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## 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.**

Request to join the email sharing list by completing this online form:

<https://forms.gle/1EJ4YfuSWnj2LDrR8>

Signup to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

**Missed worship?** Our church services are being recorded and published on our website at: <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

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

**Church Wi-Fi information** – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



**Sunday Worship**  
**March 5, 2023, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)

*Lent Week 2*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Prelude** – *For Your Goodness and Your Mercy and Holy Darkness*  
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** – Becky Kephart, accompanist

*Come, Gracious Spirit, VT 371*

*To God Be the Glory, VT 84*

**Scripture** – John 3:1-17, read by Ben Schonberg

**Children's time** – Bethany

We'll sing *Seeds, VT 777*, at the end of children's time as the children plant seeds.

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response** – *Near to the Heart of God* played by Becky Kephart

**Confession**

*One: God of new life, you meet us in the shadows. You welcome our questions. You invite us to begin again.*

**All: And yet we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.**

*Silence*

*One: Jesus, our guide, you have showed us a new way, a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence.*

**All: And yet we look no further than our own failings.**

*Silence*

**All: Wind of the Spirit, enliven our weary hearts and minds.**

**Return us again to this sturdy foundation: that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home.**

**Amen.**

**Singing** – *Oh Lord, have mercy, STJ 47*

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

**Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries**

**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.

**Future service guest speakers**

March 12 - Paul McReynolds, pastor at Albright Bethune United Methodist Church

April 2 - Elizabeth Siegelman, restorative justice advocate at Centre County Community Conferencing

April 16 - Svitlana Budzhak-Jones, currently a translator of the Russian and Ukrainian languages at the United Nations and professor in the Russian department, Penn State University

**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.

**Joint worship service and potluck** – Next week, on March 12, our brothers and sisters from Albright Bethune United Methodist Church will join us for worship in our building. Pastor Paul will bring the morning message and a potluck meal will follow the service.

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## Announcements

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**Stewardship University is almost here - March 18, 2023**, from 8 am - 1 pm, in Lancaster. This ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community is **Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future.** We look forward to celebrating stewardship and learning together! 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)

**Congregational meeting March 26** – We'll hold a meeting following morning worship in person and on Zoom. The leadership team welcomes ALL to come and engage around 2 topics: a "CATT retrospective" where we'll ask, what do we want to: Keep Doing, Start Doing, Stop Doing? We'll also have a conversation around "How do we build relationships with each other and grow as a community?"

Sign up to receive a daily lent devotional email <http://eepurl.com/ilADUv>

**Mennonite Women's history timeline:** March is Women's History Month. Join us in celebrating the courage, commitment, and contributions of Mennonite women from 1868 to the present. Read more online at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>

**Interfaith Human Services fundraiser chili dinner** - Come enjoy vegan and meat chili and more. Thursday, March 30, 5-7 pm, Friends Meeting House, 611 E. Prospect Ave, State College. Meal is free, donations accepted.

**Make a MCC relief kit** - 'Better than an Easter basket' - Relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster. **22,496 shipped last year to Cuba, Haiti, Honduras, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Ukraine, and Zambia.** Download the list or pick up a paper list at UMC. <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/relief> Deliver your kit contents on or before Easter, April 9, to UMC. We will take them to the MCC Material Resource Center for shipping.

**Beyond Incarceration** – Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA are partnering in a year-long focus on alternatives to the current prison system and mass incarceration. A four-part webinar series, "Beyond Incarceration," will be followed by learning tours across the U.S. Register for the learning tours here: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours) Register for the webinar series here: [mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series](https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series)

**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/>

*During the season of Lent, we are using this translation of the Lord's Prayer to end our sharing time. It's written by the ecumenical nuns at Holy Wisdom Monastery, in Wisconsin. Copies will be available for you to take home if you'd like. The first line draws me in... I long to be in relationship with our Only Home. I pray you, too, find meaning in this fresh understanding – Pastor Kate*

### Prayer of Jesus

*Holy One, our only Home,  
Blessed be your name.  
May your day dawn,  
your will be done,  
here, as in heaven.*

*Feed us today, and forgive us  
as we forgive each other.*

*Do not forsake us at the test,  
but deliver us from evil.*

*For the glory, the power,  
and the mercy are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.*

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