
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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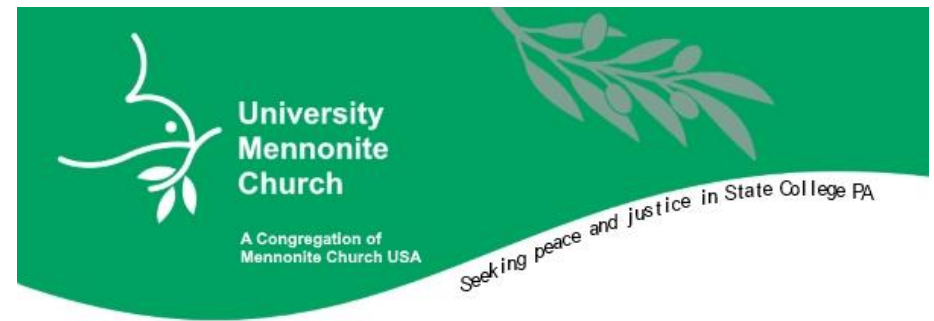
University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

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:

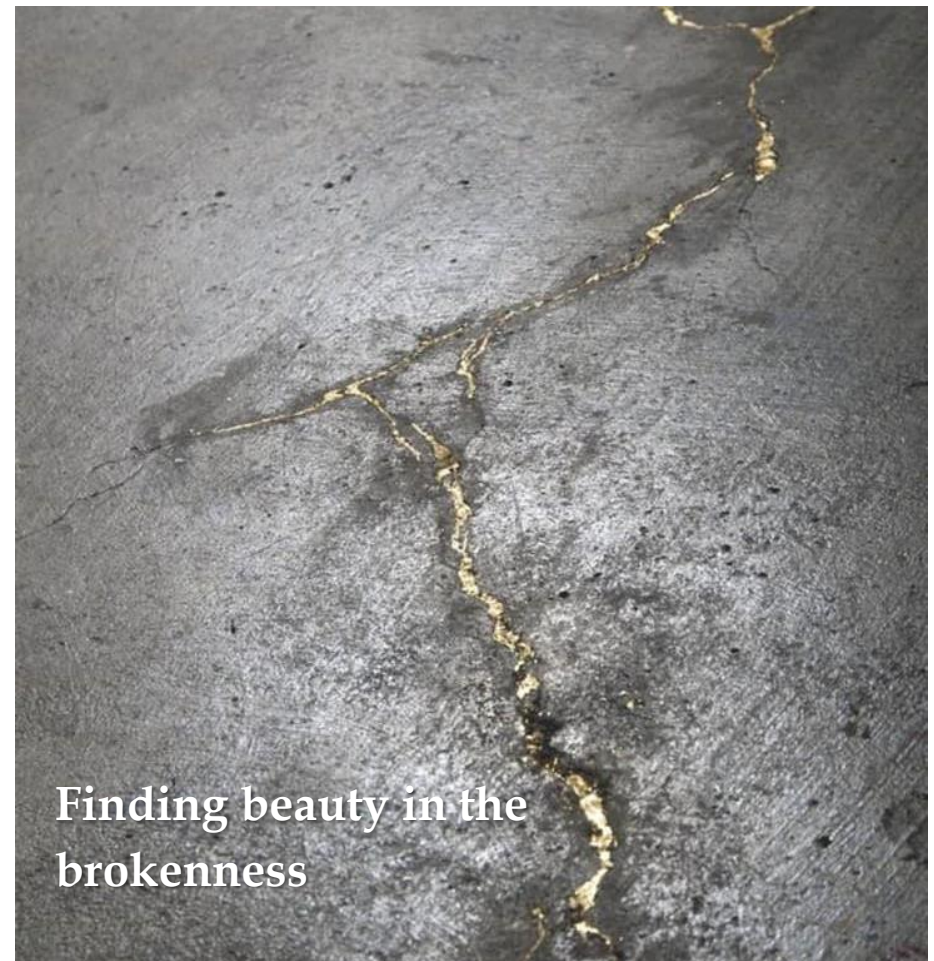
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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
June 5, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



Finding beauty in the
brokenness

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome – Cathy Bresee

Prelude – *Draw the Circle Wide*

Call to worship – Cathy Bresee

Singing – HWB 366 – *God of grace and God of glory*

Lighting the peace lamp

Unison prayer

*You who open doors and dismantle barriers,
Open our hearts to praise you, that we might live the full truth of
who we are,
That we might live as neighbors and friends, no longer strangers
and enemies.
Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love, that we
might forgive and reconcile,
Making peace and learning war no more.
Let us be your people, one body in one Spirit, to tell your grace to
all the world.
We pray in the name of the One who walked among us as brother
and friend.
Amen.*

Voices of the congregation – Ross Hardison

Singing – HWB 502 – *Spirit of God, descend upon my heart*

Scripture – Acts 2:1-18

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *Draw the Circle Wide*, played by Sally Minnich

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Singing prayer response – HWB 298 *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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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.

