

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service January 6, 2019 9:30 am

Pastor: Kate Heinzl	Worship Leader: Ruth Kitchin Tillman
Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch	Greeters: Fran & Osseo Osseo-Asare
Prelude: Jim Pierce	Ushers: Rodney Brubaker, Fidele Lumeya,
Childcare (0-4 years): available in the nursery	and Jim Rosenberger

Epiphany Sunday: Light

Focus statement: *On Epiphany Sunday we bask in the glow of Christ, the light of the world, who brings all the powers of the world to their knees. This week we name the powers of our own modern world that seek to overcome the goodness of God's creation through sin and death. To counteract this evil in our world, we give glory to God, the one who gave us the Son, who himself leads us in the ways of God's justice and righteousness.*

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Greeting and Call to Worship

Hymn – STS 30, *Arise, your light is come!*

Children's Time – Kate Heinzl/Advent Reflection

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

Scripture Reading – Esther Prins and Leland Glenna
Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 783); Isaiah 60:1-3 (p. 602)

Sermon – Kate Heinzl, “What Guiding Star Are You Following?”

Communion

Communion Confession (bulletin insert)

Hymn While Taking Communion – HWB 471, *Eat this bread*

Post-Communion Hymn – HWB 465, *Here, O my Lord, I see thee*

Offering

Offertory – Sarah and Josh Martin, *It came upon a midnight clear*

Joys/Concerns – Kate Heinzl

Welcome of Visitors

Announcements

Benediction

Sending – STS 57, *Go, my friends, in grace*

Sunday school: see announcements insert

Prayer Requests

MMN: Tomorrow, Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their family are returning to Ecuador after six months in the United States. Their two-way mission with Mennonite Mission Network requires many transitions. Pray for wisdom and patience. Pray especially for daughter, Sierra, who is remaining in the United States for college.

MEA: With construction underway on new nursing and athletic facilities, thank God for the generosity of donors who join Hesston College to nurture and educate students well within a Christ-centered environment.

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

January

Mon 7	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Tue 8	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Foxdale) 7:00 am
Thu 10	Leadership Team Meeting 6:30 pm
Thu 10	Elders Meeting 7:30 pm
Fri 11	Women's Breakfast at Foxdale Café 8:30 am
Sun 13	Potluck Fellowship Meal 12:00 pm
Mon 14	Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm
Tue 15	Student Ministry Advisory Committee 7:00 pm
Tue 22	Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Corner Room) 7:00 am
Wed 23	Fellowship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
Mon 28	Shape Note Singing 7:00 pm

February

Thu 7	Elders Meeting 6:30 pm
Sun 10	Joint Service with Albright-Bethune Methodist Church 11:00 am
Mon 11	Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

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

Communion Confession

Lord, we heard that you were hungry and we did not share our food.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, we heard that you were thirsty and we kept our drink to ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, we saw you as a stranger and we closed our door and our heart.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, we saw that you were naked and fussed about our own clothes.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, we learned that you were sick and we avoided you.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, we heard that you were in prison and we pretended you were not our neighbor.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Lord, you came to us again and again and we were wrapped up in ourselves.

Forgive us, Lord, forgive.

Announcements, January 6, 2019

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.

Fellowship Meal Sunday, January 13 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 12 or more.

Last names **A-L** bring a side dish, vegetables, bread, fruit, or dessert.

Last names **M-Z** bring a main dish.

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.

Announcements, January 6, 2019

Please mark your calendar for Friday, January 11, at 8:30 am for a UMC Women's Breakfast at the Foxdale Cafe. Please let Evelyn Bartsch (at evkarlbartsch@gmail.com) know if you are coming so a reservation can be made.

Sound System Volunteers Needed

Each Sunday, a volunteer ensures our worship service sounds great and is recorded and then uploaded to our web site. We seek additional volunteers to help with this important duty. No prior sound experience is necessary, but it helps to feel comfortable with a computer. Volunteers help with the sound about once a month and schedules are flexible. Let Mike Bratt know if you can help out with this important church duty.

On Saturday, **March 2, 2018**, Everence Lancaster will host **Stewardship University**, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and financial markets to de-cluttering your home. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at (717) 653-6662, lynette.morales@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

3rd Way Collective Highlights

We hope you had a restful break! Our 10th semester at Penn State begins on Monday! We will kick things off this week at Monday's Involvement Fair for new students, and then will have our first intergenerational dinner at Foxdale on Wednesday at 5:30pm. Also consider attending Monday's weekly Standing at the Gates for Justice vigil at 4pm!

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/>