

## Martin Luther King Jr.



January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968

(see schedule of commemoration events in announcements)

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## UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday January 17, 2021

### Virtual Worship Service

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

**Prelude video** – *Have Mercy on Me* by The Potter's Gate

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Offering prayer and offertory**

HWB 398 *I love to tell the story*, rendition by Mike Bratt

**Children's time** – *Frederick*, by Leo Lionni, read by Ieva Perkons

**Voices of our congregation** – Nel Kopp

**Scripture** – Exodus 1:1-14 - read by Steve Houck

*These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt. Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.*

*Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response song** – HWB 332, *Blessed assurance*  
sung by the Portsmouth Gospel Choir

**Sharing Time** – Pastor Kate

**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.

**No Place for Hate: Centre County Solidarity Candlelight Vigil**  
**Sunday, January 17 at 4:30 pm**, State College Presbyterian Church parking lot, 132 W. Beaver Avenue - *In light of the recent discovery of white supremacy stickers posted around State College, local faith leaders invite our community to join us in person or in spirit for a physically distant candlelight vigil in the State College Presbyterian Church parking lot. This event is a time of gathering to recognize the humanity and dignity of all people through sacred readings, poems, prayers, and music. We will be expressing our solidarity in our belief that Centre County is no place for hate.*

*We ask that all in attendance wear a mask and maintain appropriate outdoor physical distancing from other participants. If you would like to participate in the candle lighting, please bring a candle.*

<https://www.facebook.com/events/235222898133297/>

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Out of the Cold** is looking for helping hands to host or provide meals for our upcoming stay at St. Andrew's Church from January 18-31. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**MLK Commemoration Events** – There are lots of events happening throughout January to commemorate the life and work of MLK. A schedule can be found online at <https://mlk.psu.edu/>

**January 18 – MLK Day Community Event - The Unarmed Truth: A Conversation with Dr. John Amaechi**, OBE, Organizational Psychologist, International Speaker, Best-Selling Author. Free and open to the public. Registration required – **12 noon**. at <https://safdn.org/mlk-event/>

**January 18 – Day of Service for Students**

**January 19 – Kick-off of Debate Series** - Please join us as we kick off our virtual debate series that will occur throughout January and February 2021 - **6 p.m.**

**January 21 – The 36th Evening Celebration Part 1 with Michelle Alexander** - Please join us for a moderated discussion with Michelle Alexander - **7 p.m.**

**January 22 – The 36th Evening Celebration Part 2 with local student creative works** - Join us for an evening of celebrating our community. Local student organizations will showcase creative works relating to this year's event theme followed by a discussion between two guest musicians about activism and art - **7 p.m.**

**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.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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

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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](#). You can also view service videos and listen to audio recordings at on our web site at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>