

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service November 19, 2017 9:30 am

Greeters: Karl & Evelyn Bartsch	Worship Leader: Cathy Bresee
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts: Vonda & Doug Yoder	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Prelude – Fidele Lumeya

Call to Worship

Gathering Hymns

HWB 94, “Come, ye thankful people”

HWB 96, “We plow the fields and scatter”

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Prayer of Confession

Responsive Reading

Children’s Time – Fran Osseo-Asare

Offering – Esther Prins and Lily Glenna

Offering Hymn – HWB 93, “Lord, bless the hands”

Offering Prayer

Hymn – HWB 91, “Praise to God, immortal praise”

Scripture Reading – Matthew 25:14-30 (p. 807)

Sermon – Ken Kline Smeltzer, “Bulls vs. Bears vs. Tillers”

Hymn of Response – HWB 92, “Lord, should rising whirlwinds”

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Jim Pierce

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB 430, “God be with you”

Prayer Requests

MMN: Robin Gingerich of Mennonite Mission Network has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.

MEA: Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday far away from their families.

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

November

Sun 19 Congregational Business Meeting 6:30 pm

Thu 23 Thanksgiving Meal 2:00 pm

Tue 28 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

December

Wed 6 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 6 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Sun 10 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Mon 11 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 12 Men’s Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Tue 12 Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:30 pm

Sun 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

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

Sunday School (second hour) – see announcements insert

Announcements, November 19, 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.

Beginning December 3 and ending January 7, our congregation will be following the Mennonite Church USA **Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Services. The theme is "Yes! Let It Be!"**

The following speakers will be bringing our morning message during this time:

Dec. 3 Karen Rath

Dec. 10 Ben Wideman

Dec. 17 Music Sunday

Dec. 24 Diana Malcom, campus minister with State College Presbyterian Church

Dec. 31 Quaker Meeting

Jan. 7 Taize

There will be church on Sunday morning, December 24, and there will be a Christmas Eve service as well.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

Our first major holiday of the semester is here! Please pray for students who are traveling home for the break - especially those who are facing difficult family situations.

We will soon be asking for volunteers to host our spring home cooked meals! Please keep an eye on this space to sign up for that opportunity. We encourage you to connect with the Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at the Allen St. Gates every 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/>

There will be a **congregational business meeting** this evening, **November 19, at 6:30 pm.**

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November 23 Thanksgiving

All are welcome to a Thanksgiving Potluck Meal. Feel free to invite your family, friends and neighbors. Come any time after 1:30, eat at 2. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the foyer near the library. For more information please contact Vonda Yoder at 814-237-6324 or vmyoder1@gmail.com

Park Forest Preschool Christmas Donations

Our church traditionally provides the food for a Christmas dinner for each of the 35 families of children at the Park Forest Preschool. We join with other churches to provide each family with a Christmas box which includes a turkey, food to prepare, and items for the children such as mittens and pajamas. For our contribution, we need the following: child sized toothbrushes, children's toothpaste, canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, turkey gravy packet, applesauce, canned cranberry sauce, canned green beans, and instant mashed potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Dec. 10, and there will be a collection area in the vestibule. If it is difficult for you to shop and deliver food to the church, you may contribute cash and we will shop for you. Cathy Bresee is coordinating this for our church, and she can be reached at 814-933-8005, or cbs4@psu.edu.

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<<mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com>>).

We welcome all as we explore the Gospel of Mark this Fall, for an adult Sunday school option, 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.