at Otto's at 8pm on Monday night, a home cooked meal on Wednesday at 6pm at Brenda and Marv Friesen's home, and a social justice info fair in the HUB on Thursday! We hope you can join us.

For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org). A new monthly reflection will also be posted at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>