
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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.

Our church maintains a Google Group email list to keep members informed about prayer requests and happenings in the community.

Join the email list by sending an email to:

university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our web site at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday September 12, 2021, 10 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude video – *Here Comes the Sun*, Beatles cover

Call to worship – Leah Witzig

*Come, you who are weary from the darkness of the night.
Come, you who are hopeful
who listen for the breath of God on the morning Dawn.*

*Come and worship the Lord!
Come with your gratitude for the blessings of the day.
Come with your pleadings for mercy and release.*

*Come and worship the Lord!
For the Lord our God is gathering us in,
and Jesus the Christ is our Host.*

*Let us welcome the Spirit that welcomes us here.
Come and worship the Lord!!*

Lighting the peace lamp - *Ashokan Farewell* by Jay Unger and
Molly Mason, rendition by David J. Nielsen
(white origami cranes made by UMC children
and adults for 09/11/11 service)

Prayer for Peace; Pledge for Tomorrow

(from the National Catholic Educational Association)

L: Loving God, help us to realize that true peacemaking can only become a reality in our world today if it is first a matter in our hearts. September 11 reminded us that our country has been blessed with tremendous resources that we must use wisely in the service of others, both within our borders and around the world.

***P: We ask for the gifts of civility and charity so that we can treat others with respect and love.
We ask for the gifts of faith and hope to strengthen our spirits by placing***

our trust in You rather than ourselves.

L: We ask for the gifts of courage and compassion that will move us into action to help those in need in the United States as well as throughout the world. We ask for the gifts of humility and kindness so that we may put the needs and interests of others ahead of our own.

***P: We ask for the gifts of patience and perseverance to endure the long struggle for justice.
We ask for all of this through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Offertory prayer

Special music – *A Place at the Table*

Prayer for our congregation

*L: We give thanks for remembered times
when we shared in worship, in learning, in service,
And in fun with members of our faith community.
We give thanks to God.*

***P: We remember friendships made, celebrations enjoyed,
moments of nurture, and kindnesses done.
We give thanks to God.***

*L: We rejoice for expectations met, gifts given,
promises kept, support received.
We give thanks to God.*

***P: We also remember gifts not given, wounds not healed,
failures not confessed, vows not honored.
We confess our sin.***

*L: We recognize all those who have enriched our congregation
and are now gone from among us to be with God
or to serve Christ in other places.
For all their blessings,
we give thanks to God.*

***All: We offer our wisdom and experience,
our competence and compassion,
our lives, and our abilities in service and thanksgiving.
We give ourselves in thanks to God.
AMEN.***

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Scripture – Mark 7:24-37 read by Elaine Mercer

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Rabbi, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. Jesus took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Sermon – Kate Heinzl

Special music – Draw the Circle Wide – Voices Together 802

Sharing and prayer – Pastor Kate

Welcome of visitors, birthdays, anniversaries, and announcements

Benediction – Leah Witzig

Announcements

Wednesday sharing and prayer time - Join us Wednesdays at noon for a time of scripture, prayer, and an opportunity to share more fully with one another. The Zoom meeting link will be distributed via our email list.

Volunteering at UMC - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attendee to help provide leadership on Sunday mornings. Ben and Kate can help you learn how to navigate hybrid worship. Click [HERE](#) to sign up - we work as a body with many members, learn as a body, offer grace and love to one another as the body of Christ. Join us!

Anabaptist Faith exploration - As part of membership exploration, we are going to begin with a series of meetings that explore what it means to be an Anabaptist - historically and today. ALL are welcomed to these meetings. Stay tuned for more details!

REMINDER- Rebuilding need: Please send contributions to Jim Rosenberger by September 15, 2021 for Esther Nartey, whose fabric and beauty shop was destroyed by fire earlier this year. The cost to rebuild the shop is approximately \$3,500. Esther is an active member of Ghana Mennonite Church at Somanya. UMC sponsored the pastor, Augustine Tetteh, several years ago as a student of Good News Seminary. To help restore this business and livelihood, please send a check made out to UMC, with "Esther Nartey, Ghana Mennonite Church" in the memo line.

Jim, Fran, Ken and Laura Litwiller, and Mary are familiar with the Somanya church from visits to Ghana. The shop owner and church member, Esther Nartey, serves the Somanya church as secretary of women's fellowship, teaches children's Sunday school, and is part of their singing group.

Stream restoration at Walnut Springs - Join us on Friday, 10/1, 2-4 pm to continue removing invasive plants and planting natives. No experience needed. Bring a willing spirit (and tools, if you have them).

Announcements (cont.)

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, welcomes home-cooked meals for their guests. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

MCC is in great need for school kits for children around the world. If you are able, please donate the following supplies and place them in the bin inside the parking lot entrance or in the bin outside the Norma Street entrance. MCC requests that we follow their specific list.

- 4 notebooks that are each 70 pages only
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 large eraser
- 1 flexible ruler with cm measurement
- 12 colored pencils
- 2 black or blue ink ballpoint pens
- 1 metal pencil sharpener: must be metal, no plastic ones accepted

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact [Pastor Kate](#), as times and dates vary.

Lunch in the park: Where? The pavilion at Tussey View Park behind the church. **When?** Every Sunday after worship (except for Church Around the Table Sundays). **What to bring?** Your own lunch. **Why?** Just for fun and fellowship! (By the way, it's fine to come for lunch even if you can't come for church.)

Masking protocol – To protect those who are vulnerable, masks should be worn in the building for worship.

Zoom breakout rooms after worship - Those joining us on Zoom for worship will have the opportunity to participate in a 15-minute fellowship time breakout room immediately after worship. If you would like to be part of a breakout room, stick around after worship and you'll be prompted to join a breakout room.

Announcements (cont.)

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, doing yard work, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Financial struggles? As you continue to live into the realities of COVID-19, please let Kate or one of the [elders](#) know if you are living with financial uncertainty and could use some help. UMC, in partnership with [Everence](#), has funds available to help those in need.

Your offerings support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts. Offering baskets are by the doors to the sanctuary or you can make your offering the following ways:

- Mail a check to the church to the attention of our treasurer, 1606 Norma Street, State College PA, 16801
- [Donate on the church website](#)
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com