

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

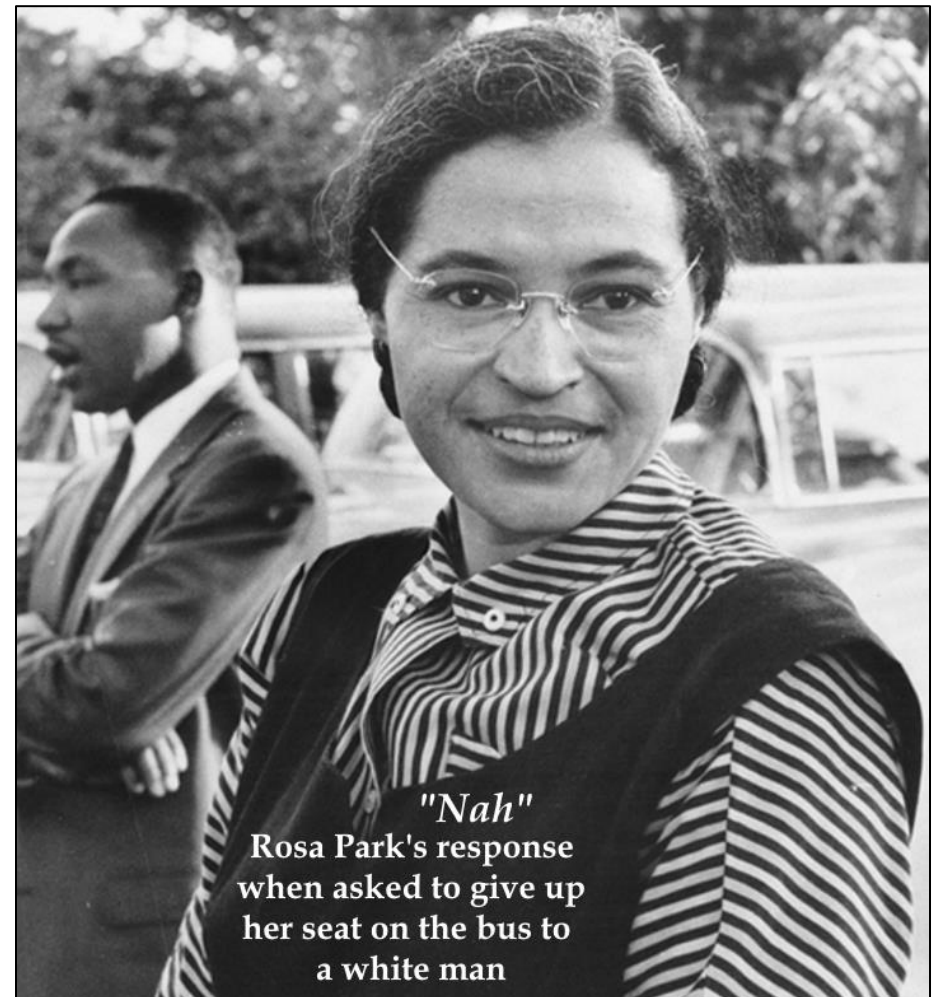
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at:

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

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



Sunday Worship
February 13, 2022, 10 am
Zoom Only



"Nah"
Rosa Parks's response
when asked to give up
her seat on the bus to
a white man

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude – *God be the Love*, Voices Together #43

Call to worship - Leah Witzig, Psalm 37:5-11-11

Lighting the peace lamp

Prayer & offertory – *I sing the mighty power of God*, HWB #46
rendition by Becky Kephart

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in divine tenderness, which is no stranger to our anxieties, which is generously supportive in Jesus of Nazareth, a tireless walker to the directions that herald Life.

We affirm our faith and renew our hopes in times of uncertainty, isolation, sickness and death, because we have heard the proclamation of those who have promised us the enduring life, the liberation of every strip of darkness.

We recognize ourselves with a thirst for hugs and hunger for encounters, longing for the communions that are now distant to us, but we confess that in God we do not fear or be discouraged and that we will wait patiently and confidently for the time of re-meetings and the shared table.

We believe in the networks that sustain us and in the words that cross distances to keep company, we discover the value of applause and music and the distant closeness of loved people. And we see there too, flashes of divine grace.

We believe in days of light to come, in a morning that will discover us different, better, with the most honest glances and the noblest actions.

And we affirm this because we have known those who came to give us Life, to share the best news, to point out to us the horizon of fullness, to embrace us in our pains, to give us comfort in times of affliction, and to grant us new opportunities. Amen.

Children's time – Jess McCormick

Voices of the congregation – Faith King

What is a time when you returned home?

Scripture - Exodus 4:18-21; 27-31 - read by Eric Nord

Moses went back to his father-in-law Jethro and said to him, 'Please let me go back to my kindred in Egypt and see whether they are still living.' And Jethro said to Moses, 'Go in peace.' The Lord said to Moses in Midian, 'Go back to Egypt; for all those who were seeking your life are dead.' So Moses took his wife and his sons, put them on a donkey, and went back to the land of Egypt; and Moses carried the staff of God in his hand.

And the Lord said to Moses, 'When you go back to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders that I have put in your power; but I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go.

The Lord said to Aaron, 'Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.' So he went; and he met him at the mountain of God and kissed him. Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord with which he had sent him, and all the signs with which he had charged him. Then Moses and Aaron went and assembled all the elders of the Israelites. Aaron spoke all the words that the Lord had spoken to Moses, and performed the signs in the sight of the people. The people believed; and when they heard that the Lord had given heed to the Israelites and that he had seen their misery, they bowed down and worshiped.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *Jesus, lover of my soul*, HWB #618
rendition by Becky Kephart

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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.)

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 20, following our worship service, on Zoom. All are encouraged to attend. We have several updates to share, and the elders will respond to questions regarding the recommendation regarding Church Around the Table (CATT) that was recently shared by Meredith Wideman and pastor Kate via email.

God's Trombones with Essence 2 Ltd. will perform on February 25 at 7 pm at the Good Shepherd Catholic Church. Donations are encouraged and all proceeds will benefit the PA Innocence Project. Donate online at: <http://painnocence.org/donate>. Include in the memo line: God's Trombones

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community that celebrates 20 years of stewardship this year, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 5, 2022. The opening ceremony will include a live scripture performance by Piercing Word, Stewardship: A Biblical Perspective on How to Use Your God-Given Resources. For information or to register, visit <http://StewardshipUniversity.com> or contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com.

MCUSA and MCC Updates

MennoMedia has kicked off the second season of its “~ing Podcast.” Episode 2 features a discussion about Mennonite Church USA’s “Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum.” **Join host (our very own) Ben Wideman** and three of the writers of the curriculum as they discuss why a project like this makes sense for churches, what they learned during its creation, and how our faith might call us to navigate this topic. Listen here or anywhere podcasts are heard: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ing-podcast>. Note: A group from UMC and other community members are working their way through this curriculum. Contact [Joel Weidner](#) to find out more.

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,

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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

Pray for the upcoming Pastors and Leaders Conference, jointly sponsored by MCUSA and AMBS, being held 2/21-24.

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/20f0e4daae28a0ff2-2022>. 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/>

"People always say that I didn't give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn't true. I was not tired physically ... No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in."

- Rosa Parks
