



**A Door is not a House**

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## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

**Sunday September 6, 2020 Virtual Worship Service**

**Welcome and intro to Zoom worship** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Prelude video** – STS 50 Woza Nomthwalo Wakho

Come Bring Your Burdens to God

**Call to worship** – including Colossians 3:16 – Kate Heinzl

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.*

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Offertory** – HWB 64 Asithi Amen

**Offertory prayer**

**Children's time** – Esther Prins, with David and Eviella from South Africa

**Scripture** – Hebrews 10:24-25 – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Sermon** - Laura and Ken Litwiller - *A Door is not a House: Seven Takeaways from Six Years in East Africa*

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction** – Ken Litwiller

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## Announcements

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**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.

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

**UMC's new fiscal year and church positions began this past Tuesday, September 1.** Our church leadership team is now as follows:

Rick Stehouwer is our congregational chair

Cathy Bresee is our asst. congregational chair

Laura Litwiller replaced Joel Weidner as our new elder

A complete list of church positions and volunteers for the new year can be found on [our website](#).

**Worship time change and Sunday school to resume September 13:** Beginning Sunday, September 13, Sunday morning worship will begin at 9:30 am ET, with Sunday school at 11 am (all on Zoom). We will continue to have 10-minute breakout rooms following the service for fellowship, then join the same Zoom meeting for Sunday school at 11. More details to come.

**Interfaith Human Services** will hold its "Community Care" online auction September 14-30. Donations of new or collectible items, gift cards, and new handmade items are welcomed. Click [here](#) to email donation information, and [here](#) to preview items that will be auctioned.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**New book study to begin on September 23** using [Austin Channing Brown's](#) New York Times bestseller, [I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness](#). The group will meet for six consecutive Wednesday evenings on Zoom from 8 to 9 pm ET (September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, and 28). We hope you can join us! If you're interested in participating contact Joel Weidner, [joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com), or 814.777.4494.

**Out of the Cold** has moved into Calvary Church for the month of September. They are still in need of volunteers: evening hosts (8-11pm), dinner providers (food for 20 people, arriving at 8pm), morning van drivers (7-8am), and evening van drivers (8-9pm). If you're interested in helping, click [here](#) to contact Kendra.

**Remember to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura.** This storm has created widespread damage throughout Western Louisiana, Eastern Texas, and other parts of the south. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response. We anticipate sending an assessment team to the area when it is safe. The team will determine short- and long-term responses.

MDS is accepting financial donations for Hurricane Laura recovery efforts. You can [give online](#) or by a check made payable to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Designate "Hurricane Laura" on the memo line.

If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the [online volunteer registration form](#).

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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.

**Staying connected** - The elders encourage each person/family in the directory to check in this week with the person/family **TWENTY-TWO** entries directly following you in the directory listing. The check-in could be via a phone call, video chat, email, or text. Note, persons near the end of the alphabet would rotate back to the top as needed.

**UMC YouTube channel:** [Check out our YouTube channel](#) to see our worship services, short meditations by Kate, and more! We will regularly post new content, so stop by often to stay connected.

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## Church Information

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[www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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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 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)

**Zoom church services** are being recorded and published on our [YouTube channel](#)