

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service February 18, 2018 9:30 am

Greeters: Gabrielle & Mike Robinson	Worship Leader: Doug Miller
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Mark King
Hosts: Gabrielle & Mike Robinson	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Pierce

First Sunday in Lent

Focus Statement: *An everlasting covenant is made between God, the people, and every living creature. God's intention for relationship with earth is inclusive and expansive, yet in our narrow-mindedness, we often exclude. How are we invited to expand our understanding to realize that all are included in God's covenant?*

Prelude – Mike Bratt

Call to Worship

Hymns of Praise

HWB #46, *I sing the mighty power of God*

HWB #414, *God, who stretched*

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time – Esther Prins

Offering

Confessional Reading

Hymn – HWB #231, *Oh, blessed are the poor in spirit*

Scripture Reading

Job 12:7-10 (p. 400); Romans 1:20 (p. 914)

Sermon – Todd Davis, “Wondering About God's Nature”

Hymn of Response

Sharing of Joys and Petitions – Doug Miller

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB #419, *Lead on, O cloud of Presence*

Sunday School – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Mark and Mary Hurst of Mennonite Mission Network serve as resource people and pastors with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand. Pray for them as they build relationships with people seeking God and a way of living that centers on Jesus' justice and shalom.

MEA: Pray for Goshen area youth and their families as they consider schooling options for next year, and the benefits of Christian education at Bethany Christian Schools.

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

February

Sun 18 Congregational Business Meeting 11:00 am

Tue 20 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 22 Worship Committee 7:00 pm

Sun 25 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Mon 26 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 27 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 28 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 28 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

March

Mon 12 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 13 Men's Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 am

Wed 14 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

Tue 20 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

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

Announcements, February 18, 2018

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school for the children in the basement at 11:10 following the service. There will be no adult Sunday school because of the congregational business meeting.

We will have a Congregational Business Meeting today at 11 am in the sanctuary while the children have Sunday school. Please get your coffee or tea, if desired, immediately after the worship service and return to the sanctuary if you are staying for the meeting.

Fellowship Meal February 25 at Noon + Daryl Byler, Executive Director of Eastern Mennonite University Center for Justice & Peacebuilding

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 main dish

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

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.

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>>).

During the collection of the offering, please pass the offering basket to the end of your pew, even if you do not have an offering to place in the basket. This will make for a more orderly collection of the offering.

Thank you from the leadership team

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3rd Way Collective Highlights

During the month of February 3rd Way Collective is helping collect new and used suitcases to help out Penn State Project Haiti and their upcoming spring break trip to serve. Please contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org if you have a suitcase to donate to this cause.

This week we have our next Grad Student Pub Night on Monday at 8pm at Otto's! On Thursday we are partnering with PA-IPL for a Pizza and Movie night at New Leaf at 6pm. On Saturday evening our students are preparing a meal for Out of the Cold. On Sunday some of our students are hosting a Dessert Fundraiser for our Spring Break trip to Houston, 6pm at Abba Java. Also consider joining the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil every Monday at 4pm at the Allen Street Gates.

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/>

From Interfaith Initiative Centre County

Upcoming Interfaith Coffee Hour – Tuesday, February 20, 6:30-8:00 pm
Facilitator: Ken Kline Smeltzer

Discussion topic: What is the best thing about your religion or faith practices/beliefs? What is the most important characteristic of your faith/religion?

Come share your thoughts with friends and neighbors of other faiths in Webster's casual community atmosphere. All are welcome!

Location: Webster's Bookstore & Café (133 E. Beaver Avenue, State College) – Community Room or nearby (smaller enclosed area – not the main café)

Refreshments available for purchase: delicious vegetarian food, pastries, desserts, & hot & cold beverages

Parking vouchers for Pugh Street Garage also available with any purchase from Webster's

For more info, contact Sarah: 814-883-5884 or InterfaithInitiativeCC@hotmail.com