
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.

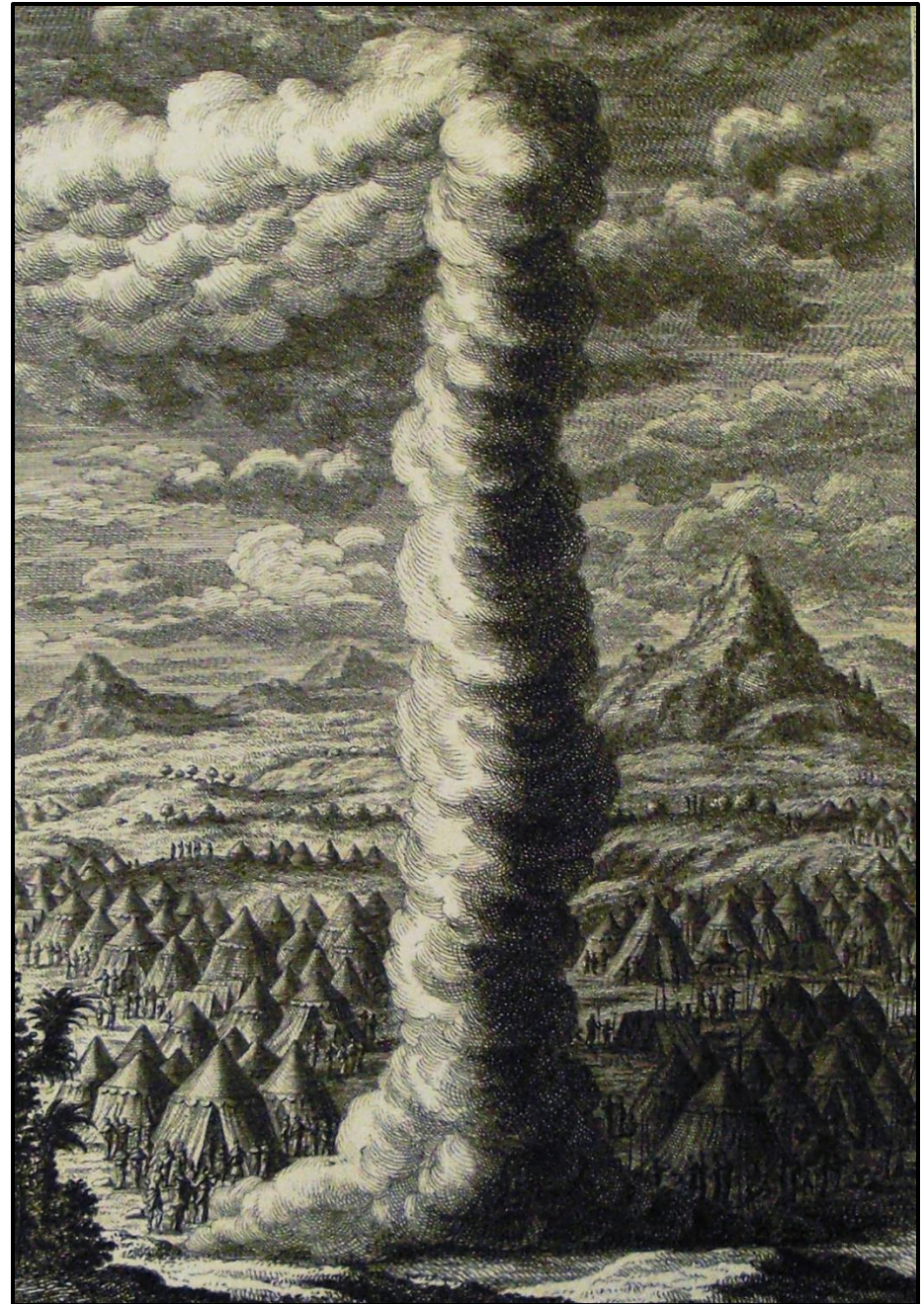
Join the email list by sending an email to:

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/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



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UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday August 29, 2021, 10 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude video – *Now is the cool of the day*, The Foxglove Trio

Call to worship – Pastor Kate

Offertory prayer

Special music – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, Becky Kephart

Voices of the congregation – Doug Miller

Children's time – Adrian, Cedric, Laura, and Gloria

Scripture – **Exodus 13:17-21**

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God thought, 'If the people face war, they may change their minds and return to Egypt.' So God led the people by the roundabout way of the wilderness towards the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of the land of Egypt prepared for battle. And Moses took with him the bones of Joseph, who had required a solemn oath of the Israelites, saying, 'God will surely take notice of you, and then you must carry my bones with you from here.' They set out from Succoth, and camped at Etham, on the edge of the wilderness. The Lord went in front of them in a pillar of cloud by day, to lead them along the way, and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light, so that they might travel by day and by night.

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Special music – *As the Deer Pants for Water*, Becky Kephart

Sharing and prayer – Meredith Wideman

Welcome of visitors, birthdays, anniversaries, and announcements

Benediction – Ben Wideman

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.

Church Around the Table (CATT) - We will meet for month 2 of CATT next Sunday, September 5, 10 a.m. in back yards, patios, and outdoor tables. Be on the lookout for a host or facilitator reaching out and inviting you to join them for an hour of worship. All are invited and encouraged to experiment in this new way of worshipping together.

Volunteering at UMC - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attendee to help provide leadership on Sunday mornings. Ben and Kate can help you learn how to navigate hybrid worship. Click [HERE](#) to sign up - we work as a body with many members, learn as a body, offer grace and love to one another as the body of Christ. Join us!

Thank you! September 1 marks the start of a new year at UMC. We extend a big thank you to Rosita Derstine, who finishes her three-year term as elder, and Rick Stehouwer, who has been our leadership team chair this year. We welcome Doug Yoder as elder, Cathy Bresee will be our LT chair, and Terry Yoder our assistant chair. Many, many thanks to each of you for accepting the call of leadership.

Pastor Kate's schedule - Regular days off are Fridays and Saturdays on most weeks. Please know I rarely check my email on days off. Text or call if it can't wait until Sunday morning! Pastor Kate will be away 8/25-8/30--please contact an elder (Rosita, Meredith, or Doug) with any spiritual needs or emergencies this week.

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

Announcements (cont.)

Help provide emergency relief in DR Congo through MCC - After the Mount Nyiragongo volcanic eruption in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) on May 22, hundreds of homes on the outskirts of Goma were destroyed by flowing lava. MCC and local partners are providing emergency assistance to affected families. Your donations and prayers will help bring critical support to these global neighbors. You can donate online at mcc.org/volcano-relief, by phone at (888) 563-4676, or by mail at MCC, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

MCC is in great need for school kits for children around the world. If you are able, please donate the following supplies and place them in the bin inside the parking lot entrance or in the bin outside the Norma Street entrance. MCC requests that we follow their specific list.

- 4 notebooks that are each 70 pages only
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 large eraser
- 1 flexible ruler with cm measurement
- 12 colored pencils
- 2 black or blue ink ballpoint pens
- 1 metal pencil sharpener: must be metal, no plastic ones accepted

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.

Lunch in the park: Where? The pavilion at Tussey View Park behind the church. **When?** Every Sunday after worship (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.)

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

Zoom breakout rooms after worship - Those joining us on Zoom for worship will have the opportunity to participate in a 15-minute fellowship time breakout room immediately after worship. If you would like to be part of a breakout room, stick around after worship and you'll be prompted to join a breakout room.

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