

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 4, 9:30 am

Greeter: Leah Witzig	Worship Leader: Doug Miller
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Sue & Doug Miller	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

## Second Sunday of Advent

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

**Prelude** – Micah and Bethany Spicher Schonberg

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

**Candle Lighting** – STS #3, “Come, Light of the world”

**Gathering Hymns**

HWB #183, “On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry”

HWB #211, “Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming”

**Welcome to Our Visitors**

**Children’s Time** – Rick Stehouwer

**Offering**

**Offertory** – Sister Song, “O, prepare your heart”

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

**Scripture Readings**

Isaiah 11:1-10 (p. 558); Matthew 3:1-12 (p. 784)

**Sermon** – Marv Friesen, “The Road to Harmony”

**Hymn of Response** – Sister Song

HWB #187, “Let the heavens be glad”

**Sharing Time**

**Prayer**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** – STJ #76, “The Lord bless you and keep you”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

## Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Colorado Springs Service Adventure unit as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out an Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck, and Kate Unruh, and leaders Daniel and Meg Smeltzer Miller.

**MEA:** Pray with the Bethel College community for the peace and light of Christ to come into the world as faculty, staff, students and friends participate in the 31st annual Lighting of the Green on campus this evening.

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

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto: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](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 11:10 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

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

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## Announcements, December 4, 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.

### **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 are available at the event for \$15. 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 also 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. Check out the following website for more information about the tour and a map of the homes: <http://www.parkforestpreschool.org/holidayhometour>

**Alternative Christmas Fair to benefit 26 charities today, Sunday, December 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at University Baptist & Brethren Church in State College.** Come and choose a gift of a charitable donation for your loved one that supports the programs of local, national, and global nonprofits. Enjoy a tasty lunch during your visit! The Children's Fair runs from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more details, please see the Facebook page: Alternative Christmas Fair UBBC.

**Reminder: Next Sunday, December 11 is the last day to bring food items for Christmas boxes for the children of Park Forest Preschool.** Contact Cathy Shannon who at 814-933-8005, or [cbs4@psu.edu](mailto:cbs4@psu.edu) for more information.

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

This is the final week of classes before final exams! We have a home cooked meal on Wednesday night this week at the home of Evelyn and Karl Bartsch. We would also recommend joining the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil happening every Monday from 4-5pm. All are welcome!

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/>

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### **December 11 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 side dish, vegetables, bread, fruit or other dessert  
Last names **M-Z** bring a main dish

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.

### **December 18 Children's Christmas Program**

Everyone is invited to the Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. After the worship service the adults will leave the sanctuary and go downstairs for coffee while the children dress. When the children are ready (at about 11:10am), adults will be given the signal to take their coffee to the sanctuary and enjoy the program.

After the program, everyone will return to the fellowship hall for refreshments. Tamales, cider and a piñata will be provided.

Please bring a snack to share if you would like, such as cookies or fruit. (Anything with nuts will need to be labeled.)

### **FROM INTERFAITH INITIATIVE CENTRE COUNTY – DECEMBER INTERFAITH COFFEE HOUR:**

Come to home of IICC Convener Sarah Malone on **Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** – Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks & Ice Cream to be served! Other dessert or snack contributions welcome (but not required)! Proposed discussion topic: How should IICC and its participants face the new political climate, and work toward unity with other organizations? Please RSVP to [InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com](mailto:InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com) for directions or more info.

**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.