

# UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

## Sunday Service December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent

*Focus Statement - Together we enter the season of Advent crying out to God to break into our lives with a new light and a new hope. We ask the question, "God, what are you waiting for?"*

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Call to Worship – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Karen Brandes

Advent Song: Prepare the way of the Lord (STS #14) - Mike Bratt

Hymns – Jim Rosenberger

HWB #13 Blessed Jesus, at your word

HWB #178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time with Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Children are welcomed forward while congregation sings

HWB #20 Come and see

Scripture Reading – Elaine Mercer, Micah Spicher Schonberg

Psalms 122 (page 498 in pew Bible)

Luke 16:19-31 (page 851 in pew Bible)

Sermon – David Evans, *Waiting for Lazarus*

Hymn of Response HWB #371 Let there be light, Lord God

Sharing – Meredith Wideman

Offering

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #584 They that wait upon the Lord

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Accompanist: Becky Kephart

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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 by sending an email to:** [university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com).

**Upcoming events:** For more details, go to: [www.universitymennonite.org/calendar](http://www.universitymennonite.org/calendar)

### December

Dec 1 Guest worship speaker David Evans

First Sunday of Advent

Dec 8 Potluck fellowship meal noon

Dec 10 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Dec 11 Elders meeting 6:30 pm

Dec 16 Worship committee meeting 7 pm

Dec 20 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am

Dec 24 Men's fellowship breakfast, Corner Room 7 am

Christmas Eve service 7 pm

Dec 29 Sunday worship hymn sing

### January

Jan 8 Leadership team meeting, 6:30 pm

Elders meeting, 7:30 pm

Jan 12 Potluck fellowship meal, noon

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

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## Announcements

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**Good Day Cafe closes early** for the next several weeks, so I, Kate, will not be holding 'out of the office' visitation there again until January. I'm flexible and welcome scheduled visits. Feel free to call, text (717-606-2909), or email me at [kate@universitymennonite.org](mailto:kate@universitymennonite.org) to set up a time.

**3rd Way Collective Highlights** - After a restful Thanksgiving break, 3rd Way Collective returns this week with three things. The first is that we will be tabling in the HUB on Tuesday as part of Penn State's #GivingTuesday initiative (you can donate at our website if you are interested!). The second is a film screening at Foxdale Retirement Community, in partnership with Penn State's Sustainability Institute, on Wednesday evening at 7 pm. Finally, we will be participating in December's Free Pizza Friday, this coming Friday at 1 pm! Also consider attending the weekly Standing at the Gates vigil on Monday at 4 pm.

If you would like to host a home-cooked meal, join us for a pub night, or help plan or coordinate some other event or activity, please contact Ben directly! For our full schedule and to find out how to support this ministry, please visit [3rdWayCollective.org](http://3rdWayCollective.org) or contact [ben@3rdwaycollective.org](mailto:ben@3rdwaycollective.org).

**Out of the Cold Restaurant Fundraiser - Harrison's Wine Grill and Catering** will donate 20 percent of your purchases from **Monday, Nov. 25** through **Sunday, Dec. 1**. There are flyers on the bookshelf by the nursery. Help our community's homeless by dining at Harrison's. Participate as many times as you like by dining in or ordering takeout. **Simply present the flyer and mention your support to your server.**

**You are invited to attend University Baptist and Brethren's Alternative Christmas Fair**, Sunday, December 8 from 11 am until 2 pm. Choose a gift for a loved one by contributing to the programs of 26 local, national, and global nonprofits. Enjoy a tasty lunch during your visit. A children's fair, featuring games and food, runs from 11 until noon on the third floor, with funds raised to sponsor a child from Save the Children. A \$10 donation per child is suggested. Location: 411 S. Burrowes Street, State College.

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**I want to thank everyone who came to thanksgiving dinner**, everyone who brought delicious food, and all who helped in the kitchen. Most especially I would like to thank Karl Bartsch for suggesting years ago that we have a thanksgiving meal at UMC, and we have been doing it ever since. Special thanks to Vonda Yoder for expert coordinating, and to Ben Wideman for his pastoral presence. It was so nice to see people I knew from last year, and many new faces, too. Elaine Mercer

**Park Forest Preschool annual Christmas Dinner Donations** - It is a tradition for our church to provide the food for a Christmas dinner for each of the 35 families of children at the Park Forest Preschool. The Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two, three, and four-year-old children from income qualified families in State College and is one of the local organizations we support. At Christmas time we join with other churches and organizations to provide each family with a Christmas Box which includes pajamas, mittens, hats, a turkey and food to prepare. For our contribution, we provide the food for the meal and need the following: stuffing mix, turkey gravy packet, applesauce, canned cranberry sauce, canned green beans, canned sweet potatoes, and instant mashed potatoes, or a bag of potatoes or sweet potatoes would also be welcome. We also want to include children's toothpaste (new toothbrushes have already been donated). Please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, Dec. 15, and put them in the collection area in the vestibule. If it is difficult for you to shop and bring groceries to the church, you may contribute cash or check (made out to Park Forest Preschool) 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](mailto:cbs4@psu.edu).