
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**



Sunday Worship
October 31, 2021, 10 am
All Saints Day



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude

Harvest Hymn arranged by Mary McDonald

Wildflowers arranged by The Wailin' Jennys

Call to worship – Leah Witzig

*It is good to be together, God,
on these screens, with each other
And in the sanctuary,
together listening for your voice,
united by your Spirit.*

*God our Provider,
we came to church today
needing you in different ways.
Some of us need strength
because we are facing a big challenge.
Some of us need hope,
because we feel like giving up.
Some of us need love
because we are feeling alone.
We trust that you will provide for us,
whether through words or music,
or in a quiet moment of reflection.
You are here,
you are with us.
Amen.*

Lighting the peace lamp

Scripture reading – Romans 12:1-2 read by Emma Nord

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God,
to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to
God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this
world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you
may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and
perfect.*

Offertory - *We seek, not so much to be saints, but simply your people.
We have been blessed beyond imagination and so pray, as we offer
these gifts, that they will be used to touch the lives of the broken, the
lonely, the seeking, the hungry, the hopeless—all those who are our
sisters and brothers. AMEN.*

Children's time – Kathleen Stehouwer

Scripture reading- Isaiah 25:6-9 read by Emma Nord

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Lighting of candles in remembrance

Leader: *For those who walked with us,*

People: *This is a prayer.*

Leader: *For those who have gone ahead,*

People: *This is a blessing.*

Leader: *For those who touched and tended us,
Who lingered with us while they lived,*

ALL: *This is a Thanksgiving.*

Ceremony of lighting – Special music by Micah Spicher Schonberg

Closing of lighting

*For those
who journey still with us.
In the shadows of awareness,
In the crevices of memory,
In the landscape of our dreams,
This is a benediction. Amen.*

Confession and communion – Pastor Kate

Prayer of confession adapted from Sing the Story 172

*Before I take the body of Christ,
Before I share Christ's life in bread and cup,
I recognize those things I carry that don't reflect Christ's call to
transformation
These I lay down.
(silent prayer)*

*The words of hope I often fail to give,
The gestures of kindness that are buried by pride,
The narrowness of vision and of mind.
These I lay down.
(silent prayer)*

*The forgetting of God's unending love
The forgetting of God's purposes
The desire to stay small, bound in the chrysalis, unwilling to be transformed
These I lay down.
(silent prayer)*

*Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
We ask you to meet us here
Reminding us of your never ending call to love
And to share in the celebration of life anew.
Amen.*

Communion - Special music by Micah Spicher Schonberg

Sharing Time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Leah Witzig

Announcements

Building use update - We will experiment the next few Sundays with heating the sanctuary before opening windows and turning on fans, hoping to create a more welcoming worship environment! Cathy Bresee's email reminds us of our ongoing policy: "The COVID transmission mitigation protocols we are following for in person worship are masking for everyone, windows open, and the exhaust fan will be running. *As the temperature drops, the sanctuary will be warmed prior to opening the windows to reduce the chill.*"

Tuesday sharing and prayer time (change of day) – The Wednesday noon sharing and prayer time has moved to Tuesdays (same meeting link). Join us on Tuesdays 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.

Announcements (cont.)

Church Around the Table (CATT) - Sunday, November 7, is our final gathering to worship in this way, giving us opportunities to meet with a smaller community, discuss the scripture of the morning, and worship in a way that promotes shared conversation. No need to have attended the previous gatherings. All are welcomed, in backyards, around tables, or on Zoom!

Advent planning - Believe it or not, we're thinking about Advent! Kate would like to create our own daily Advent materials for all families to use at home and is looking for one more person to help make it happen (all done via Zoom and digitally). Email Kate (kate@universitymennonite.org) if you'd like to help.

Anabaptist Faith Exploration Class - Mark your calendars and join us as we study *The Naked Anabaptist*, by Stuart Murray, learning about the roots of our faith and discerning how we as Mennonites are living into them. Come explore together. Thursday evenings, 7-8 pm, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16 on Zoom.

Bell ringing for Interfaith Human Services at Meyer Dairy on Saturday 12/4. There are still several empty slots - sign up if you're able to help! No experience necessary. Sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050444A4A829AB9-ihsbell>

Defund the Police? An Abolition Study - The call for the abolishment of police, policing, and the police state is not a new call. For centuries, Black and Indigenous people have called for the end of violence enacted on their bodies and communities by police. They have been calling for other possibilities that move us from the appearance of safety to truly safe and whole communities.

University Mennonite Church is inviting interested congregations and community members to participate in a tuition-free nine-week study engaging in learning about the call for police abolition. We'll follow a curriculum developed by the Mennonite Church USA. Find out more, sign up, and invite others to join us. <http://www.universitymennonite.org/defund-the-police-an-abolition-study/>

Mennonite Church USA is once again offering its **free Advent at Home devotional**. Written by Talashia Keim Yoder, pastor of Christian Formation at College Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana, the 2021 guide follows the theme of Leader magazine and is appropriate for all ages. Download your copy here. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/adventathome>

Announcements (cont.)

If your family has recently experienced a birth, marriage or death, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Archives would like to preserve this information for free, through the **new vital records form on the MC USA Archives website**. Read more about how you can help the Archives memorialize your family history here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/new/vital-records-form>

Centre House, a shelter for those experiencing homelessness here in Centre County, welcomes home-cooked meals for their guests. Sign up online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daba928a7fcc07-dinner>

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. Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-worship>. 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!

If you're interested in attending the **mindful meditation sessions** on Monday evenings and Thursday or Friday mornings, contact Pastor Kate (kate@universitymennonite.org) 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 help - gathering groceries, doing yard work, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

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 at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/make-a-donation-to-university-mennonite-church/>
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like [Zelle](#)