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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursdays end of day

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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)

**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**

*Haijalishi mahali ambapo  
umetoka, tunafurahi kuwa  
wewe ni jirani wetu*

No matter where you are  
from, we're glad you're  
our neighbor.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا  
سعداء انكم جيراننا.

www.welcomeyourneighbors.org

**UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH**  
**Sunday September 19, 2021, 10 am**  
**Tussey View Park**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** – Mike Bratt

**Welcome** – Marvin Hall

**Call to worship**

**Focusing on the Peace Lamp**

Adapted from *Tenting on the Old Campground*.

A Civil War song credited to Walter Kittredge.

*Many are the hearts that are weary today  
Wishing for the wars to cease,  
Many are the hearts looking for the right  
To see the dawn of peace.  
We are tired of wars all around the world;  
Many are the dead and gone  
Of the brave and true who've left their homes;  
Others been wounded long.  
We are fighting today around the world.  
Some are lying near;  
Many are dead, and some are dying,  
Many are in tears.  
Many are the hearts that are weary today,  
Praying for the wars to cease;  
Many are the hearts looking for the light,  
To see the dawn of peace.  
Dying today, dying today,  
Dying all around the world.*

**Special music** – Mike Bratt

**Offering**

**Children's time** – Joyce Hall

**Scripture** – Mark 9:30-37 (please stand if you are able)

*They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'*

**Sermon** - *Getting Along: An Appeal for Unity in Diversity* - Ken Litwiller

**Confession** (please stand if you are able)

We confess that we have not seen others as you see them, both broken and beloved.

We confess that we have sought a false righteousness based on who we avoid or despise.

We confess that we have neglected your call to service and sacrifice.

We confess that we have judged with a harshness we would not wish for ourselves.

We confess we have not behaved like children of God, whose kindness leads to repentance.

Lord, forgive us.

- Megan Larissa Good

**Special music** – Mike Bratt

**Sharing time** – Kate Heinzl

**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.

**Volunteering at UMC** - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attender 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!

**Anabaptist Faith exploration** - As part of membership exploration, we are going to begin with a series of meetings that explore what it means to be an Anabaptist - historically and today. ALL are welcomed to these meetings. Stay tuned for more details!

**Stream restoration at Walnut Springs** - Join us on Friday, 10/1, 2-4 pm to continue removing invasive plants and planting natives. No experience needed. Bring a willing spirit (and tools, if you have them).

**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 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

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Thanks to all who contributed to the special request** toward the cost of rebuilding the shop that was lost in a fire owned by Esther Nartey, a member of the Somanya congregation of the Ghana Mennonite Church. I received \$2,700 by the deadline of 9/15, which I forwarded to Pastor Augustine Tetteh, with the assistance from Humphrey Akogyeram, who many of you know from his visit to UMC and who works at Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana. Mary Derstein and Laura Litwiller, members of the UMC Ghana committee, were very helpful in sharing this appeal with our congregation. – Jim Rosenberger

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.

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



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Care Auction

Sept.27 – Oct 3

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auction now.**

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and click on auction

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interests:***

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Art

**Our Mission:**

To provide financial care, assistance with utilities,  
and household management to low-income  
individuals and families in Centre County.

**Our Vision:**

To create economically stable households  
for individuals and families striving for self-sufficiency.



To learn more, please visit [interfaithhumanservices.org](http://interfaithhumanservices.org)  
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