
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 21, 2021, 10 am



*You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude

Voices Together 35 – *Come to the water
Stand Like and Oak* by Rising Appalachia

Call to worship – John Murphy

Scripture – Psalm 16:8-11

*I keep the Faithful One always before me;
because she is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.*

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
Even my body resides in safety.*

*For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.*

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in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.*

Lighting the peace lamp

Confessional – Voices Together 888

Prayer & offertory – special music from Micah Spicher-Schonberg

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Scripture reading - Mark 13:24-37 read by Joyce Hall

*'But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and
glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see
these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I
tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken
place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

*'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when
the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the
doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not
know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at
midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when
he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'*

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sharing time

Special music – Micah Spicher-Schonberg

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

There will be a **congregational meeting this Sunday evening at 6:30 on Zoom**. Use the same Zoom link as worship to join. The agenda will include a discussion of all our thoughts on the Church Around the Table program we've held over the past weeks, and an opportunity to share comments and reactions. There will be no decisions at this meeting about the future of the program. It will be an opportunity to learn about our experiences with the program.

Tuesday sharing and prayer - 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.

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.

Park Forest Preschool Christmas gift cards – Please send donations to the church by Friday, December 10. Write checks to UMC and designate "Preschool Christmas Gift" in the memo. Last year we were able to donate thirty \$50.00 gift cards to Park Forest Preschool families. This allowed families to make choices for their holiday celebrations. Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualifying families.

Announcements (cont.)

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

MCUSA and MCC Updates

Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty - In his blog, "**Seeing poverty up close around the world**," Stanley Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, recounts his experiences with poverty in Cambodia, South Africa, and Argentina, where he saw people impoverished due to low wages, lack of education, gentrification, and systemic oppression. Read about his experiences here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/seeing-poverty-up-close>

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>



Christmas giving ideas - Give gifts of comfort and joy! Delight your loved ones and share God's love with our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books, and many more. Give at <https://mcc.org/christmas> or call 888.563.4676.

Read about six unique Christmas gifts that

change lives:

<https://mcc.org/stories/six-unique-christmas-gifts-special-people-your-life>

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6byJb0Zexlo>

Announcements (cont.)

Hybrid worship update - Leadership team decided to continue with hybrid worship, meeting in our sanctuary with the windows *closed*, heat on, exhaust fan running. We ask everyone in the building to continue to wear a mask to promote safety for all.

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.

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](#)