



Advent
Week 1

And what I
say to you, I
say to all:
Keep awake

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday November 29, 2020 Virtual Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Take Up Your Spade* by Sara Watkins

Call to worship – Ben Wideman

Lighting the Advent Candles Week 1

The Candle of Hope – Anders Woods & Ieva Perkons

Offering prayer

Scripture Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Cathy Bresee

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

*You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.*

*Stir up your might,
and come to save us!*

*Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

*O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?*

*You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.*

*You make us the scorn of our neighbors;
our enemies laugh among themselves.*

*Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

*But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.*

*Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.*

*Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Children's time – Esther Prins

Scripture – Mark 13:24-37 Cathy Bresee

*But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,*

*and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,*

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

*Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power
and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from
the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.*

*From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is
near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass
away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will
pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

*But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you
do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a
journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with
his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.*

*Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And
what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."*

Sermon – Bob Yoder

Sermon Response – HWB 178

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Join us for adult Sunday School - Join us at 11 am today for a sermon response conversation with Bob Yoder from the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (worship Zoom link).

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.

Advent at UMC

Daily devotional – Would you like to receive a daily devotional in your inbox every morning of Advent? Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

Advent wreath - Consider putting together your own Advent wreath this year. It can be as simple as four candles and a Christ candle on a platter, surrounded by a few evergreen cuttings. Bringing light into our homes, one candle at a time, reminds us that darkness does not overtake us - the light increases inside even as the days get shorter outside. New life is coming...

Interfaith Human Services

If you would like to be on Interfaith Human Services' mailing list, please email or call Joyce Hall, and she will forward your information.

A number of slots are still available for bell ringers for IHS on Saturday, Dec. 19 at Meyer Dairy. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0445a5ad22a64-bell>

Or you can email or call Joyce about your availability to ring the bell for HIS (jeh21@comcast.net, 814-360-5191).

Announcements (cont.)

Park Forest Preschool - Our 2020 Christmas Dinner donation

At Christmas time UMC joins with other churches and local organizations to provide each preschool family with a Christmas Box that includes pajamas, mittens, hats, books, a turkey, and food to prepare. Our church has traditionally provided the groceries for this gift box.

This year the leadership team has endorsed collecting money instead of groceries so that we can provide each family with a gift card for groceries. There are 29 children enrolled, and we hope to raise enough for a \$25 gift card for each family, requiring \$725 for this year's students.

To support this longstanding program, please send a check to the church, noting that it is for the Park Forest Preschool Christmas.

Please make the check payable to University Mennonite Church, and mail it to:

University Mennonite Church
1606 Norma St
State College, PA 16801

If you have a favorite, child-pleasing holiday recipe to share, please send it to Cathy Bresee and she will compile the recipes to include with the grocery gift card. Cathy is coordinating this donation for our church, and she can be reached at 814-933-8005, or cbs4@psu.edu.

The Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualified families in the Centre Region, and is one of the local organizations our church supports.

Announcements (cont.)

Gift cards – We have many options to give this season. Each week, we'll highlight a local organization.

Consider supporting the four families who gardened at UMC this summer by purchasing Weis or Sam's Club gift cards. Send your cards to Mary Derstein, 206 Pine Tree Ave, Boalsburg, PA 16827.

Ten Thousand Villages will hold its annual Fair Trade Rug Event December 2-6. This year the event will take place at 1341 S Atherton Street (right next to our store) from 11 am to 6 pm daily. Preview rugs and find out more at rugs.tenthousandvillages.com

University Baptist & Brethren Church is holding their 38th annual **Alternative Christmas Fair** virtually this year. Make the season merrier by supporting the good work of thirty local charities. Check out the attachment sent with this bulletin or visit <https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf>

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, taking care of leaves, 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.

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.)

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

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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

Zoom church services are being recorded and published on our [YouTube channel](#). You can also listen to audio recordings at on our web site at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-2020/>