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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**  
**November 27, 2022, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)

**First Sunday of Advent**



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Dawn Chorus** – bird song while we enter the sanctuary for worship

*Songbirds all over the world know a thing or two about singing into the dark. In the wee hours of the morning, before the sun appears over the horizon, they begin a great symphony that scientists call the “dawn chorus.” Birds can sing at any time of day, of course, but in that deep blue space between darkness and light, their songs are louder, livelier, and passionately clear. Advent is the church’s dawn chorus. It starts in the silence, in the shadows, and looks to the light. Each week, we gather together to listen and sing (sometimes quietly at first) straight into the deepening darkness, proclaiming that in the end, the night will give way to the day; winter will give way to spring; despair to hope, war to peace, grief to joy, violence to love – and God will come again, like the morning star in the east, or a mother hen gathering in her brood.*

**Prelude** – *The Sound of Silence* rendition by Pentatonix and *O Come O Come Emmanuel* rendition by The Soil and the Seed Project

**Lighting of Advent candles** - Carmen and Tim Groff

**Call to worship** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

One: In this season of waiting, of longing,  
of looking for you to come into our world... We are seeking light...

One: In our own lives

**All: We are seeking light**

One: In our neighborhoods

**All: We are seeking light**

One: In our families

**All: We are seeking light**

One: In our work

**All: We are seeking light**

One: In our nation

**All: We are seeking light**

One: In our world

**All: We are seeking light**

One: Jesus Christ you are the light of the world

**All: May we have eyes to see you. And ears to hear you. Come into our world today. Amen**

## Singing

Voices Together 715 – *Longing For Light*

Voices Together 190 – *The God of Sarah Praise*

**Voices of the congregation** – Todd Davis

*Jesus taught us to consider the birds of the air.*

*What’s one thing the birds teach you about hope?*

**Children’s time/scripture** – Luke 1:26-38 read by Ben Schonberg

**Scripture introduction video** – Excerpt from The Well

a chapter on Hagar, in Rachel Held Evan’s book *Inspired*

**Scripture** – Genesis 16:7-13 ready by pastor Kate

**Sermon** – Ben Wideman

**Musical response** – *Out of Darkness* by Little Steven

rendition by Mark Bratt

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Announcements/birthdays/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction** – Voices Together 218 – *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Come forward and get an ornament while singing!

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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 currently being hosted by UBBC. Sign up to bring a meal or volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-ootc20>

**University Baptist and Brethren Alternative Christmas Fair** gives local, national, and international charities the opportunity to raise funds in a group setting. Fairgoers learn about the charities and can make one payment to cover multiple donations and receive gift cards to notify honorees of the gifts made in their names. All charitable donations go directly to the charities. **Sunday, December 4, 10:30 - 2:00 pm or online.** For more info or to give online go to <https://ubbcwelcome.org/acf/>

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**Park Forest Preschool holiday gift cards:** Gift cards allow families to make choices for their holiday celebrations. Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualifying families. Send donations to the church by Wednesday, December 7. Write checks to UMC and designate “Preschool Christmas Gift” in the memo. We would like to provide thirty-one \$50 gift cards this year—one for each Park Forest Preschool family.

**Advent at Home 2022 Worship Guide now available** – Mennonite Education Association is pleased to announce that the Advent at Home 2022 worship guide “Restoration is Near!” is now available. The complete press release including a link to this resource can be found at

<https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/Resources/News/Pages/Mennonite-Education-Agency-releases-Advent-at-Home-2022.aspx>

**International holiday potluck:** Hosted by the Community Diversity Group (CDG). December 8, 6-8 pm at the South Hills School of Business and Technology, 480 Waupelani Drive. Join in celebrating holiday traditions from around the globe. You are invited to bring a cultural holiday dish to share.

**Parents' night out:** The Unitarian Fellowship (UUFCC) welcomes UMC's parents to drop your kids off at their church for an evening of fun games, dinner, and a movie while you go have some time for you! Second Saturday of every month, 5-8 pm. Their childcare providers have full PA background clearances and are CPR and First Aid certified. For more information, or to sign up, contact Ashley Hamlin ([ahamlin@uufcc.com](mailto:ahamlin@uufcc.com))

**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!

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### MCC and MCUSA Updates

MCC East Coast Holiday Open House Events - Join MCC East Coast for a Holiday Open House near you! You're invited to drop in for refreshments, to visit with local program staff and to hear more about what MCC is doing in communities near and far. Please bring an MCC school kit to the event (or \$5.40 cash equivalent) to show your support for children's education around the world. Visit [mcc.org/open-house](http://mcc.org/open-house) to RSVP and learn more about MCC gatherings in Sarasota, FL (December 3), New York City (December 10), Ephrata, PA (December 10) and Philadelphia, PA (December 16).

Artist Mandy Martin of Salford (Pennsylvania) Mennonite Church created “**Justice Grows in the Garden**” for Salford 2022 Gardening for Peace event, featuring **RAWtools**, a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA. See Mandy's art and video here: [mennoniteusa.org/justice-grows-garden](http://mennoniteusa.org/justice-grows-garden)

**MC USA Prayer requests HAITI:** Recent reporting suggests United Nations member states, including the U.S., are weighing next moves following calls for military intervention by Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry. Conditions in Haiti are dire, marked by gang violence, corrupt governance and inflated prices. Past interventions have been disastrous for Haiti, and another will not likely solve the crisis. Read more about the call to "Say NO" to military intervention at <https://thehill.com/latino/3713762-human-rights-coalition-to-biden-no-military-intervention-in-haiti/>

**Need help?** We are a community with talents, tools, and a willingness to serve each other. If you need help - gathering groceries, raking leaves, 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/>