
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
March 20, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



**Seeking
God's Way**

From earning to receiving

As we seek God's way, we move from believing that we must earn our nourishment, our privileges, even our identity as God's children, to an understanding that abundant life is a gift from God to all.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome friends from Albright Bethune United Methodist Church!

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – Music from the Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – Rick Stehouwer

Leader: Together we seek the way of God.

**People: *whose ways are not our ways,
whose thoughts are beyond our thoughts.***

Leader: Today we accept God's invitation to the feast,

**People: *where there is water in the desert
and delightful food to share.***

Leader: As we worship, we receive the abundant gifts of God

People: *without money and without price.*

All: *So let us praise God and sing for joy.*

Lighting the peace lamp

Offering/special music – *Gratitude*

by Jason Adams, Albright Bethune UMC

Confession

*Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.*

People: *We call upon you while you are near.*

*Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.*

**People: *Forgive us for acting as if we must earn your love.
Open us to receiving your love as a gift.***

*Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly*

All: *and follow your way more faithfully.*

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Joyce Hall & Sally Williams Minnich
*Tell a story of something you've memorized that you've turned to
to help you in your life.*

Scripture – Luke 13:1-9, read by Rick Stehouwer

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon Response – *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

by Jason Adams, Albright Bethune UMC

Sharing time – Pastor Kate, After each sharing:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: *Hear our prayer*

Special music/scripture – prayers for Ukraine

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Pastor Paul McReynolds

Announcements

Stay and Learn! After the morning worship service, Leah Lumeya will walk us through the work accomplished in DRC in the past three years; current issues and projects; and future possibilities.

Announcements

Updated COVID protocol - Those leading worship and preaching are no longer asked to mask. Children's time leaders will continue to mask up, as will all attending worship. In response to the results of the recent survey, **plans are under way to resume singing with masks on Sunday, March 27.** If you are interested in helping us sing together, please send a note to let Pastor Kate know.

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.

We have news that an Afghan family of four will be arriving in State College between March 28-31. If you signed up for the State College Interfaith SignUp Genius, please bring your donations to University Mennonite Church, Mon or Wed 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. Use the parking lot entrance. If you have large furniture, please contact me to arrange for pick up to move the item directly to the apartment when it is available. Thank you immensely for all your help, Mary Derstein (derstein@gmail.com). The link to the SignUp Genius is below. Please note the addition of two sets of twin sheets, blankets, mattress covers.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054da4a729a2f94-basic>

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Pennsylvania Relief Sale - On April 1-2, 2022, respond to basic human needs through the 66th Pennsylvania Relief Sale at the PA Farm Show Complex (2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA). Support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by bidding on handmade quilts, buying artisan crafts, eating delicious foods, enjoying children's activities, and donating coins to My Coins Count. All proceeds from the two-day sale benefit MCC. Admission is free, and parking is \$10 per car. Hours are Friday, April 1 from 4 - 9 pm and Saturday, April 2 from 6:30 a. - 3 pm. For more information, visit pareliefsale.org.

Save your coins for Mennonite Central Committee's My Coins Count project. Every year, spare change collected by churches adds up to more than \$600,000 for MCC's relief, development, and peacebuilding work around the world. We'll be collecting coins in church throughout March, or you can contact the Spicher Schonbergs for a coin pickup at your home.

Announcements (cont.)

MCUSA & MCC Updates (cont.)

Ukraine emergency response: MCC writes: "We are assessing the changing situation with local partners to determine the appropriate response. MCC's response will be focused on longer-term scale up of existing programs that support vulnerable people and extending those services to internally displaced populations. It will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages." Donate at:

<https://donate.mcc.org/cause/ukraine-emergency-response>

MCC Peace and Justice Ministries asks us to urge President Biden to support peaceful solutions in Ukraine. For more information on how to take action: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/advocacy/washington>

During **Women's History Month** (March), the Women in Leadership ministry of Mennonite Church USA invites you to engage in its small group Bible study, "**Laboring Toward Wholeness: A Training on Dismantling Patriarchy.**" Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/resource/laboring-toward-wholeness

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/20f0e4daee28a0ff2-2022>. 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!

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