

**Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.**

**UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Sunday November 8, 2020 Virtual Worship Service**

**Welcome and intro to Zoom worship** – Ben Wideman

**Prelude video** – *Baba Yetu/The Lord's Prayer*

performed by Stellenbosch University Choir

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** - *When I am Among the Trees*

by Mary Oliver, read by Anders Woods

**Mosses video** - Pastor Kate

**Children's Time** – Jess McCormick

**Scripture** - Matt 25:1-13, read by Ieva Perkons

*took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon Response/Offertory** - *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning* performed by Sister Song

**Sharing time**

**Sharing Response** - STJ 109 *There is more love somewhere*  
sung by UMC

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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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.

**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](mailto:JLRosenberger@gmail.com)

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Join us for adult Sunday School** (at 11 am) - Sophia and Joel Weidner continue the six-week series on racism.

**November 8** - White Privilege and White Fragility – Why do we (white folks) find it so hard to recognize and talk about the reality of racism?

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

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

### Interfaith Human Services Needs

**Donations Needed** - We're looking for donations to share with families in need and welcome beds, dressers, sofas, dining room sets, and appliances. Contact Curt Knouse at 814-234-7731 to schedule a donation.

**Bell-Ringing** – Sign up to help Interfaith Human Services raise money for local needs by ringing the bell outside of Meyer Dairy on Saturday, December 19. Eight one-hour slots need to be filled and more than one person can help fill a slot. Sign up online at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0445A5AD22A64-bell>

**Habitat Restoration** - UMC is teaming up with *Interfaith Power and Light*, on an ongoing basis. Right now we're planning on the 3rd Friday of the month (weather permitting) from 10-12 at Walnut Springs Park (off University Drive) to pull out invasive plants and plant native trees. All ages welcome! Let Kate know if you can come. Upcoming dates: November 20, December 18, January 15.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Christmas Food Boxes for Park Forest Preschool** - Each year UMC joins with other churches and local organizations to provide each preschool family with a Christmas Box which includes pajamas, mittens, hats, books, a turkey, and food to prepare. Our church has traditionally provided the groceries for this gift box.

This year we will be collecting money instead of groceries, and we will provide each family with a gift card for groceries at Giant or Weis. To participate, send a check noting that it is for the Park Forest Preschool Christmas. Make the check payable to University Mennonite Church, and mail it the church (1606 Norma St, State College PA 16801).

**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.

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## Church Information

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [umcbulletin@yahoo.com](mailto:umcbulletin@yahoo.com)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Fridays at noon (for virtual services)

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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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

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