
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@qooglegroups.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
January 1, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)

Happy New Year!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – bird song

Prelude – *Mvmt II* by The Oh Hellos

Lighting of Advent candles

Call to worship – Isaiah 54:1-5, 10-13 and Isaiah 43:1

One: Shout for joy, O barren one who has borne no children; burst into song and shout, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate woman will be more than the children of the one who is married, says the Lord. Enlarge the site of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left, and your descendants will possess nations and will settle desolate towns.

Many: But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, the One who formed you, Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

One: Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; do not be discouraged, for you will not suffer disgrace, for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the disgrace of your widowhood you will remember no more. For your Maker is your husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the God of the whole earth he is called.

Many: But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, the One who formed you, Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

One: For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Many: But now thus says the Lord, the One who created you, the One who formed you, Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.

One: O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, I am about to set your stones in antimony and lay your foundations with sapphires. I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children.

Singing – Meredith Wideman, accompanist
VT 258 *Love Has Come*
VT 255 *Love Came Down at Christmas*

Voices of the congregation – John Murphy
What have birds taught you about God's love?

Scripture – an alternative reading of Matthew 1:1-16, compiled by Ann Patrick Ware of the Women's Liturgy Group of New York

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Musical response – Becky Kephart

Confession – *I Will Change Your Name*

I will change your name. You shall no longer be called Wounded, Outcast, Lonely or Afraid.

I will change your name. Your new name shall be Confidence, Joyfulness, Overcoming One, Faithfulness, Friend of God, One Who Seeks My Face.

One: When we name ourselves Not Beloved,

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: When we name others Not Redeemable,

Many: Lord, have mercy.

One: When we forget that all are known and loved by God,

Many: Lord, have mercy.

Silence.

Many: But now thus says the Lord,
the One who created you, the One who formed you,
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.

Communion - Pastor Kate

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Sending Song – VT *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

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.

Out of the Cold welcomes meals and volunteers to help support the guests at 318 S. Atherton St. from December 27 to March 5, 2023. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f45a9ad2ba5fa7-breakfast/72733331#/>

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL) and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) support YOUR planting of native trees and shrubs in your yard, church - anywhere - by offering FREE plants. Contact Greg Williams (wacmbook@aol.com) to place an order.

From Anabaptist World: A Forest of Faith: Planting an acre of trees, Indiana congregation adds a second sanctuary... read more at <https://www.mennonitemen.org/joinhands/stories/a-forest-of-faith-planting-an-acre-of-trees-indiana-congregation-adds-a-second-sanctuary>



Announcements (cont.)

Restoring Hope & Dignity: MLK Service Day 2023 - Join Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Kingdom Builders Network (KBN) on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 2023 (**January 16, at 10 am**) for a day of celebration and service as we remember those in prison whom are often forgotten and discarded from communities. At the event, you'll learn about mass incarceration and restorative justice through a dialogue and Q&A with community leaders.

- **Celebrate** MLK's legacy of peace and justice through song and spoken word.
- **Serve** your neighbors by bringing complete MCC prisoner care kits to the event (or dropping kits off any time at MCC's Philadelphia Office) and assembling donated kit items that will bring hope and dignity to incarcerated people in Philadelphia. Volunteers (approx. 25-30 individuals) are needed for setup (the day before and morning of) and to pack the prisoner care kits at the event. Contact MCC's Philadelphia office at (215) 535-3624 to volunteer.

This event will be held in-person and livestreamed via Zoom. Visit mcc.org/service-day to register and for more information!

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.

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/>