

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 2, 2018 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Nel Kopp
Song Leaders: Mark & Faith King	Accompanist: Karen Brandes
Prelude: Mark & Sally Minnich	Greeter: Amy Sattler
Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya, and Jim Rosenberger	
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	

First Sunday of Advent: Watching and Waiting

Focus statement: *This first Sunday of Advent we wait and watch with anticipation for the one who comes proclaiming righteousness in the name of the Lord. This week is about holding our hope in the coming Messiah while we wait and learn what it means for us to receive God's righteousness today.*

Prelude – Mark and Sally Minnich

Welcome to Advent

Hymn – HWB 72, *O come, O come Immanuel* (vv. 1,2,5,6)
(Mark King solo on verse 1. Congregation joins in the refrain.)

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Lighting the Advent Candle

Hymn – HWB 178, *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg
STS 16, *Hope before us*

Reading – Psalm 25 from Nan Merrill: Praying the Psalms (see insert)

Offering

HWB 487, *Teach me, O Lord*

Scripture Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p. 645)

Sermon – Kate Heinzl, “I Dwell in Possibility”

Special Music – Sally and Mark Minnich

Sharing – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Closing Hymn – HWB 582, *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Benediction

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Praise God for Linda Oyer, who retired this year after three decades of service in France through Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for a smooth transition as she moves to the United States and speaks in churches. In “retirement,” she plans to return to France twice a year to teach and lead workshops.

Church Information:

www.universitymennonite.org
1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039

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

December

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 Café 8:30 am
Sat 15	Christmas Caroling 4:00 pm
Sun 16	Children's Christmas Program 11:00 am
Tue 18	Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:00 pm
Wed 19	Women's Christmas Gathering at Gloria's home 7:30 pm
Sun 23	Guest Speaker – Brendan Prawdzik
Mon 24	Christmas Eve Service 7:30 pm

January

Tue 8	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
Tue 8	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Wed 9	Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm
Wed 9	Elders Meeting 7:30 pm
Sun 13	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm

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

Announcements, December 2, 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.

Sunday, December 9 - Fellowship Meal at noon

Everyone is invited to stay for 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 14 or more. An oven can be set to 350 for those who would like to cook. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

Last names **A-L** bring a main dish.

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

Collection of Hygiene Kits for MCC: We are collecting items through December 16 for Hygiene Kits: hand towels: dark in color, medium weight, 16 X 26 in size; soap: individually packaged, adult toothbrush: individually packaged; nail clipper: good quality; wide tooth comb: 6–8 inches. MCC requests that we follow these precise guidelines. Tooth paste will be bought in bulk by MCC nearer the shipping date. Last year MCC sent 69,375 hygiene kits to Jordan, Bosnia Herzegovina, Haiti, N. Korea, Ukraine, Iraq, Zambia, Lebanon, Burkina Faso, Canada, and USA. As we shop for Christmas gifts for our loved ones, let us remember to purchase a needed hygiene item.

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!

Today is the last day to vote for the bylaws change. There are ballots next to a ballot box in the lobby near the nursery. You can also vote by email until midnight tonight. Only members can vote.

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Sunday, December 16 Children's Christmas Program

Everyone is invited to the Children's Christmas Program during the Sunday School hour. After the worship service the adults will leave the sanctuary and go downstairs for coffee while the children dress. When the children are ready (at about 11:15am), adults will be given the signal to take their coffee to the sanctuary and enjoy the program. After the program everyone will return downstairs to the fellowship hall for refreshments.

Please bring a snack to share, such as fruit, veggies, meat, cheese, crackers, pickled eggs, or cookies. (Anything with nuts will need to be labeled.) Cider will be provided.

All UMC women are invited to a Christmas gathering at the home of Gloria Horst Rosenberger, 464 East Foster Avenue on the corner of Hetzel Street, on **Wednesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm** to socialize and enjoy each other's company. Please bring a finger food to share. Beverage will be provided.

Please R.S.V.P. to Gloria: ghr4870@gmail.com.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

Only one more week until finals! This week we will help out with the final Free Pizza Friday of the semester on Friday at 1pm. We will also celebrate the end of the year check our social media for event plans! Consider attending the weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil this Monday at 4pm.

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/>

Psalm 25 from Nan Merrill: *Praying the Psalms*

Leader: I know of your mercy, Compassionate One and of your steadfast love.
Men: You have been with me from the beginning.
Women: Forgive the many times I have walked away from you choosing to walk alone.
All: With your steadfast love, once again, Companion me along your way.
Leader: You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth, happy to guide those who miss their Way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open, and who choose to live in truth.
All: Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One, for those who give witness to You Through their Love.

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University Baptist and Brethren Church will hold their annual Alternative Christmas Fair today, 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/>

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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