

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service September 17, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Karen Rath	Worship Leader: Nel Kopp
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts:	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

**Prelude** – Mike Bratt

**Call to Worship** – Psalm 150

**Prayer**

**Opening Hymns**

HWB 107, “Blessed Savior, we adore thee”

HWB 145, “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** – Romans 14:1-8

**Children’s Time** – Marvin Hall

**Offering**

**Offertory** – Mike Bratt

**Scripture Reading**

Genesis 50:15-21 (p. 42); Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 800)

**Sermon** – “Setting Our Default Switches to Grace and Mercy,”

Marv Friesen

**Hymn** – HWB 137, “Forgive our sins as we forgive”

**Sharing Time** – Marv Friesen

**Hymn** – HWB 562, “Nada te turbe”

**Meeting our Visitors**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn** – HWB 150, “Wonderful grace of Jesus”

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Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

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## Prayer Requests

**MMN:** Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God’s faithfulness. Pray also that today’s mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.

**MEA:** Pray for Goshen College students and faculty as the new school year begins.

**MDS:** Pray for all who have been affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma in the US and in the Caribbean, that they find strength for all they need to endure. Pray also for all the volunteers and workers who are assisting with emergency aid, clean-up, and rebuilding.

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**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** [university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

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

September

Thu 21 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

Tue 26 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

October

Wed 4 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 4 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 8 Community Café 5:00 pm

Tue 10 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 10 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 19 Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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Recordings of each worship service are available at  
<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings>

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### Announcements, September 17, 2017

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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 downstairs, and there will be options for children in the basement.

**We welcome all as we explore the Gospel of Mark this Fall**, in Room 3 downstairs to the right of the back stairwell.

If visiting our Church, struck by a sudden impulse or curiosity, we encourage you to drop in! We plan to visit about one chapter per week.

Mark has 16 Chapters: I-XVI. Sept: 17(I) 24(II)

Oct: 1(III) 8(IV) 15(V) 22(VI) 29(VII) and so on.

Questions, ask Dale Kephart at beckdale2@comcast.net or 814-466-2335.

**Welcome back students** of every grade level. **Today during coffee time, we will have ice cream cake from Meyers Dairy** in your honor, and we wish you a successful academic year.

### 3rd Way Collective Highlights

Our first Pub Night takes place on Monday at 8pm at Otto's. We also have our first Pizza and Movie night is Wednesday at 6pm at New Leaf Initiative (we'll be watching and discussing justice themes in Zootopia!). We're also helping to create the second International Day of Peace March, leaving from the PRCC on Thursday night at 6pm, walking to Old Main.

Thanks to all who helped put together our UMCOR hurricane relief buckets - we packaged 40 of them! We encourage you to connect with the Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at the Allen St. Gates on Monday at 4pm. Thanks for helping create more spaces for peace, justice, and faith in our community!

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

**The Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society is sponsoring an authentic Amish wedding meal and antique wedding dress show** in Belleville, **Saturday, October 21 at 6:00pm** at the Locust Grove Mennonite Church. For tickets, contact Tom Spicher or call 667-2272 prior to October 9.

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**We will be having a Community Café on Sunday, October 8, from 5 pm to 7:30 pm.** There will be a simple meal provided by the fellowship committee at 5 pm, followed by a small group discussion at 6 pm. Please bring your own place setting.

The purpose of this Community Café is to gather feedback from the congregation to aid the search committee in filling out the Congregation Information Form that will be provided to prospective candidates for pastor. Specific questions will be sent out prior to the Community Café.

Contact Karen Rath at [karenrath@gmail.com](mailto:karenrath@gmail.com), for the leadership team, or Kathleen Stehouwer at [kathleenstehouwer@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenstehouwer@gmail.com), for the search committee, if you have questions.

**The elders are inviting everyone to join a meal group for fellowship and conversation around the table.** You can join a group based on your preference for a meal time. To join a group please contact Gloria Horst Rosenberger at [ghr4870@gmail.com](mailto:ghr4870@gmail.com) or at 814-234-2167 and provide your name/family names and your preference for the meal time by choosing one of the following: \*weekend breakfast/brunch/lunch, or \*evening dinner meal, or \*no preference. When the groups are formed and notified, each group will decide the details (date, location, menu) for their meal. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join. **Please respond by Tuesday, September 26, 2017.**

**Many thanks to all who made the annual Camp Hebron retreat a refreshing and meaningful time together.** We thank the excellent Camp Hebron staff, everyone who led worship and activities, everyone who participated in the talent show, all who brought delicious snacks, and anyone who enriched our time together by your presence. Blessings from Elaine Mercer, for the Fellowship Committee.

**M.C.C. School Kits:** Thank you, everyone, for donating supplies so that many children throughout the world can go to school with the tools they need to learn. You donated 66 packs of colored pencils, 442 pencils, 61 erasers, 62 rulers, and 164 notebooks.