
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
November 14, 2021, 10 am



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude

This Land Is Your Land rendition by Elizabeth Mitchel
VT 6 – *Let's Walk Together*

Call to worship – Ruth Kitchen Tillman

Scripture – Psalm 127 read by Gloria Horst Rosenberger

*If YHWH doesn't build the house,
the builders work in vain;
if YHWH doesn't guard the city,
the sentries watch in vain.*

*In vain you get up early and stay up late,
sweating to make a living,
because God loves us and provides for us
even while we sleep.*

*Children are the heritage God gives us;
our descendants are our rewards.*

*Having children when you are young
is like equipping an archer
with wonderful new arrows.*

*Happy are those who have filled their quiver
with such arrows!*

*When they argue with their enemies at the city gate,
no one will be able to make them feel ashamed*

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory prayer – special music by Sally and Mark Minnich

Children's time – Ieva Perkons

Scripture reading - Mark 12:38-44 read by Gloria Horst Rosenberger

As Jesus taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sharing Time

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

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.

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.

Walnut Springs Stream Restoration - Join us Monday, November 22, 2-4 pm as we continue the transformative work of removing invasive plants and re-introducing native species.

Announcements (cont.)

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>

Don't forget to sign up for our **abolition study beginning January 5**. Find out more at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/defund-the-police-an-abolition-study/>

MCUSA Updates

As part of the Mennonite Church USA and MennoMedia's Common Read initiative, **Sara Wenger-Shenk discussed her book "Tongue-Tied,"** in which she investigates the reasons why people who claim the name of Christ are so reluctant to talk about him. Watch and share the webinar recording here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OT4YGX5co_Y

The Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council (Joyce Hall is the AMC delegate) met in October to discuss its role in preparing churches for the special delegate assembly, which will take place May 27-30, 2022 in Kansas City, Missouri. Read the news release at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/clc-meeting-oct21>

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>

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/20f0e4daee28a0ff2-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.

Announcements (cont.)

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