
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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
October 16, 2022, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Doug Miller

Prelude – VT 35 – *Come to the water*, VT 6 – *Let's walk together*

Call to worship – from VT 852

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing – Meredith Wideman

VT 1 – *Summoned by the God who made us*

VT 25 – *Brethren, we have met to worship*

Voices of the congregation – Allison Cornell

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

Children's time – Meredith Wideman, VT 63 – *Like a rock*

Scripture reading – Doug Miller

Psalms 119: 97-105

Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

*Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.*

*I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.*

*I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.*

*I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.*

*I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.*

*How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

*Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.*

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.*

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept

coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response – *Espiritu de Dios*

by the Spicher-Lee and Schonberg families

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Sharing response VT 804 - *There is more love somewhere*

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.

Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors – Doug Miller

Benediction – VT 1058

Sending song – *Thank you God, Amen!*

1 For this food, for this day
For your love we want to say
Thank you, God, thank you, God
AMEN!

2 For our family and friends
For your love that never ends
Thank you, God, thank you, God
AMEN!

3 For the trees, for the birds
For your love, your Son, your Word
Thank you God, thank you, God
AMEN!

4 God, you are good
And so we thank you everyday
God, you are good
And this is what we pray

5 For this food, for this day
For your love we want to say
Thank you, God, thank you, God
AMEN!

Announcements

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

Christian education discussion – Stay after worship for a sermon discussion in the sanctuary or join Ben Wideman for a bike maintenance seminar in the park.

Fellowship meal – Bring a dish to share; stay and enjoy the fellowship meal with one another directly following the Christian education hour.

Hike at Musser Gap Trail – Join Doug Yoder and others this afternoon for a hike at Musser Gap (off Rt 45) at 2:30 pm.

JOIN US on October 24 as PSU responds to upcoming Hate Group speakers. Go to <https://www.psu.edu/news/administration/story/university-critical-upcoming-speakers-repugnant-and-denigrating-rhetoric/> to learn about various ways to show your support.

MCUSA Updates

Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration - In her blog, “**Mass incarceration and restorative justice**,” Loraine Stutzman Amstutz, Mennonite Church USA denominational minister of Peace and Justice, writes, “Restorative justice principles hold transformation as a value — transformation of people, systems and structures that oppress.” Read the rest of her blog here: mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/restorative-justice

When our beliefs feel like they are unraveling, it may feel like we are losing our faith in God altogether. Sherill Hostetter, a spiritual director with the **Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network**, shares how her crisis of faith led her to explore her spiritual journey through writing. Read her blog, “Knowing and unknowing,” here: mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/knowning-unknowing

Seattle (Washington) Mennonite Church had a dream of creating **sustainable and affordable housing** for their community, and that dream is finally coming to fruition. Read Pastor Amy Epp’s blog, “Seattle Mennonite Church partners to create affordable housing,” to learn more. mennoniteusa.org/snapshots/affordable-housing

MC USA prayer request: Next weekend, the **Constituency Leaders Council** of Mennonite Church USA will be meeting online. Pray for effective churchwide decision making, as the leaders fulfill their roles as denominational elders.

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CROP Walk - while UMC has not organized a group to walk together this year, we still have a team to help raise funds. Go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/university-mennonite-church-4> to donate to Team UMC!

UMC has been awarded a **\$25,000 grant from Penn Power to help with the installation of solar panels** on our building! That's news worth celebrating. Good work creation care committee!

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/>