

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service November 25, 2018 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Karen Rath
Song Leader: Rogers McLane	Accompanist: Becky Kephart
Prelude: Jim Pierce	Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

“Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves” ~~ Rilke

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship – Psalm 139:1-18

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Hymns

HWB 26, *Holy Spirit, come with power*

HWB 17, *We gather together*

Welcoming Visitors

Children’s Time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Offering

Offertory – Jim Pierce

Prayer

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness (bulletin insert)

Hymn – HWB 51, *Let the whole creation cry*

Scripture Reading – John 14:8-12 (p. 877)

Sermon – Kate Heinzl, “Loving Life’s Questions: A Faith-Filled Conversation with Doug Miller”

Hymn of Response – HWB 71, *Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns – Kate Heinzl

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Hymn – HWB 105, *Christ, we do all adore thee*

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Participants with Journey International, a Mennonite Mission Network program, are serving in Benin and Ecuador. Pray for God’s love to flow through Requiyah Johnson, working with children at La Casa Grande, and for Maura Longenecker and Samantha Miller, working with refugees and children in Quito.

MEA: Give thanks for AMBS President Sara Wenger Shenk, who plans to retire at the end of June, and for how God has used and is using her leadership gifts, strengths, experience, and expertise in carrying out AMBS’s mission. Pray for the Spirit’s guidance in this upcoming transition.

Church Information: www.universitymennonite.org

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Submissions for bulletin or email announcements: umbulletin@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

Tue 27	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am
Wed 28	Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bunyad Rug Event 10:00 am
Thu 29	Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bunyad Rug Event 10:00 am
Fri 30	Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bunyad Rug Event 10:00 am

December

Sat 1	Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Bunyad Rug Event 10:00 am
Wed 5	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Sun 9	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Tue 11	Men’s Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
Tue 11	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Fri 14	Women’s Breakfast at Foxdale Caf� 8:30 am
Sun 16	Children’s Christmas program 11:00 am
Tue 18	Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:00 pm

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

Announcements, November 25, 2018

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

3rd Way Collective Highlights

Welcome back from the break! On Tuesday we are participating in Penn State's #GivingTuesday campaign and will be tabling in the HUB. On Thursday we have our next pizza and movie night at Houseasaurus at 6:30pm. Consider attending the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil this Monday at 4pm, followed by the monthly Community & Campus in Unity meeting at the Paul Robeson Cultural Center in the HUB at 5pm.

We are looking for hosts for our home cooked meals this spring. Sign up here to help out in this unique way! - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-3wchome2>

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/>

Park Forest Preschool Christmas Dinner Donations - needed by December 9th: Our church traditionally provides the food for a Christmas dinner for each of the 29 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: children's toothpaste, (toothbrushes have already been donated), stuffing mix, turkey gravy packet, applesauce, canned cranberry sauce, canned green beans, sweet potatoes (canned or fresh), and instant mashed potatoes or a bag of fresh potatoes. Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Dec. 9, 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.

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Everyone is cordially invited to go Christmas caroling at 4pm Saturday, December 15 - Please mark your calendars!

After gathering at 4pm at UMC, we will walk around Fry Street, caroling our neighbors, before returning to church for light refreshments. We chose 4pm so it won't be too dark for the children. We hope a lot of children will participate, and we will need some strong adult singers, too. Please join us!

University Baptist and Brethren Church will hold their annual Alternative Christmas Fair on Sunday, December 2 from 11 am to 2 pm. At the fair you can meet the volunteers and contribute to local charities in honor of friends and families. Many of the local charities supported by our church are represented at the fair. More information is available at <https://ubbcwelcome.org/alternative-christmas-fair-2018/>

Notes from the UMC Library...

Recent additions to UMC library are two biographies of men with Central Pennsylvania roots.

“RECOLLECTIONS OF A SECTARIAN REALIST: A Mennonite Life in the Twentieth Century by J. Lawrence Burkholder is a captivating narrative of a young man's journey from a small town in Pennsylvania into the messy vortex of wartime relief in China, theological debates at Princeton and Harvard, the national struggle for racial justice, church politics and virtually every significant global event of the late twentieth century. This memoir is a worthy tribute to Burkholder's courageous life.” – John D. Roth, professor of history, Goshen College.

FIXING TRADITION: Joseph W. Yoder, Amish American by Julia Kasdorf. “Yoder, best-known as author of *Rosanna of the Amish* (1940) was a complex individual with multiple identities that shifted according to the changing contexts of his life and the influences bearing upon him. While Yoder himself attempted to ‘fix’ the tradition of the Amish, ...to fix any one label to Yoder is folly and Kasdorf excels at demonstrating the ways in which Yoder continually reinvented himself – as Amish, as Irish, as a man, as a teacher, as a writer, as a musician, as an ideologue. *Fixing Tradition*...offers a wonderful insight into...Yoder and a unique era of Amish-Mennonite American history.” – Marlene Epp, Conrad Grebel University College

~~ submitted by Evelyn Stauffer

Prayer of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, who forgives us all our sin and whose mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

Leader: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

People. Amen.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have one and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Leader: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God, strengthen us with the power of the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

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