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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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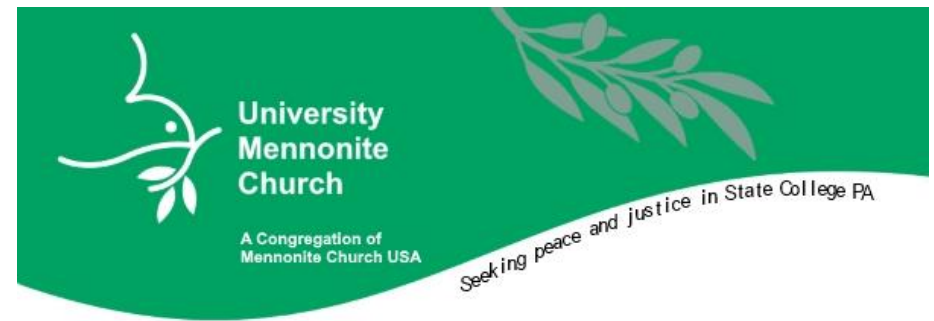
**University Mennonite Church's safe-child policy** demonstrates our commitment to the physical safety and the spiritual growth of all our children and youth, ages birth to 18, as well as to our volunteers who care for them. The complete policy is posted in the lobby entrances and in the nursery room.

**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:

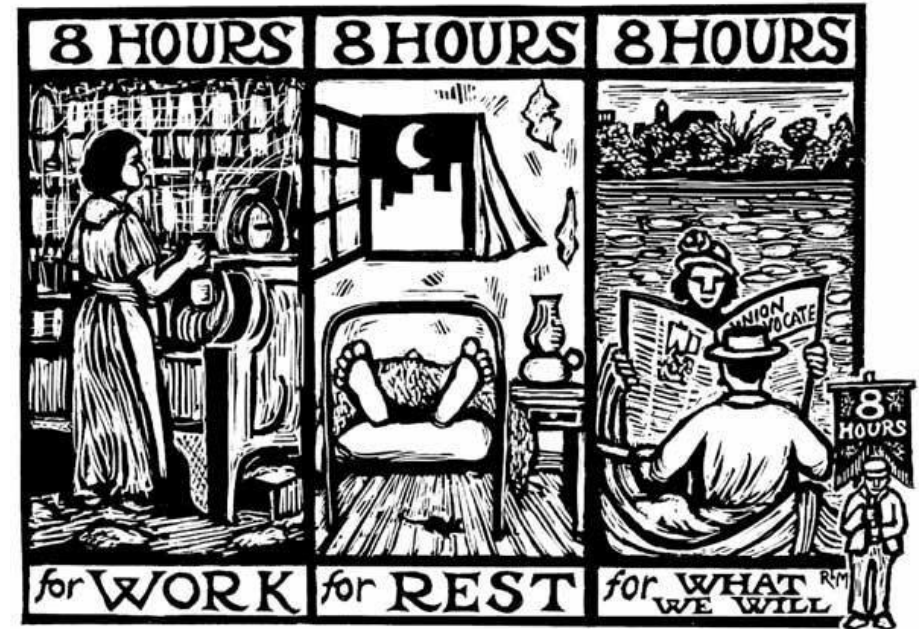
[university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com)

**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**  
**September 4, 2022, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)



*This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. Ecclesiastes 5:18*

**Happy Labor Day!**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Prelude** – *Together* from Voices Together Hymnal

**Call to worship** – Ben Wideman (from Voices Together #854)

*Leader: Some of us are exhausted.*

**People: We come to rest.**

*Leader: Some of us are curious about God.*

**People: We come to learn.**

*Leader: Some of us are hungry.*

**People: We come to be fed.**

*Leader: Some of us are disoriented.*

**People: We come to pray.**

*Leader: Some of us are broken.*

**People: We come to be healed.**

*Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.*

**People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.**

**All: Grant us your peace. Amen.**

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Scripture reading** – Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

read by Bethany Spicher Schonberg

*See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying God, and holding fast to God; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.*

**Singing**

HWB 1 – *What is this place*

HWB 420 – *Heart with loving heart united*

**Conference updates** – Joyce Hall and Kate Heinzl

**Scripture reading** - Luke 14: 25-35, read by Ieva Perkons

*Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.*

*Salt is good; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure heap; they throw it away. Let anyone with ears to hear listen!'*

**Children's time** – Marvin Hall

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – music played by Krista Weidner

**Sharing time** – Kate

**Sharing response** – STS 50 *Woza Nomthwalo Wakho*  
(Come, bring your burdens to God)

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

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**Masking protocol** – Centre County is currently in the **Low** community transmission level for COVID-19 and masks are **optional** for attendance in church.

**Out of the Cold** is in need of meals and volunteers as they provide safe accommodations for the unhoused in Centre County. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**Congregational meeting:** On Zoom, Sunday evening, September 11 (time TBD) to affirm our volunteer slate and pass our budget, and more. Stay tuned for details.

**Constitution Day Centre**, a local nonprofit that hosts community conversations, believing that democracy depends on civil dialogue, deliberation, and compromise, welcomes you to join their upcoming roundtable discussion around the topic: ***What is the role of public education in our community?*** Saturday, September 17 from noon to 2 pm. Pastor Kate welcomes you to join her in this community-building event. For more details and to sign up to attend, email [info@constitutiondaycentre.org](mailto:info@constitutiondaycentre.org).

### MCUSA & MCC Updates

Mennonite World Conference has proposed changes to its "fair share" funding system that will impact Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) constituents. These proposed changes include an increase in the assessment of MC USA's fair share per person and no longer crediting denominations for direct donations from individuals. Read more about the changes here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-funding](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/mwc-funding)

**MCC BioBlitz and Nature Fest - Akron, PA** - Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) on September 17 from 9 am to noon at MCC's campus in Akron, PA for our very first MCC BioBlitz & Nature Fest! Join local experts and citizen scientists across Lancaster County to count as many insects and plants as possible, plus enjoy local festivities for all ages. Enjoy pawpaw tasting, monarch tagging, and live music. Plus, take home a free native plant! Join us in celebrating and honoring God's beautiful creation. MCC's Akron campus is located at 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA 17501. For details and registration, visit [mcc.org/bioblitz-nature-fest](https://mcc.org/bioblitz-nature-fest).

### Want to learn more about what's happening in the Mennonite Church?

Check out "Peace Mail" by going to <https://mailchi.mp/mennoniteusa/peacemail-3074285>

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**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** – 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/>

**Church pictorial directory** – UMC maintains a pictorial directory that includes addresses, phone numbers, birthdays, and anniversaries. You must be in the directory to have access to directory information. The directory can be accessed on the web or on your phone.

It's easy to see upcoming birthdays and anniversaries in the phone app. Just click on the blue BIRTHDAYS or ANNIVERSARIES buttons.

Find out how to be added to the directory and submit updates to your directory information at <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>