
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

December 18, 2022, 10 am

(in-person and Zoom)

Fourth Sunday of Advent - LOVE



WEEK FOUR:
HEN OF LOVE

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – bird song

Prelude – *O Come Emmanuel* rendition from The Soil and the Seed Project, and *Winter Song*
by Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson

Lighting of Advent candles – Ruth Kitchin Tilman

Call to worship – written by Rev. Deborah Vaughn, led by Leah Witzig

*One: silently and gently, falling and failing
changing and resting, seeking you, Lord...*

People: we watch, we wait, we dream, we pray...

*One: for the earth to renew, for our hearts to soften,
for your grace to cover us, for your justice to pour out,
for time and space to listen, for courage to act*

**People: on the edge of Advent,
we sit with you... we pause... we hurt...
we repent... we rage...**

**All: When will it be? Will it ever be? Come quickly, Lord Jesus.
Amen.**

Singing - song leader – Ken Litwiller; accompanist – Krista Weidner
VT 223 - Bless'd Be the God of Israel
VT 216 - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Voices of the congregation – Allison Cornell

*Jesus taught us to consider the birds of the air.
What's one thing the birds teach you about love?*

Children's time – Matthew 1:18-25 read by Amy McCormick

Scripture – 1 Samuel 1:19-28 read by Paulette McLane

Elkanah and Hannah rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only—may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.' She left him there for the Lord.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Musical response – *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*, arr. Brahms
Krista Weidner

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – VT 240 - Joy to the World
Come forward and get an ornament while singing!

Announcements

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

Fellowship meal today after Sunday school. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas services at UMC – Join us at 5 pm on Christmas Eve (in-person and on Zoom) for a special service (everyone is asked to wear masks for this service).

There will be no Sunday morning service on Christmas day.

Announcements (cont.)

Christmas day, 10-11 am - All are invited to the church basement for an informal, child-centered gathering of acting out the Christmas story and singing familiar carols. Fruit, crackers and cheese, and some small presents will be provided. Feel free to bring along family or friends.

Christmas day dinner - State College Presbyterian Church invites you to join them. They will be offering in-person dining in the Social Hall as well as drive-thru takeout for those who are not yet comfortable dining in-person. The meal is free to all, regardless of faith. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4da8a82cab9-2022#/> by December 18.

Blue Christmas service - Grace Lutheran invites everyone to attend their service for grief and loss. December 21, 4 pm, 205 S. Garner St.

El Colectivo (The State College Solidarity Collective) welcomes your donating gift cards to vulnerable families in our community (including the Guatemalan families we've supported in the past). Click [HERE](#) to learn more and give.

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, shoveling snow, etc., let Kate know. There are some here who might be able to lend a hand.

Announcements (cont.)

MCUSA & MCC Updates

Grow and lead with MCC *Opportunities for youth and young adults* **Peace for the Weary at Camp Deerpark (New York) with National Peace & Justice Ministries (NPJM)**

Calling young adults living in metropolitan areas to take a break from daily life and join us for a transformational week of connection and learning from **January 2-7, 2023**. During this experience, you will gain tools for understanding trauma and develop strategies for self-care and healing through the lens of restorative justice to bring back to your city. Registration fee is \$200; sign up now! Visit mcc.org/peace-camps to apply and contact NPJM@mcc.org for more information.

[Sign up for Peace for the Weary](#) - [Download and share the flyer](#)

Check out [PeaceMail](#), a weekly email with lots of links to articles, webinars and prayer requests surrounding our work as Anabaptist followers of Christ.

Listen for the Dawn Chorus!

