
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

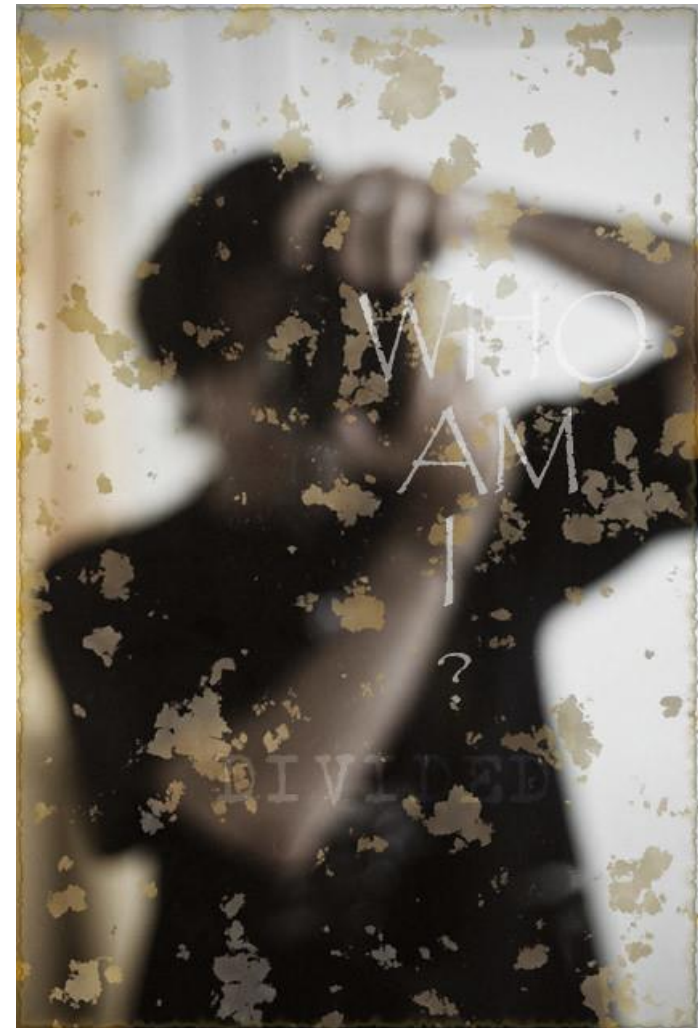
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

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

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



Sunday Worship
January 23, 2022, 10 am
Zoom Only



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Ben Wideman

Prelude – *You Are Here* by The Wailin' Jennys

Call to worship – Marvin Hall – Psalm 40:1-7 (Inclusive Bible)

*Unyielding, I called to you, Yahweh,
Now at last you have stooped to me
And answered my cry for help.
You have pulled me out of the Pit,
Out of its mud and quicksand;
You set my feet on a rock
And made my steps firm.
You put a new song in my mouth,
A song of praise to you.
Many will look on in wonder
And so will put their trust in you.
Happiness comes to those
Who put their trust in God,
Instead of the proud
Or people blind to the truth!*

*How many wonders you've worked for us,
Yahweh, my God!
How many plans you've made for us; you have no equal!
I want to recount them again and again,
But their number is too great.
You don't desire sacrifice,
Instead you made my ears receptive to you;
You asked no burnt offering or sacrifice for sins from me.
And so I declared, "Here I am! I have come!"*

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession

*God of Mercy, we are sorry that we have not always
done what you wanted us to do.
We have not loved you with all our heart,
and we have not cared enough for other people.
Forgive us and may the love*

*which overcomes all differences,
which heals all wounds,
which puts flight to fears,
which reconciles all who are separated,
be is us and among us now and always.*

Offertory – Micah Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Todd Davis

*Is there a time when you refused something,
but eventually came around to what you were being called?*

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Scripture reading – Exodus 3:6-13 read by Amy Sattler

God said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' God said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response music – Micah Schonberg

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Blessing of Sefu Family

**All: God, who is Alpha and Omega,
We thank you for your faithfulness in all our beginnings and
endings, and for the companions you provide for us on our journey.**

*Leader: We give thanks for the presence of Ndunge, Micheline, David,
and Eviella with us.*

*We offer these words of blessing as you find a new community with
which to share your gifts.*

Go with...

(congregation to unmute and offer a word or two of blessing)

**All: Guide this time of transition for the Sefus;
Continuing to create a home for them in Elkhart,
Where faithfulness may continue to grow.
Through Jesus Christ who across time and place,
makes us one. Amen**

Hymn – HWB 430 God be with you till we meet again

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Zoom only Sunday worship services through February 6 - Due to the continued high number of community COVID cases, the leadership team has decided that we will continue to hold Zoom only worship services through Sunday, February 6.

