
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 26, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)

Lent Week 1

Seeking. Who will you listen to?



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Prelude – *Listen to the Music*, cover by Tiki Pasilla
God in your Mercy by the Soil and Seed Project

Call to worship – Bethany

One: Listen!

All: There is hope to be found here.

One: Listen!

All: God calls you by name here.

One: Listen!

All: There is love that abides here.

One: This world is full of chatter, so may we do our best to listen.

All: God is speaking.

One: Let us worship.

All: Amen.

Prayer of illumination

Lighting the peace lamp, with *Statio*

Statio is the practice of stopping one thing before beginning another. It is the time between times. In this practice we hold a full minute of silence together, honoring what has come before, setting it down, and creating space to be present to the God who is present to us.

Singing – Meredith Wideman, accompanist

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee, VT 138

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, VT 536

Scripture – Matthew 4:1-11, read by Nel Kopp

Children's time – Bethany

Singing – *Seeds*, VT 777

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response – Sally Minnich

Confession

One: Holy God, Too often we treat your Word like a radio station—something we can tune in and out of when it's convenient. Our minds are full of ads, emails, news updates, and notifications.

In the midst of this clutter, we tend to gravitate toward the voices that think like us—easily ignoring the voices being silenced, easily ignoring your voice.

All: Forgive us for failing to listen. Forgive us for getting caught in distractions. Forgive us for forgetting what your voice sounds like.

One: Drain the distractions from our minds and help us turn once again toward you.

With earnest hearts we pray, Amen.

Singing – *Oh Lord have mercy*, verses 1, 2, 5 from STJ 47

Sharing time – Pastor Kate (with *Prayer of Jesus*)

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction

Announcements

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

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.

Queer Theology Sunday school: Queer biblical hermeneutics - In this online event designed for queer folks and those who love them, you will learn how to look at Scripture through the lens of queer theology, including Anabaptist interpretation and identifying queer figures within the Bible. Sunday, March 5 @6:30 pm ET. Register at bit.ly/3xR748z

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>

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Mennonite Church USA Conference July 2023 - Registration for MennoCon23 will open on March 1. Mennocon23 will be held in Kansas City, Mo., July 3-6, immediately followed by the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly and the new Youth and Young Adult Climate Summit. Subscribe to MC USA's PeaceMail weekly newsletter for the latest updates: [Mennoniteusa.org/peacemail](https://mennoniteusa.org/peacemail) View a slide for PeaceMail: mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PeaceMail-slide.pptx View a MennoCon23 slide: mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/MennoCon23.pptx

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!

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/>