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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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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](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

**Missed worship?** Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

<http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

**Church Wi-Fi information** – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



**Sunday Worship**  
**January 9, 2022, 10 am**  
**Zoom Only**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

**Prelude** – *This is Home* by Switchfoot and  
*Silent Night* by Spicher-Schonbergs

**Call to worship** – Ruth

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Confession**

**Prayer and offertory** – *A New Year's Carol* by Hal Kunkel

**Scripture reading** – Matthew 2:1-12 read by Leah Witzig

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:*

*"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;*

*for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

*Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

**Children's time** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Voices of the congregation** – Matt Rooke

*Tell about a time when you experienced home in an unexpected place or way*

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate

**Communion**

**Special music** – Communion hymn by Hal Kunkel

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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**In-person Sunday worship discontinued through end of January** – In-person worship has been discontinued for the rest of January and we will only be meeting on Zoom. Leadership will consider current COVID conditions at the end of January and make a decision about returning to our in-person/Zoom hybrid model.

**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.

### MCUSA and MCC Updates

**Anti-Asian racism** is not new, but since the onset of COVID-19, anti-Asian aggression has drastically increased. Rob Muthiah, in his blog, "Lament as a transformative anti-racism practice," reflects on how lament has helped him deal with the anger that he feels about the treatment of Asian people, like his own father, in the U.S. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/transformative-anti-racism/>.

**Volunteering at UMC** - Ready to give worship leading a try? Have a good message to share with our children? We welcome any regular attendee 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](mailto:kate@universitymennonite.org)) as times and dates vary.

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### Announcements (cont.)

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**Need help?** We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, shoveling snow, 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/donate>
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)
- Use a service like Zelle <https://www.zellepay.com/>

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“We will lose everything we love,  
including our lives — so we might as well  
love without fear, for to fear a certainty is  
wasted energy that syphons life of  
aliveness.”

- Hannah Arendt

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