

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 9, 2018 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Nel Kopp
Song Leaders: Mark & Faith King	Accompanist: Hal Kunkel
Prelude: Jim Pierce	Greeter: Cathy Bresee
Hosts: Fellowship Meal	Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Second Sunday of Advent: Proclaiming

Focus statement: *On this second Sunday of Advent we listen with open hearts to the one who proclaims God's goodness embodied in the Messiah. By listening, we learn what we can do to prepare ourselves to live in right relationships as embodied in Jesus' life and message.*

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Call to Worship (back of bulletin)

Hymn – HWB 174, *Bless'd be the God of Israel*

Lighting the Advent Candles

Prayer of Saint Francis – Lily Prins Glenna
Passing the Peace

Hymn – STS 32, *Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem*

Children's Time – Jess McCormick
STS 16, *Peace before us*

Confession (bulletin insert)

Offering

Offertory – Mike Bratt

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:57-79 (p. 832)

Sermon – Kate Heinzl

Reflection – HWB 204, *Gloria*

Sharing – Kate Heinzl, “Speaking a Holy No”

Introduction of Visitors

Announcements

Benediction

Closing Hymn – STJ 52, *Jesus, help us live in peace*
(Mike Bratt solo on v. 1. Congregation joins in the refrain.)

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

MEA: Pray that God will help our rich nation consider the risks of bombarding children with messages that create “wants.” Pray that adults will engage children in the joy of giving by together sharing love and time with others. Also, join the Bethel College community in giving thanks for the light of Christ that has come into the world as students, faculty, staff and friends observe the 33rd annual Lighting of the Green this evening.

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

December

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
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 7:00 pm

January

Tue 8	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
Tue 8	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Announcements, December 9, 2018

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

Joint Fellowship Meal with Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church - Today at Noon

Because Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church is experiencing furnace problems, their congregation will worship at our church again this week. Their worship service will be in our sanctuary from 11:15 to noon, then they will join us downstairs for our potluck meal. Their pastor, Pam Ford, expects 20-25 people to stay for the meal, and they will also bring food.

As always, 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. There will be labels for vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and especially any dishes containing nuts.

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!

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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

Monday begins finals week. Please keep our campus in your prayers as we move through this end of year time! 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/>

We received a note of thanks from Reverend Thomas Oduro, president of the Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana. They received our gift of \$1600 for a student tuition and \$1000 for medical expenses of Mrs. Botchway. Thanks to all who contributed to this request. ~~ Jim Rosenberger, UMC treasurer

Confession

Leader: We confess our sin, O God, our Redeemer
We have failed to offer steadfast love.

**People: Restore us, O God of our salvation.
Meet us here, and make us whole.**

Silence

Leader: We have been unfaithful to your calling
to be your voice, hands, and feet
to work for righteousness, justice, and peace,
in all the ways they were available to us.

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Meet us here, and make us whole. Amen.**

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Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met each other.
Righteousness and peace embrace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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