

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1

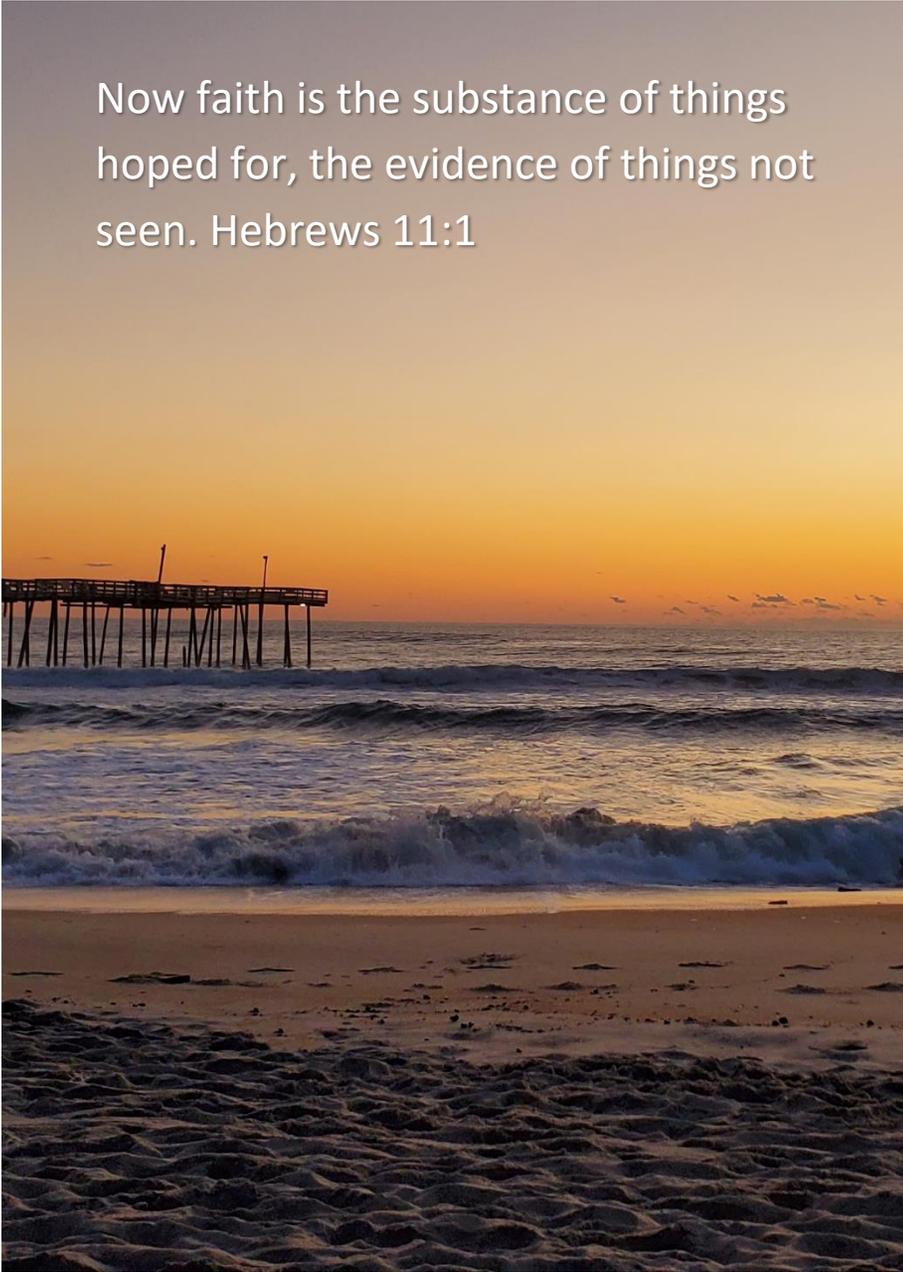


Photo Credit: Joel Weidner, Dawn breaking over the Rodanthe pier, NC

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday October 18, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *You're Not Alone*, by Our Native Daughters

Call to worship – Ben Wideman

Lighting the peace lamp

Offering prayer

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Various folks responding to the question, *What has amazed you lately?*

Scripture – Matthew 22:15-22 read by Vonda Yoder

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sharing time

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – read by Vonda Yoder

*May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,
so that you live rooted in the heart of God.*

*May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and exploitation,
so that you work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears
shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,
so that you reach out your hand to comfort and turn pain
into joy.*

*May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done,
bringing justice and kindness to all.*

*And may the blessing of God, who creates, redeems and
sustains be upon you this day and forever more.
Amen.*

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.

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.

Your Offerings Support UMC – Don't forget to support UMC with your financial gifts during this time of remote gatherings. 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
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like Zelle

Questions? Contact Jim Rosenberger JLRosenberger@gmail.com

Join us starting October 18, for Sunday School (at 11 am) as Sophia and Joel Weidner begin a six-week series on racism.

October 18 - General Historical Context for Racism – How did we get here?

October 25 - Church Historical Context for Racism – How has the church been both a part of the problem and worked at solutions?

November 1 - White Privilege and White Fragility – Why do we (white folks) find it so hard to recognize and talk about the reality of racism?

November 8 - Current Movement – Protests; riots; calls to defund the police – What's our response?

November 15 - Allyship – What does it mean to be an ally?

November 22 – Next Steps - Where do we go from here?

Announcements (cont.)

Congregational hiking - Join us for a socially distanced hike over to Musser Gap this Sunday, 10/18. Meet at the CMA church on 1221 W. Whitehall Rd. at 1:30 pm. The hike is mostly flat. Come enjoy the fall colors! Thanks to Doug and Vonda for planning this event.

The UMC CROP Walk team has raised \$736 so far to help address hunger across the world and in our community. You can still donate by clicking [here](#).

Interdenominational book study – You're invited to join St. Paul's Open Table, members of Albright-Bethune, and Racial Justice Allies, a State College Interdenominational group as we read and discuss the newest book by Drew Hart, *Who Will Be a Witness: Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance*. Zoom meetings will be Monday evenings at 7 pm from October 26 to December 7. RSVP to djph19@outlook.com.

Interfaith Human Services is looking for donations to share with families in need. They welcome beds, dressers, sofas, dining room sets, and appliances. Contact Curt Knouse at 814-234-7731 to schedule a donation.

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.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Check out the new podcast that our own Ben Wideman has helped create: -ing Podcast: Leading, Growing, Being.

Our world is increasingly complex, fast-paced, and divided. How are people of faith bringing their best selves to the world each day? How are we leading, growing, and being as people of God? -ing Podcast is a place to share insights and stories from individuals creatively engaging the present and moving into the future. -ing Podcast is hosted by Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards and Allison Maus, and is a production of MennoMedia.org, a nonprofit publisher that creates thoughtful, Anabaptist resources to enrich faith in a complex world. To find out more, visit MennoMedia.org

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To participate in the UMC email list, sign up by sending an email to:

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