
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:

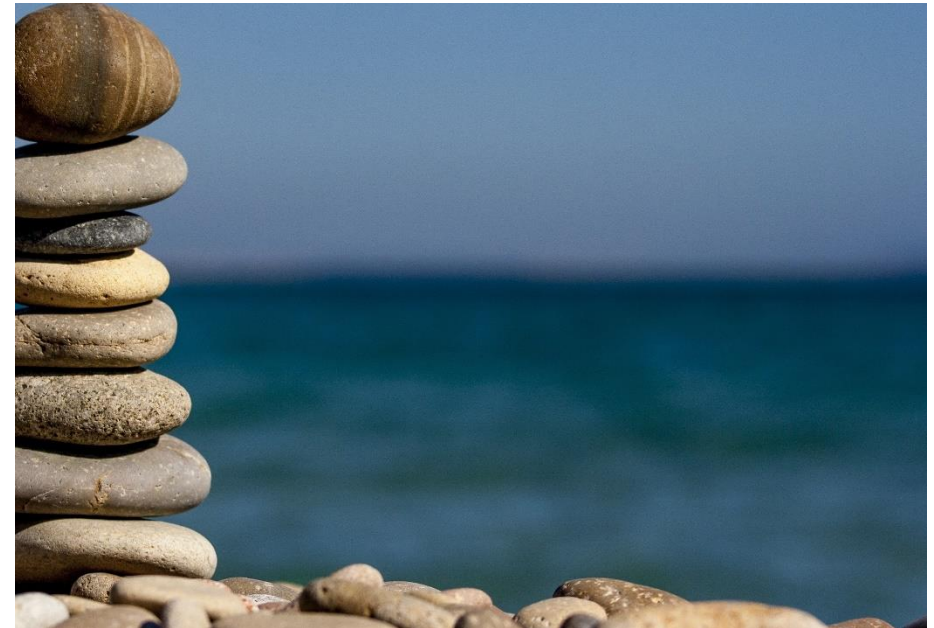
university-mennonite-sharing-list+subscribe@googlegroups.com

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
September 25, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

International Peace Sunday

Welcome – Leah W. Witzig

Prelude – *Seeds* from 777 Voices Together, rendition by Mike Bratt

Call to worship – Leah W. Witzig

Leader: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

People: *Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.*

Leader: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat.

People: *Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.*

Leader: Strength is turning a cheek.

People: *Strength is loving an enemy.*

ALL: *We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.*

AMEN.

Lighting the peace lamp

Offering prayer

Singing – Joyce Hall and Brad Yoder

HWB 407 *We are people of God's peace*

HWB 412 *We shall walk through the valley*

Voices of the congregation – Nina Camillone

Where do you see a signpost of God in our world today?

Children's time – Spicher Schonberg family

Scripture reading – Luke 16:19-31 read by Amy McCormick

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but

now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Sermon response – Brad Yoder

Sharing time – Faith King

Sharing response – Brad Yoder

We bring our whole selves to worship and sharing time - our joys, concerns, worries, hopes, needs. Each piece is a stone - a cairn, a signpost, is built not from one stone, but from a community of stones, just as we are a community when we come honestly as we are, before God and one another. During the sharing response, please come forward and place a stone on our cairn.

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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

We will have a fellowship meal today immediately following the worship service. It will be a picnic in the park if the weather allows or a meal in the fellowship hall in case of rain. *We will dine, rain or shine!* Consider bringing a side to share. Disposable plates will be provided, but you may bring your own plate setting if you like. Hope to see everyone there.

The next fellowship meal will be October 16. It will be the third Sunday of the month, when there will be activities during the Sunday School hour.

Remember to pray for pastor Kate as she travels the Way of St. Francis in Italy.

UMC pictures - There is a bulletin board with pictures and names of people in our community in the foyer of the church building. We would like to update the pictures. As children grow, people age, new people arrive, and attendees are spread across the globe, our photo board helps us recognize each other and build community. If you would like to submit an updated photo, we will make sure it gets added to the board. Digital photos can be sent to meredith.wideman@gmail.com or texted to 626-808-2306 (Meredith's cell number), and we will print them and add them to the board. Printed photos can be placed in Carolyn Brubaker's church mailbox in the foyer. Please list the names of those in the photo.

MCUSA & MCC Updates

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board will be meeting Sept. 29-Oct. 1 in San Antonio, Texas. Pray for God's guidance, wisdom, and support in their discussions and decision making.

Menno Snapshots - Mental health issues affect a large portion of the population, and Christians are not exempt from this reality. Carlene Hill Byron, author of "Not Quite Fine: Mental Health, Faith, and Showing Up for Each Other," explores how church goers can be more involved in supporting one another's mental health in her blog, "Not quite fine." Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/not-quite-fine

MCC ACTION ALERT: Support a robust pandemic response - *Scripture reminds us to be steadfast in doing good: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up."* - Galatians 6:9. To address global COVID-19 vaccine inequality and boost the pandemic response, the White House has requested \$4.25 billion for the State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development to distribute vaccines and other supplies to vulnerable populations globally.

Join MCC in urging congress to support a robust pandemic response for our global neighbors. Visit mcc.org/washington to learn more and take action.

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!

Church pictorial directory – UMC maintains an online 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. Find out how to be added to the directory and submit updates to your directory information at <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

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/>