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## 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](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**  
**January 8, 2023, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)



*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – bird song

**Prelude** – *Comfort, Comfort O My People*  
rendition by The Soil and the Seed Project

**Call to worship and lighting of Advent candles**  
Diane Gingerich and Leah Witzig – Isaiah 60:1-6,11

Leader: *The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.*

**People: *We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.***

Leader: *The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.*

**People: *The darkness what surrounds us is gone!***

Leader: *Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.*

**People: *Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.***

**Singing** – Hal Kunkel, accompanist  
VT 715 *Longing for Light, verses 1, 3, 5*  
VT 275 *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*

**Offertory prayer**

**Voices of the congregation** – Leah Lumeya  
*What have birds taught you about following God's journey?*

**Scripture** – Matthew 2:1-12 ready by Amy McCormick

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:*

*"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." 'Then Herod secretly called for*

*the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, s me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.*

**Children's time** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Musical response** – Mike Bratt

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors**

**Sending Song** – VT 273 *Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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**Masking protocol** – As of the printing of the bulletin Centre County is currently in the **low** community transmission level for COVID-19 and masks are **optional** for attendance in church on Sunday. If the level would move to **medium**, masks would be **required**.

**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](mailto:wacmbook@aol.com)) to place an order.

**Mark and Sally Minnich will be performing a violin concert** at Foxdale on Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm in the auditorium. All are welcome. Masks are required.

**Community Conversations** – The Intersection of Policing & Race on January 10 at 7 pm at the State Theatre. Register and find out more at [www.statecollege.us/engage](http://www.statecollege.us/engage)

**There is an urgent need for a room to rent**, studio, or one bedroom apartment for a single woman, in her 60's, who speaks no English. The State College Interfaith Group continues to accompany the Jalali family as they make their home here in State College. An urgent need to re-locate one of their family members to State College has recently surfaced. **At this time we are seeking a free or low-rent space** for her to live, at least for the next several months. We hope to have a more permanent solution in place in the coming months. Contact Kate at [kate@universitymennonite.org](mailto:kate@universitymennonite.org) by January 15 if you have any leads. Please hold this request in your prayers, and share with others!

**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 who 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](http://mcc.org/service-day) to register and for more information!

**Hello University Mennonite Church! MCC meat canning is coming to a site near you!** Every year MCC's Mobile Meat Canner travels across the United States and Canada, visiting compassionate communities and meeting over 30,000 enthusiastic volunteers who prepare cans of turkey, beef, chicken, and pork to be sent around the world. Last year we shipped 491,940 pounds of canned meat to Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cuba, Ethiopia, Jordan, Syria, Zambia, Ukraine, and the U.S., including Puerto Rico. **Save the dates to volunteer! February 6-9: MCC meat canning in Lewistown, PA.**

On Saturday, **March 18, 2023**, Everence Financial Central Penn will host a new half-day **Stewardship University**, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Join us for a Stewardship University that's ***Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future.*** Courses will explore subjects ranging from financial wellness (budgeting, women and finances, simple living, and legacy planning) to community impact (cultivating community resources and churches helping address the housing crisis) and more. Discounted rate through Feb. 9. For information or to register, visit [everence.com/StewU](http://everence.com/StewU). Questions? Contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com).

**Interested in attending MC USA's convention in Kansas City, MO this July?**

We're looking for a delegate to represent UMC. Contact a member of Leadership Team to learn more and view the online schedule at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mennocon23-schedule/>

**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.

**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/20f0e4daee28a0ff2-2022>. 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!

**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/>