

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service October 1, 2017 9:30 am

Greeters: Sue & Doug Miller	Worship Leader: Leland Glenna
Pastor: Marv Friesen	Song Leader: Mark King
Hosts: Gloria & Jim Rosenberger	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Prelude – Becky Kephart, “I will come to you in the silence” (STS 49)

Call to Worship – Affirming Faith (back of bulletin)

Lighting Peace Lamp

Welcome Visitors

Gathering Hymns

HWB 20, “Come and See”

HWB 37, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Confession/Reconciling (back of bulletin)

Children’s Time – Nel Kopp

Offering – Doug and Sue Miller

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 56); Matthew 21:23-32 (p. 802)

Sermon – Marv Friesen, “By What and Whose Authority?”

Hymn – HWB 319, “Jesus shall reign”

Communion

Communion Hymn – HWB 472, “I am the Bread of life”

Sharing Time – Marv Friesen

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn – HWB 478, “Sent forth by God’s blessing”

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside communities in Ecuador to help Vida Juvenil become a thriving, locally organized project. Pray for them as they help mothers, children, and youth become grounded in a better quality of life.

MEA: Pray for students and tutor Lilian Flores at the new Instituto Bíblico Anabautista Study Center at Evangelical Garifuna Mennonite Church in Bronx, New York. They will be starting the course Introduction to Bible Study. Pray that this course will be of blessing for the students, their congregations and their communities as these leaders learn new tools to spread God’s word to expand God’s kingdom.

MDS: Please pray for the people of Puerto Rico and other Caribbean islands who were devastated by Hurricane Maria, and for all the MDS and other workers who are helping them. Pray also for the continuing work of hurricane relief in Texas and Florida.

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** university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com.

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

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, October 1, 2017

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There are classes for children in the basement, and adults have the option of a sermon discussion in the sanctuary or a Bible study on Mark in Room 3 downstairs.

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

International Guest House Volunteer Opportunity, Washington DC:

The practice of hospitality to those who come to us as strangers and leave as friends is at the basis of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. We are in particular need of twelve-month host volunteers beginning April 2018. (Those serving a full year receive a monthly stipend and health insurance while all other volunteers receive full room and board.)

Rotating duties include cleaning, maintenance, baking, gardening, and interacting with guests at breakfast & the evening tea. The three-pronged focus for volunteers is on hospitality to guests, being in community with one another, and your own personal time exploring our historic city. We are located in a friendly, established neighborhood with easy access to public transportation.

Former volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington have found it to be a life-changing experience. This 50-year-old Christian ministry is under the auspices of the Allegheny Conference. For information or application, please contact Sara at sarafretzgoering@gmail.com or igh.dc.us@gmail.com

UMC provides tuition assistance for members of UMC and their children to attend Mennonite Colleges. If anyone eligible plans to attend AMBS, Bethel, Bluffton, EMU or Goshen College next year this is a good time to make a visit. Please see me about the many lifelong benefits of an Anabaptist education. UMC provides support of \$3,000 per student each year. These funds are matched dollar for dollar for the first \$1,000 and \$1 for every \$4 above \$1,000. Thus UMC's \$3,000 gift becomes \$4,500 toward the student's tuition.

Jim Rosenberger, UMC Treasurer

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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.

We will be displaying Grace Friesen's photographs in the art gallery for 2 more weeks. Make sure you stop by and see her talent! If anyone has a hobby or talent you would be willing to share, please tell one of the visuals committee. We would be delighted to have you display your gift.

Following two successful cataract and implant surgeries, Conference Minister, Dave Mishler is as close to 20/20 vision as he has been since the fourth grade! Because of his unusual astigmatism and earlier retinal detachment, he will still need to wear glasses and may need more laser surgery in the future. We have received over \$4,000 into Dave's "lens fund" because of many generous donations. **Dave and Becky say a humbled thank you for such support!** We don't have final totals because of the pending laser surgery and the cost of new glasses, but the remaining unused balance will go to Allegheny Conference operations. Specially designated funds to Dave's HSA will be handled as designated. Again, many thanks! (UMC contributed \$650 for this purpose.)

3rd Way Collective Highlights: 3WC is collaborating with our Quaker community to host "Waging Peace", an exhibit highlighting 100 years of nonviolent peace work. We will have an evening reception and panel discussion on Wednesday at 7:30pm. The display will be up at Pasquerilla for the first two weeks of October. Also consider joining us this week for a downtown dinner on Wednesday night at 6pm!

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 or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org. A reflection is posted each month at <http://www.3rdwaycollective.org/category/blog/>