

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service March 18, 2018 9:30 am

Greeters: Jim & Cathy Pierce	Worship Leader: Doug Miller
Pastor: In Transition	Song Leader: Rogers McLane
Hosts: Kathleen & Rick Stehouwer	Ushers: Nel Kopp, Rodney Brubaker, and Jim Pierce
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Focus Statement: *In the new covenant there are no betweens and no go-betweens. We no longer have need of a go-between mediator; however, like the disciples, we may serve as go-betweens by pointing people directly to Christ. The promise is extended beyond the direct descendants, drawing all people to a relationship between Me (God) and You (the people).*

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Call to Worship

Peace Lamp Lighting

Hymns of Praise

STS #63, *God, fill me now*

STS #1, *Praise the One who breaks the darkness*

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time – Marvin Hall

Offering

Confessional Reading

Hymn – HWB #487, *Teach me, O Lord, thy way of truth*

Scripture Reading – Marvin and Joyce Hall

Exodus 20:1-17 (p. 58); Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (p. 142)

Sermon – Marvin Hall, “Am I Following the Rules?”

Hymn of Response – HWB #521, *Come, thou fount*

Sharing of Joys and Petitions – Doug Miller

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – STJ #73, *The Lord lift you up*

Sunday School – see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

MEA: Pray that church leaders around the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training would connect with AMBS's distance education offerings — online short courses, the Journey Missional Leadership Development Program, and the fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

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

March

Tue 20 Student Ministry Advisory Committee Meeting 7:30 pm

Thu 22 Lenten Supper 6:00 pm

Sun 25 Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

Sun 25 Palm Sunday Peace Walk (starting at UBBC) 3:00 pm

Mon 26 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 27 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am

April

Sun 1 Easter Breakfast 8:00 am

Wed 4 Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm

Wed 4 Elders Meeting 7:30 pm

Mon 9 Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

Tue 10 Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am

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

Announcements, March 18, 2018

Sunday School: There will be Sunday school at 11:10 following the service. There are classes for children in the basement, and a discussion for adults in the sanctuary.

You are invited to the 15th annual Heritage Hymn Sing at the Valley View Amish Mennonite Church at 110 Apple House Road in Belleville this evening, March 18, at 6:30 pm. Hymns and gospel songs will be sung acapella in four-part harmony. Bring finger foods if you wish to participate in a time of fellowship following the service. Sponsored by Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society.

Lenten Supper Thursday, March 22, 6pm: a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the nursery. Everyone is invited to a simple supper of **sandwiches, veggies, and fruit** in the fellowship hall followed by a brief devotional program upstairs of sharing your meaningful Lenten experiences. Please bring your own table service and have food in the kitchen by 5:45.

Fellowship Meal February 25 at Noon: Drew Hart from Messiah College will be our visitor.

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.

Monday, March 19th - Sunday, March 25th: Dine-in or carry-out your lunch or dinner at Harrison's Wine Grill (at Hilton Garden Inn, 1221 East College Avenue, State College) and **20% of your food and drink purchase** will be donated to **Ten Thousand Villages of Central PA!** In addition to their regular menu, Harrison's will offer a feature menu: South American Cuisine. When you place your order, just mention that you're supporting Ten Thousand Villages. All funds raised will support our efforts to open and operate a store in State College. Thank you for your support!

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Contribution Pledges Requested: Each year members and attenders of University Mennonite Church are asked to submit anonymous pledges indicating how much financial support they plan to give to the church budget in the coming fiscal year (September through August). The practice of making these commitments follows the Biblical principal of "first fruits giving"—the faithful practice of putting God first in our giving—not waiting to see what is left over after all the bills have been paid. Please put pledge forms in the box in the foyer, or in the mailbox of our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger, or email your pledge to our treasurer at JLR@psu.edu. Pledge forms are due by April 1 and the finance committee will use the pledge amount to draft the church budget for the May meeting.

3rd Way Collective Highlights: We have a week full of meaningful connections! Join us on Monday for two events - Breaking Binaries: Exploring Gender and Faith takes place in HUB 123 at 6:30pm, followed by our monthly Grad Student Pub Night at Otto's at 8pm. State College Friends Meeting is hosting a fundraising dinner for us in their building on Wednesday evening at 5:30pm. This week will also include a Pizza & Movie night at New Leaf with our friends from the Bahai Campus Ministry on Thursday at 6pm. Next Sunday brings the 3rd Annual Palm Sunday Peace Walk, beginning at 3pm from University Baptist & Brethren Church! Also consider attending Standing at the Gates for Justice on Monday afternoon at 4pm.

3rd Way Collective is starting a pledging season, asking people beyond University Mennonite Church, to commit to this effort moving forward! Interested persons can pledge at <https://goo.gl/forms/26MoknwxgXdVTag1>

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/>

USED BOOKS AVAILABLE:

There is a **table of used books in the UMC library** being offered. These books are worn, do not fit into the library collection, or, are duplicates of existing titles. Many of the books being offered are from the shelves of Roy Brubaker and Marv Friesen, others are from members weeding their personal collections. We would appreciate a small donation to help toward the purchase of new books or supplies used to process library materials. Donations can be placed in the bank on the table. Thank you.