Gathering to meet our new Afghan friends! Please join the Outreach Committees of University Mennonite Church, University Baptist and Brethren Church, and Congregation Brit Shalom for a potluck picnic. Bring a dish that will serve at least 8-10 people. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Tuesday, June 7, 5-8 pm, Tudek Park, Pavilion 1 (off Martin St).

Church Around the Table (CATT) begins next week – Next Sunday, June 12, we begin our second season of Church Around the Table. We've made a few changes, but largely CATT will operate as it did last year (groups are larger). Be sure to see Kate's email from Wednesday June 1 for more details and expect an email, phone call, or text from your group host or facilitator inviting you to be a part of a group. Please let them know if you're able to come to the June 12 gathering.

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!

Updates from Good News Theological Seminary in Ghana

Rachel Pauline Aikins defended her thesis successfully on May 11, 2022. We congratulate Rachel on her hard work and steadfast patience at accomplishing this step in her academic journey to achieve her PhD. Rachel has been serving as an instructor at Good News Theological College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana. Rachel regularly attended UMC zoom services during the height of the COVID pandemic. UMC had the opportunity to support part of Rachel's PhD education.

Thomas Oduro, president of Good News Theological College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana, has been awarded a plaque for developing theology in Christ Holy Church International, the church of which he is a member. The plaque was awarded when the church celebrated its 75th anniversary at Ndoni, Rivers State, Nigeria. We rejoice with Thomas for receiving this honor.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

TriState Relief Sale Mini-Sales - Support MCC's relief, development, and peacebuilding work around the world through the TriState Relief Sale's mini-sales this summer!

- **July 16 at Springs Mennonite Church (Springs, PA)** - Enjoy a live auction, great food, and more!
- **August 12-13 at Kaufman Mennonite Church (Davidsville, PA)** - Enjoy an evening silent auction on Friday evening and a live auction and drive-thru chicken BBQ on Saturday.

For more information, visit the [TriState Relief Sale website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), in partnership with Anabaptist Disabilities Network, has launched “Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY,” an initiative that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities. In June, MC USA will seek to engage people in this initiative by offering resources, prayers, and ways to care for one another and to address issues of accessibility in the church.

Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/welcoming-everybody>

The Poor People’s Campaign “follows the spirit and analysis of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in identifying and combatting the ‘evil triplets’ of systemic racism, poverty, and the war economy, along with attendant ecological devastation and the false moral narrative of religious nationalism.” Rod Hollinger-Janzen, administrative assistant for Church Vitality in Mennonite Church USA, walks through the reasons why he is an avid supporter of the campaign. Read more, including how you can be involved in the Mass Poor People’s and Low-Wage Workers’ Assembly and Moral March on Washington and to the Polls, on Saturday, June 18: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/meet-peoples-needs/>

Volunteer Opportunity: Mennonite Women USA is looking for someone to serve as a link between women in our community and the ongoing resources and traditions MWUSA provides. Email Suzanne (suzanneal@mennonite.org) for more details.

Your faithful offerings support University Mennonite Church - See all the ways to give by going to <http://www.universitymennonite.org/donate/>

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.

Library News

During the pandemic, more than 80 books were added to the UMC library. Below are some new titles with selected reviews to encourage you to visit the library in the basement. Come discover a ‘new’ classification system and browse new and donated books during the past two years. Here are reviews of just a few.

White picket fences: Turning toward love in a world divided by privilege

Amy Julia Becker - Becker guides readers through her growing realization of how inequality has negatively impacted herself and others. "Privilege harms everyone," she writes, "those who are excluded from it and those who benefit from it." Black and white, rich and poor, strong and weak. Winner of *Christianity Today's* 2018 Book Awards Award of Merit: "Told with grace and humility, this memoir will be a helpful companion to those who are wrestling with similar questions about privilege." -- Ruth Everhart, *Christianity Today*

Tenacious solidarity: Biblical provocations on race, religion, climate, and the economy

Walter Brueggemann - Brueggemann brings the "transformative potential" of the biblical texts to bear on critical contemporary contexts, including but not limited to economic disparities, racial injustice and white supremacy, climate and care for creation, and the power of memory and mentoring. He delves deeply in the Psalms, which he says, "provides a foundational script for living into the fullest and deepest realities of human existence." (Amazon)

Invited: The power of hospitality in an age of loneliness

Leslie Verner - Through vivid accounts from her life and travels in Uganda, China, and Tajikistan, and stories of visiting congregations in the United States, Verner shares stories of life around the table and how hospitality is at the heart of Christian community... *Invited* will empower you to open your home, get to know your neighbors, and prioritize people over tasks. Holy hospitality requires more of Jesus and less of us. It leads not only to loving the stranger but to becoming the stranger. Welcome to a new kind of hospitality. (Amazon)