
CHURCH INFORMATION

1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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Masking protocol – Centre County is currently in the Low Community level for COVID-19 and masks are recommended but not required for attendance in church.

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:

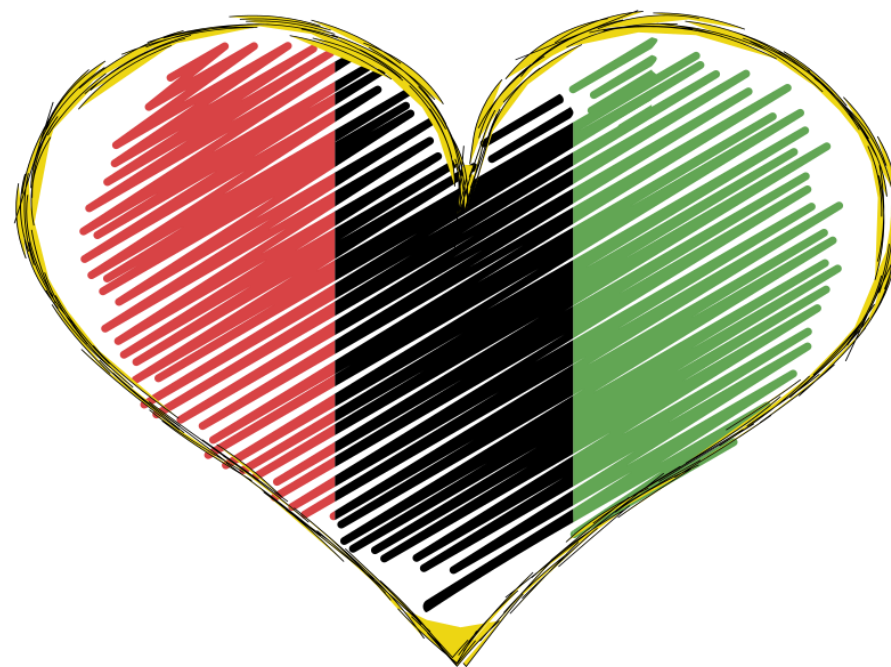
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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 19, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude – *Freedom* by Beyonce (featuring Kendrick Lamar)

Call to worship – Leah Witzig

Leader: *O God,*

*We gather together in Your presence with expectation,
hungry for an encounter with You,
eager to hear Your Word.*

People: *Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.
May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning
fall on fertile soil.*

*May they take root in our hearts and lives,
and produce an abundant harvest
of good words and deeds.*

Leader: *We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our teacher and our Lord. AMEN*

Singing – HWB 579 – *Lift every voice*

Lighting the peace lamp

Voices of the congregation – Amy Sattler and Diane Gingerich

Scripture – Mark 4:1-20 (The Message) read by Fran Osseo-Asare

Children's time – Hope Brubaker

Singing – HWB 226 – *You are salt for the earth*

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – President Barack Obama singing *Amazing Grace* at Mother Emanuel AME Church during funeral service for Rev. Clementa Pinckney

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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Congregational meeting – We will have a brief hybrid congregational meeting immediately following the worship service to vote on the proposal brought forth by the Creation Care Committee to install rooftop solar on our building. The recent email proposal received an 82 percent approval, and now we want to make it official by voting at a congregational meeting. All members are encouraged to join in the vote - in person or on zoom.

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.

Volunteer at Plowshare Produce - Bethany and Micah Spicher Schonberg invite anyone who enjoys weeding to their farm, Thursday mornings, 9:30-12, to help, followed by an outdoor lunch at noon. All are welcome. RSVP by Wednesday evening before by email or phone.

Resettlement needs - As the family from Afghanistan that UMC has helped get established here in State College continues to adapt to life in our community, there are a few more items they are looking for. Check out <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054da4a729a2f94-specific> to see the list.

Ethiopian Food - Etayehu Zenebe will have her food truck **at the UMC parking lot on Fridays from 4:30 to 6:30**. Come take home some of her amazing creations!

Advocate for prisoners to have outdoor access! A group from University Baptist and Brethren are working to make outdoor space available to those at the Centre County Correctional Facility (CCCF). Want to join them? For more information, contact Cindy Carpenter (c.h.carpenter@comcast.net).

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/20f0e4daeae28a0ff2-2022>. 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/>

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Help Support the TriState Relief Sale on July 16 at Springs Mennonite Church (Springs, PA) - Donations and volunteers are needed! - We are reaching out to anyone who might have items they would wish to donate and anyone who would enjoy participating in preparation for the auction and to help on auction day. If you have items to donate or would like to help with preparation or help on auction day, please contact Carol Tice at 301-689-2641 or Jane Benson at 301-895-5893 or Lois Hepler at 814-662-2147. Your help is needed and appreciated whether you donate, work, or attend and purchase items to support MCC in their outreach efforts. For more information, visit <https://www.tristatesale.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/TriStateReliefSale/>

Support of Graduates - As many graduates are journeying on to a different place, many times outside of their original communities, it is important to find the balance between support and being overbearing. "Our greatest gift is offering relational support and creating a safe space for questions and wonderings, as our youths' worldviews expand." Learn from Sarah Neher, director of faith formation and congregational life at Rainbow Mennonite Church, as she provides guidelines for supporting our youth: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/supporting-graduates-faith-journey>

MCC Virtual Visit - Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia - Join MCC for a virtual visit about gardening and caring for God's creation. We'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet—from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Learn more and register at mcc.org/virtual-visits.

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)