

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service September 24, 2017 9:30 am

Greeter: Dave Beppler	Worship Leader: Fran Osseo-Asare
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch
Hosts: Vonda & Doug Yoder	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

STJ 16, “Praise with joy the world’s Creator”

STJ 38, “Beloved, God’s chosen”

Welcome of Visitors and Passing of the Peace

Confession

Hymn – STJ 92, “Just as I am, without one plea”

Children’s Time – Jess McCormick

Offering and Prayer

Scripture Readings – Osseo-Asare

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (p. 753); Matthew 20:1-16 (p. 801)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “God’s Incomprehensible Generosity”

Hymn – STS 58, “O God, how we have wandered”

Sharing and Prayer – Marv Friesen

Announcements

Benediction

Hymn – STJ 44, “The love of God”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Staff from DOOR, a Mennonite Mission Network partner that provides service opportunities, are traveling to Austin, Texas for a gathering that starts tomorrow. Pray for them as they fellowship, share best practices, and prepare for the future.

MEA: Pray for participants in Journey, AMBS’s distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program. May God use the program’s focus on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring, and gifts development to deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership.

MDS: Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico who now face the daunting task of clean-up after Hurricane Maria. We ask that you continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and also the MDS volunteers serving in the area of Bloomington and Aransas Pass, Tex. An assessment team is continuing to work in Florida for responding to Hurricane Irma.

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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Asst. Chair: Doug Miller miller@eesi.psu.edu 814-883-1127

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.

Upcoming Events: For more details, go to www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

September

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

Wed 18 Dinner and Goshen College Student Program 5:30 pm

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

Announcements, September 24, 2017

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3rd Way Collective Highlights

Join us this week for a home cooked meal at Karen and Paul Moser's home on Wednesday night at 6pm! Thanks to all who helped make several events take place last week - it was a meaningful time of peace, justice, and faith in our community!

We encourage you to connect with the Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at the Allen St. Gates on Monday at 4pm, as well as a health care rally, also at the gates, starting at noon on Wednesday. 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. A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>

Our church maintains a pictorial directory for regular attenders. The directory can be accessed online at members.instantchurchdirectory.com or on the Instant Church Directory smart phone app. A printed copy can also be provided if you would like one. If you have questions about using the directory, corrections/updates, or would like to be added to the directory, contact Joel Weidner (joelpsu82@outlook.com).

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.

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