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.

Conversation surrounding volunteer positions at UMC - Join worship committee for a discussion on Sunday 1/30, on Zoom, following the 10 am service. We'd like to think together about the ongoing needs for worship leaders, children's time leaders, and hybrid tech support persons as we, as a church body, live into the changing dynamics of what it means to be church.

Announcements (cont.)

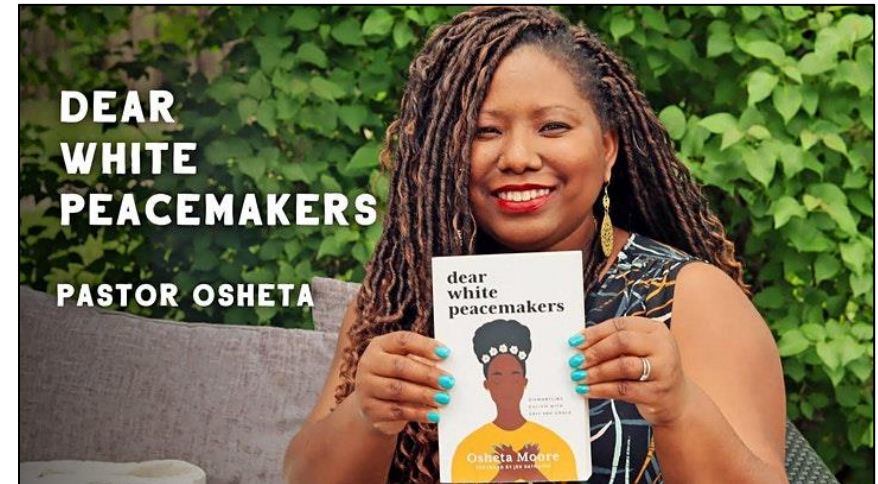
Welcoming Afghan allies and friends - We're looking for individuals to sign up to help with specific tasks - Housing, Transportation, Cultural Orientation, Employment, Healthcare, Schooling, English Language Classes, and Interpretation. Contact Kathleen Stehouwer for more information. If you'd like to contribute financially, send a check to UMC (1606 Norma St, State College PA 16801) with "SCI" in the memo line.

MCUSA and MCC Updates

In response to the National Defense Authorization Act, Mennonite Church USA and Mennonites Against Militarism co-wrote a "Statement on the value and morality of the 2022 U.S. defense budget." This statement speaks out against the funding of this act and gives several tangible ways that you can take action. Read the statement here:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/transformational-peacemaking/statement-2022-defense-budget/>.

Ain't Gonna Study War No More: An evening event with Osheta Moore



Join MCC East Coast, LMC, and Atlantic Coast Conference of MCUSA for an evening with Osheta Moore on Thursday, March 3 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. EST online and in-person at the Lancaster Mennonite School Fine Arts Center (2176 Lincoln Hwy E, Lancaster, PA 17602).

Focusing on belovedness and our call as peacemakers, the evening will examine ways we've been formed to think of racial justice work as what we're against, when a better way is to think of what we are for: shalom and God's dream of restoration. Free tickets are available at tinyurl.com/y4fw578v.

Announcements (cont.)

MCC Updates Continued

Join local meat canning - Central PA World Hunger Association is canning meat to meet hunger needs locally and worldwide wide through Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). This 48th meat canning project will be from February 7-10 at the Chief Logan Fire Company, 1800 Glenwood Ave, Lewistown, PA 17044. Those wishing to participate in canning as individuals or a group must call ahead for time slots. Contact Jessie Diem at 717-348-9577, or Henry Stolfus at 814-625-2424, or Jonathan Coldren at 717-250-6840.

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, 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/>

Choose the Eyes of Love

What we see is never raw reality, pure as spacetime — what we see is our interpretation of reality, filtered through the lens of our experience and our conditioned worldview. Always, the way we look at things shapes what we see; often, the lens we mistake for a magnifying glass turns out to be a warped mirror — we see others not as they are but as we are. (We know this the way the human animal best understands anything — by turning selfward: We all know that horrible, hollowing feeling of being seen by another not as we are but as they are, being achingly misunderstood and misinterpreted in our motives and the core of our being.)

It is a service to reality to see with greater charity of interpretation. It is a service to other human beings to look at them, confused and self-concerned as they may be, with the eyes of love and to resist for as long as possible letting the cataract of judgment occlude our view.

To place the wish to understand above the wish to be right — and to see, with Thich Nhat Hanh, that “understanding is love’s other name” — that is the greatest gift we can give one another. – Maria Popova