
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our web site at:

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

You can also view service videos on our YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI94YTnAqH85YbQgBHNbdfw>



Anza-Borrego Desert Wind Caves, California

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UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday August 15, 2021, 10 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Prelude video – *Hallelujah, the great storm is over*
by John McCutcheon

Call to worship – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory prayer

Confession and words of assurance

Creator God, we confess that it is hard to be still.

The forest burns around us

The land floods beneath us

The people are in an uproar

Where can we turn amid desolation?

Special music – Becky Kephart

Voices of the congregation - Leah Lumeya

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture reading - 1 Kings 19:9-13, Kris Charles

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

God said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; **and after the fire a**

sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – Becky Kephart

Sharing and prayer – Pastor Kate

Welcome of visitors, birthdays, anniversaries, and announcements

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.

There will be a **congregational meeting this evening at 6:30 pm EDT on Zoom**. We have four important items to act on: approval of the UMC covenant with our pastor, affirmation of volunteers for UMC positions, approval of our budget for next year, and act on a proposal concerning our involvement in Out of the Cold. While only members can vote, **all are encouraged to come** to learn and share your thoughts. Connect to Zoom using the Sunday worship link.

Restoration at Walnut Springs - Join Greg Williams from Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), Kate, and others in our ongoing work to restore this native habitat. Monday, August 16, 2-4 pm at Walnut Springs Park. Contact Kate for more information.

The leadership team will hold a **congregational conversation on our hybrid worship services on Thursday, August 19 at 7 pm EDT on Zoom**. We want feedback on your experience of hybrid worship as well as your thoughts regarding how we navigate the rapidly changing status of the COVID pandemic. We hope to hear from both those who worship in the sanctuary and those on Zoom. Connect to Zoom using the Sunday worship link.

Announcements (cont.)

LUNCH in the park: **Where?** The pavilion at Tussey View Park behind the church. **When?** Every Sunday after church starting August 22 - around 11:30 (except for Church Around the Table Sundays). **What to bring?** Your own lunch. **Why?** Just for fun and fellowship! (By the way, it's fine to come for lunch even if you can't come for church.)

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, welcomes home-cooked meals for their guests. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

MCC Update - September volunteer groups needed at Ephrata MRC

Are you looking for a close-to-home, hands-on way to serve your global neighbors this fall? The MCC East Coast Material Resources Center (MRC) in Ephrata, PA. needs volunteer groups in September 2021. Volunteers are essential to carrying out MCC's mission as they pack kits, fold comforters, recycle books, and more. A variety of tasks are available to suit each volunteer's age, skill, and ability.

Volunteer groups of 15 persons or more are invited to contact Marilyn Peters, MRC Volunteer Coordinator, at (717) 733-2847 or MarilynPeters@mcc.org. Weekday, evening, and Saturday volunteer hours are available. The Ephrata MRC is located at 517 West Trout Run Road, Ephrata, PA 17522.

Membership at UMC - While membership is not required to be an active and welcomed participant at UMC, it can be an outer sign of an inner commitment to one's faith journey and church commitment. We will be holding a membership class this fall for anyone interested in exploring this step. Let Kate know if you're interested in learning more.

Announcements (cont.)

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact [Pastor Kate](#), as times and dates vary.

Masking protocol – To protect those who are vulnerable, masks should be worn in the building for worship.

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. Offering baskets are by the doors to the sanctuary or 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