
CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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**



indian summer

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amber moonrise nights cozy mellow sunshine warm pumpkin
spice afternoons

yellow cornfields doze sleepy vineyards dream reveries of maize
and gold

twilight lullabies drowsy fields of wheat harvest glows in
pumpkin hues

autumn's balmy breath

- Sam Kaufman

UNIVERSITY MENNONITE CHURCH
Sunday September 26, 2021, 10 am
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Cathy Bresee

You are welcome here.

If you are delighted to be here,
and if you are tired or troubled,
you are welcome.

If your faith is strong,
and if your faith is battered or frail,
you are welcome.

If you are eager to praise God,
and if you need to be quiet,
you are welcome.

Let us worship our God, who is worthy to be praised,
In the name of Christ who has made us one,
and by the power of the Spirit who dwells among us.

Prelude – *Wonderous Love* by Watchhouse

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory prayer

Special music – HWB 226 - *You are salt for the earth*
performed by Hal Kunkel

Prayer of confession (read responsively)

You asked for my hands,
that you might use them for your purpose.

**I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.**

You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life,
that you might work through me.

I gave a small part, so that I might not get too involved.

**Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.**

**Father, forgive me,
renew me, send me out,
as an instrument of your love.**

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – Hal Kunkel

Sharing time – Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

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.

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!

MCC school kits - Thank you for the great response in collecting MCC school kit supplies and cash to send school kits all around the world! We are able to give MCC the following: 121 notebooks, 57 erasers, 28 rulers, 72 sharpeners, 44 boxes of colored pencils, 158 pens, 374 pencils, 49 colorful cloth bags to hold school kit contents, and \$250.00! Contents will be taken to the MCC Material Resource Center in Ephrata this week. Checks were sent in the mail. - Laura Litwiller for the children and youth committee

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.

PeaceMail is a weekly online publication from Mennonite Church USA with links to articles, podcasts, webinars, and more. Click [HERE](#) to check it out and subscribe to have it delivered to your inbox.

Announcements (cont.)

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty - During September and October, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new “**Learn, Pray, Join**” initiative – **The Cost of Poverty**. We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/learn-pray-join/cost-of-poverty/>. Mennonite Church USA will offer two Faith Formation Roundtables each month from August to October. These roundtables are intended to encourage and support faith formation leaders through collaborative methods. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/faith-formation-roundtable/>.

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.)

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