



Nikki Blak, a writer/sociologist/public speaker, says that slavery is not Black history; rather, it is white history:

“Black history is innovation, excellence, brilliance, and joy. So, let’s talk about that,” she says. “Because when we re-frame the narrative about what Black history is, we effectively accomplish four things:

- We stop making Black folks responsible for anti-blackness, marginalization, oppression, and genocide.
- We place the responsibility back on the folks who invented, carried out, and benefit from [these practices and systems].
- We honor our African ancestors who certainly wanted and deserved to live their days unfettered by white supremacy, minding their business.
- We allow Black folks present and future to get back to our business, which is beauty, brilliance, celebration, and joy.”

How will you celebrate Black History month?

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday February 14, 2021

Zoom Worship Service

Welcome and intro to Zoom worship – Ben Wideman

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

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory – HWB 332 - *Blessed Assurance*, rendition by
CeCe Winans

Children’s time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Sophia Weidner

Scripture Luke 10:25-37 read by Gloria Horst Rosenberger

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus.

“Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered, ““Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’[a]; and,

‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn

and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'
"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Sermon – *An Empathetic Love that Heals, Liberates and Transforms*,
Melody Pannell

Sermon response song – *I need you to survive* by Hezekiah Walker

Sharing Time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Adult Sunday school (11 am ET)

February 14 - Former EMU professor Melody Pannell will bring our morning message and join us for discussion during our Sunday school hour (same Zoom link as worship).

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.

Speak the truth in love - In honor of Black History Month and in response to the Mennonite Church USA denominational mandate to support, build, and cultivate peace across our denomination, Mennonite Mission Network is excited to host the *Speak the truth in love* webinar, hosted by Ann Jacobs of Mission Network, with pastors Kevin Himes and Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells. Thursday, February 18, 7 pm EST on Zoom. [Click here to find out more and register](#)

Announcements (cont.)

UMC racial justice group invites you to attend a series of discussions based on a New York Times podcast, *Nice White Parents*, led by Dr. Seria Chatters, director of equity and inclusion at SCASD. The series will explore the complicated realities of race, privilege, and power across all American schools. To register for the daytime (noon) click [HERE](#) or evening (6:30 pm) group, click [HERE](#), to receive the Zoom info. Meeting dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 9. The discussion guide can be accessed [HERE](#). Let's continue the work of educating ourselves. These meetings are open to ALL, no need to live in the district or have children attending SCASD.

Stream bank restoration project A hearty bunch of UMCers continue to work monthly removing invasive plants and preparing to plant native species in the spring at Walnut Springs Park. Our next workday is Thursday February 18. Mark your calendar and come on out! Contact Kate for more details.

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.

Interfaith Human Services (IHS) is in need of gently used furniture or large electric appliances for their Free Furniture and Appliance Recycling Program. Items especially needed right now include beds, dressers, and sofas. Large electric appliances always are needed, including washers, dryers, and refrigerators. IHS does NOT accept pianos/organs, baby cribs, large desks, large entertainment centers, or large file cabinets. Anyone wishing to donate furniture or appliances may call the IHS office at 814-234-7731. A date and time can be arranged to pick up the item(s).

Need help? We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, shoveling snow, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Missed worship? Our Zoom worship services are recorded and can be watched on our website by clicking [HERE](#).

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 view service videos and listen to audio recordings at on our website at:

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