
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

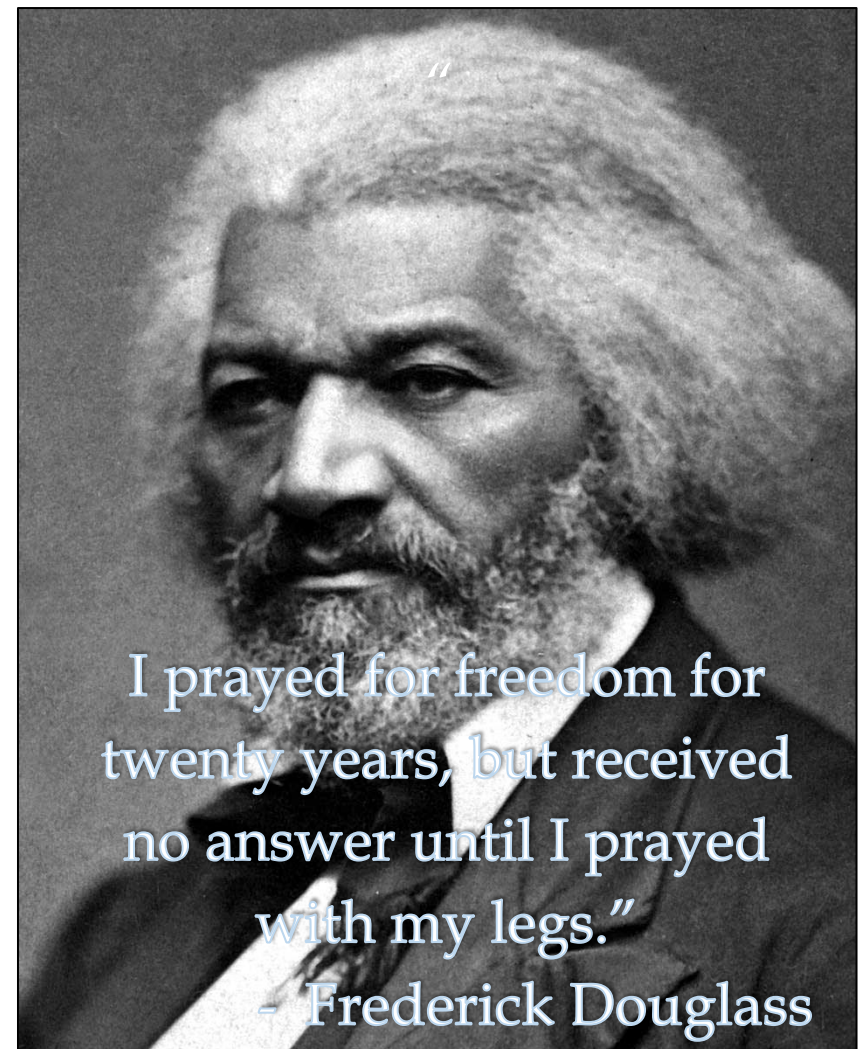
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

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

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



Sunday Worship
February 6, 2022, 10 am
Zoom Only



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Ben Wideman

Prelude – *As we rise O God to meet you* from Voices Together

Call to worship

Lighting the peace lamp

Prayer & offertory – *How Great is Our God*

Children's time – John Murphy

Sermon – *Don't Remain, Have Courage to Seek a New Season*

Leslie Laing

Scriptures - Exodus 4: 1-17 / Act 7:22 / Matthew 28:18 -20 (see below)

Sermon response song/hymn – *What a beautiful name*

Sharing time – Doug Yoder

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Leslie Laing

Sermon Scriptures - NRSV

Exodus 4:1-17 - 4 Then Moses answered, "But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, 'The LORD did not appear to you.'" ²The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." ³And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— ⁵"so that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

⁶Again, the LORD said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous,^[a] as white as snow. ⁷Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— ⁸"If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. ⁹If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

¹⁰But Moses said to the LORD, "O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." ¹¹Then the LORD said to him, "Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD? ¹²Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak." ¹³But he said, "O my Lord, please send someone else." ¹⁴Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and he said, "What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. ¹⁵You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. ¹⁷Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs."

Acts 7:22 - So Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in his words and deeds.

Matthew 28:18-20 - And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Announcements

Afghan Resettlement Project Update - After this morning's service and breakout groups, we'll be offering a brief slideshow and question/answer time on the Afghan resettlement project and where we are in the process. The presentation is intended to give some context for the project as well as our expected timeline. We're hoping for volunteers to attend, but the meeting is open to all. Some of you have been involved with this process for a while and can help to add background information. This week we were approved by the State Refugee Coordinator for receiving a family, so we're entering a very exciting and busy time!

Zoom only Sunday worship services through February 20 - 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 20.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Stewardship University - On Saturday, March 5, 2022, Everence@ Central Penn will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community that celebrates 20 years of stewardship this year. Courses will explore subjects ranging from envisioning a post-COVID church, becoming ambassadors of reconciliation, and planning for retirement/Medicare, to equipping millennials/GenZ for stewardship—and more. For information or to register, visit StewardshipUniversity.com or contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com.

MCUSA and MCC Updates

February is Black History Month. Celebrate and learn about Mennonite Church USA's African American Mennonite history through a timeline that highlights the people, events, and the work of the church from 1886 to today. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/black-history-mennonite>

Learn about "For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System," a new study resolution that will be presented at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30. Eli Reimer, one of the original authors, and Pastor Isaac Villegas, a supporter of the resolution, will discuss it with other church leaders during a webinar on Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. ET. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate



MCC school kit and sewing kit donations needed - Looking for a fun activity for your family or church group this winter? Purchase and assemble school kits or sewing kits for MCC! MCC continues to respond to partners around the world with shipments of donated humanitarian

aid. We rely on individuals, churches, and other groups to donate these basic supplies that provide life-changing opportunities for vulnerable people around the world. Would you and your church or family consider donating school kit and sewing kit items? For more information about what goes in MCC's kits and drop-off locations, visit mcc.org/kits.

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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/>