
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**

Check out the latest Menno Media -ing podcast produced by our very own Ben Wideman: <https://www.mennomedia.org/ing-podcast/>



Sunday Worship
February 19, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Prelude – *One* rendition by Cinematic Pop Symphony and Choir

Call to worship – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Leader: God who unites us,

All: we gather today to be church.

Leader: Bless those who are absent,

All: But not from our hearts.

Leader: Bless those who are distant,

All: But not from our love.

Leader: Bless each of us here,

All: That we may use our gifts with boldness and joy. Amen

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing – accompanist Krista Weidner

What Is This Place, VT 22

Come, Christians, Join To Sing, VT 28

Scripture – Romans 12:11-16, read by Paul McCormick

Make sure that your love is without pretense; abhor what is evil; stick closely to what is good. Be devoted to one another as members of the same family. Take the initiative in honoring one another. Don't let your enthusiasm fade; radiate the presence of God's power; serve our lord. Be joyful in your hope; be patient in adversity; be persistent in prayer. Treat the needs of Christ's people as your own; take hospitality seriously.

Ask for God's blessing on those who harass you; ask for God's blessing, not God's curse on them. Celebrate with those who have something to be happy about; commiserate with those who are in sorrow. Treat one another as equals. Don't entertain notions of your superiority; on the contrary, associate with ordinary people. Don't become wise in your own eyes. Don't repay anyone who has injured you by injuring them; instead, focus on what is honorable in the eyes of all people. If possible - insofar as it depends on you - be at peace with all people.

Offertory prayer

Community action – Ken Smeltzer on prison call to action

Children's time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Singing – *We Are People of God's Peace, VT 797*

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Sermon response – *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing/My Life Flows On*
medley by Mike Bratt

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Announcements

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.

Special guests today - Today we welcome Ken Kline Smeltzer from the University Baptist and Brethren Church and returning citizens who are serving as advocates for the incarcerated in Centre County. One of their goals is to create outdoor space for those incarcerated at the Centre County Correctional Facility (the jail). Ken will present a short PowerPoint during the worship service as an introduction to what will be shared during the education hour from about 11:30 am to 12:15 pm. Come prepared to learn; to be challenged; to investigate how we can become engaged or supportive!

Fellowship meal today - Plan to stay after worship and the educational hour and join us for a potluck fellowship meal in the basement fellowship hall. All are welcome. Bring a dish to share.

My Coins Count: In February and March, all are invited to bring coins for Mennonite Central Committee's My Coins Count collection. Coins will go toward MCC's education programs around the world - funding school materials, meals, conflict resolution and trauma healing programs. UMC's coins will be collected in a school display in the foyer.

Men's breakfasts - The next men's breakfast is on February 23. We will meet at the **East College Ave Waffle shop** at 7 am. Street parking on College Avenue is free till 9 am and readily available. We will be hosting a men's breakfast on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at the same time and location. So please mark your calendars for Feb 23, March 9, March 23, April 13, and April 27. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Announcements (cont.)

State College Food Bank needs: COFFEE and RANCH DRESSING.

Items can be put into the Food Bank box near the coat rack. Monetary donations can be mailed to 1321 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801, or online at <https://scfoodbank.org/donate>

Aid to Ukraine - Salvation Baptist Church is filling a shipping container to send to Ukraine. The following items are needed:

- Contributions of money to pay the \$9,000 shipping fare. Cash or check can be sent to Salvation Baptist Church, 3645 W College Ave, State College, PA 16801. (memo Ukraine)
- Supplies: Diapers, wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, flashlights/lanterns with batteries
- Food: cereal, tea, coffee, pasta, peanut butter, salt, sugar, crackers
- Other: medium to large shipping boxes for packing items

You may drop off items at Salvation Baptist Church, 365 W. College Avenue, or put them in a box labeled "Aid to Ukraine" under the UMC mailboxes. Contact Mary Derstein with questions or help with deliveries. (derstein@gmail.com), text or call 814-404-9614.

Menno Snapshots - Cynthia Lapp, pastor at Hyattsville Mennonite Church, and part of our Allegheny Conference, writes about the challenges she has faced serving as a chaplain to the local police – and the impact this work has had in her community and in her own life. Read more: mennoniteusa.org/police-reform-hyattsville

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/20f0e4daae28a0ff2-2022>. 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/>