
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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
July 31, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude – music *Grow Your Own* by Tom Chapin

Call to Worship - Bethany Spicher Schonberg — Wisdom 7:22-8:1

Peace Lamp - “If we light one candle”

If we light one candle in the darkest night

If we lift up what’s broken, God can make it right

If we seek his face, if we seek his grace,

We can shine in the darkest night

Music - HWB # 545 - “Be thou my vision”

Scripture Reading - Matthew 11: 20-30

Children’s Time - Pastor Kate - Frog and Toad, “The Garden”

Sermon - Pastor Kate “Unforced rhythms of grace”

Sermon Response - “The Garden Song”

Prayer of Confession - Pastor Kate

Communion

Sharing Time - Pastor Kate

Recognizing Sarah Martin

Sharing Response - STS #50 - Woza Nomthwalo Wakho (Come, Bring Your Burdens to God)

Announcements/Birthdays/Introduction of Visitors - Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Benediction

Sending Song - “The Garden Song” rendition by Ross Hardison

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.

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.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Menno Snapshots - The effects of the Doctrine of Discovery (DoD) are far-reaching. Because of the DoD, Indigenous people’s lands have been stolen, polluted and destroyed for centuries. In her blog, “The land is not empty,” author Sarah Augustine calls on all of us in Mennonite Church USA to join her in fighting against the DoD. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/not-empty

MCC is in need of material resources - Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has shipped five containers of material aid to Ukraine with more planned for later in the year. With this increase in demand for supplies for Ukraine and other countries around the world, MCC’s inventory of material resources is getting low. We need comforters, soap and towels as well as dignity, hygiene, infant care, relief, school and sewing kits. Your donations will provide relief and a tangible sign of hope to people in Ukraine and other difficult situations around the world. Go to mcc.org/kits for information on needed supplies and drop-off locations.

MCUSA & MCC Updates (cont.)

ACTION ALERT: Pursue peace on the Korean Peninsula - Let us bring “messages of reconciliation” where there is division and conflict. June 25 will mark the 72nd anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War. Though there was a ceasefire in 1953, the United States and North Korea have yet to sign a peace treaty to officially end the Korean War, which has become one of the root causes of tension and hostilities on the Korean Peninsula. This “forever war” keeps families separated, fuels arms races and risks further military conflict. Motivated by our work in North Korea and our partners in South Korea and the United States, MCC has advocated for many years to end the Korean War. More than 35 members of Congress have voiced their support for formally ending the war, an encouraging sign that a different approach to the Korean Peninsula is possible. Join us in calling for peace! Join MCC’s Washington Office in urging congress to pursue peace, humanitarian engagement and the unity of separated families on the Korean Peninsula. Visit mcc.org/washington to learn more and take action. **Take action: Urge congress to pursue peace on the Korean Peninsula.**

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We are once again collecting **school kit materials** for MCC. Between now and August 28, anyone is welcome to bring any of the following materials to church - to add to the collection in the foyer. To read more, you can visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> and here is the list of what is needed:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all metal pencil sharpener (not plastic) - these are hard to find, and it's OK to let MCC add these

This week, please pray for Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregations, which UMC belongs to, as we gather for our annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference on August 5-7 at Laurelville.

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.

Walnut Springs workday. Join us in continuing the work of removing invasive plants and preparing space for fall plantings. Wednesday, August 3, 9-11 AM. Everyone welcomed to come work!

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!

Your offerings support UMC – Remember 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/>