

# Pentecost Sunday



UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH

Sunday May 23, 2021

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

**Prelude video** – *Memories* by Maroon 5,  
cover by One Voice Choir

**Call to worship**

**Voices of our congregation** – Doug Yoder

**Lighting the Peace Lamp** – Ben Wideman and Todd Davis

**Children's time** – Esther Prins

**Prayer and offertory** HWB 26 – *Holy Spirit, come with power*

**Scripture** – Act 2:1-21 read by Krista Weidner

*When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.*

*Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome— all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"*

*All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."*

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd:  
“Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think—it’s only nine o’clock in the morning! No, it’s what Joel the prophet spoke of:

*‘In the days to come—  
it is our God who speaks—  
I will pour out my Spirit  
on all humankind.  
Your daughters and sons will prophesy,  
your young people will see visions,  
and your elders will dream dreams.*

*Even on the most insignificant of my people,  
both women and men,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.*

*And I will display wonders  
in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below:  
blood, fire and billowing smoke.*

*The sun will be turned into darkness  
and the moon will become blood  
before the coming of the  
great and sublime day of our God.*

*And all who call upon the name  
of our God will be saved.’*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Meditative music** HWB 25 – *Jesus, stand among us*

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Announcements, birthdays, & introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

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**Adult Sunday School** – This Sunday we’ll resume our series Lamenting Racism 3 – *God on Racism, Knowing What the Bible Says*, led by Laura and Ken Litwiller.

**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.

**Out of the Cold** - University Baptist and Brethren Church is hosting overnight guests May 17-31 and welcomes us to bring a meal. Sign up [HERE](#).

**Thanks to the generosity of our congregation and 422 donors** to the Centre Gives fundraiser, Out of the Cold received over \$75K last week. This placed them in the top 5 non-profit recipients. These gifts will join other funds in the capital campaign to purchase 318 S Atherton, our former meetinghouse. This week the OOTC board of directors gave approval to move ahead with the purchase of the building and conversion to an emergency shelter for unhoused persons. We are grateful for you as individuals and a congregation for your continuing support to this critical community outreach. For more information, contact Mary Derstein at [derstein@gmail.com](mailto:derstein@gmail.com) or Leah Witzig at [witzig1@gmail.com](mailto:witzig1@gmail.com).

**Remember to pray for Jae Young Lee, Karen Spicher, and their children** who serve with Mennonite Mission Network in South Korea. Pray for them as they promote peace ministries through organizations, such as Korea Peacebuilding Institute and Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute.

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

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Sign up for My Neighbor card** - Everence donated over \$345,000 in January through the My Neighbor credit card. You can join in the joy of generosity to generate reward dollars every time you use your card. Our faith-based partner, Everence, will donate 1.50% of the total amount of a purchase to our church or a charity of your choice. Learn more at [everence.com/myneighbor](https://everence.com/myneighbor).

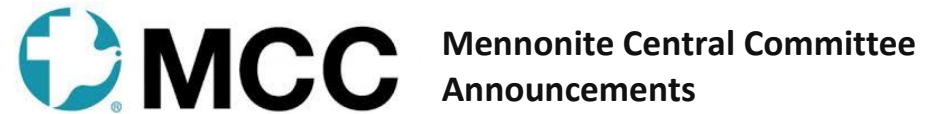
**Need help?** We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need some extra help - gathering groceries, doing yard work, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

**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.

**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
- [Donate on the church website](#)
- 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)



Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) has updated its ministerial misconduct file-sharing policy to allow MC USA agencies to request misconduct files on any credentialed leaders they are considering hiring for paid or volunteer positions. Find out what went into this policy change here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-updates-misconduct-policy/>

**Help MCC respond to conflict in Gaza** - The recent violence has made poor humanitarian conditions in Gaza worse, at a time when hospitals were already overwhelmed with COVID-19. Hundreds of homes have been destroyed and damaged with thousands displaced. Your gifts will help MCC partners provide emergency relief, like emergency food, hygiene supplies, household items, housing reconstruction and trauma healing. Thank you for supporting vulnerable families; your compassion and care will be felt across borders and walls. To make a donation, call MCC toll-free at (888) 563-4676 or visit [mcc.org/gaza-relief](https://mcc.org/gaza-relief). **TAKE ACTION** with the MCC Washington Office. Urge an end to violence in Israel and Gaza by visiting [mcc.org/washington](https://mcc.org/washington).

**Menno Snapshots** - Jen Helmuth Sherk felt the need to deepen her spiritual walk, so she began meeting with a spiritual director. Read about Sherk's journey – from being a stay-at-home mom, to a photographer, to a pastor – in Evan J. Miller's blog, "Where God's Spirit is Already at Work." <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/gods-spirit-already-at-work/>

**Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War** - Tim Nafziger reflects on the power of stories in fighting against militarism in his blog, "The Courageous, Vulnerable, Improbable Story of Peace." The blog is part of Mennonite Church USA's Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of War initiative. Read more about Nafziger's story [here](#):

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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

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 website at:

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