

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday Service December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

Focus Statement - We ask, What are you waiting for, O God? God hears our cries and calls to us in return with words of hope. Can we hear God's invitation? God calls us to repent, pay attention, and embrace the Lord's vision for a new creation.

Prelude – Sister Song

Call to Worship – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Anders Woods

Advent Song: Prepare the way of the Lord (STS #14)
Sister Song

Hymns – Evelyn Bartsch

HWB #176 Comfort, comfort, O my people

HWB #136 From the depths of sin

Welcome of Visitors

Children's Time with Amy Sattler

Children are welcomed forward while congregation sings

HWB #20 Come and see

Scripture Reading – Jess and Paul McCormick

Isaiah 11:1-10 (page 558 in pew Bible)

Matthew 3:1-12 (page 784 in pew Bible)

Sermon – Kate Heinzl

Hymn of Response HWB #185 Hail to the Lord's anointed

Sharing – Leland Glenna

Offering

Offertory – Micah Spicher Schonberg

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song HWB #318 – Joy to the world

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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.

Upcoming events: For more details, go to: www.universitymennonite.org/calendar

December

Dec 10 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Dec 11 Elders meeting 6:30 pm

Dec 15 Children's Christmas program 11 am

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

Jan 14 Men's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 7 am

Jan 17 Women's fellowship breakfast, Foxdale 8:30 am

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

Announcements

Note: There will be no fellowship meal in December.

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 to set up a time.

Next Sunday 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 11:15 am), 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.

Each December our congregation gives a monetary **Christmas gift to our pastors.** If you would like to donate to the gift, please give your contribution to our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger. Checks can be put in Jim's church mailbox, mailed to Jim at 464 E. Foster Ave, State College, PA 16801, or placed in the offering. Please write "pastors' gift" on the memo line of your check. Cash contributions can be given to Jim directly. All contributions should be delivered to Jim by Sunday, December 22.

You are invited to attend University Baptist and Brethren's Alternative Christmas Fair today, (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.

Announcements (cont.)

3rd Way Collective Highlights - 3rd Way Collective will be present at the annual UBBC Alternative Christmas Fair today. As we enter the final week of the semester we are also joining with colleagues for a Longest Night Service on Monday at 8:30 pm in Pasquerilla's All Faith Chapel. 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 or contact ben@3rdwaycollective.org.

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 next 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.