

Epiphany

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DREAM

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UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday January 03, 2021

Virtual Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

Prelude video – *Light of a Clear Blue Morning* by
The Wailin' Jennys

Call to worship – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Offering prayer and offertory – Lily Prins Glenna

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Lighting the Advent Candles – Susan Peachey

Scripture – Matthew 2:1-12 read by Sally Williams Minnich

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

*"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel." '*

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response song – *Beautiful things* rendition by
Mike Bratt

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

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.

Thank you for your all contributions to our church budget.

At 4 months into our fiscal year, we have received contributions over 35% of the budgeted \$200,000. This has allowed us to pay all our budgeted gifts to local and churchwide ministries, and we have also paid out all the special gifts from our reserves.

With thanks, Jim Rosenberger, UMC treasurer

OOTC Update: Out of the Cold (OOTC) continues to serve 14-16 day shelter guests Monday through Friday at The Meetinghouse, 318 S. Atherton St. While some churches provide overnight shelter, other congregations are not comfortable sheltering overnight guests and instead provide meals and shelter in local hotels. To provide year-round day and night shelter, OOTC administrators are pursuing plans to purchase The Meetinghouse. There will be a special meeting with OOTC administrators and board of directors on January 11 to address questions related to the purchase, renovations, and finances required of the building, as well as to clarify the impact of a year-round overnight facility on local congregations interested in serving the homeless of Centre County. If you have questions regarding this change in the organization, please email Mary Derstein [HERE](#) before January 11.

Announcements (cont.)

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, needs meals to serve their residents. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to bring a meal.

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.

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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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

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/>