
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 12, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)

Lent Week 3



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – Music by the Soil and Seed Project

Call to worship – Pastor Kate

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*

We have learned to go through life nonstop. Now it is time to learn to collect ourselves from time to time so that God can touch us in the most hectic of moments. Statio is the monastic practice of intentionally stopping and holding silence that sets out to get our attention before life goes by in one great blur. Statio means stopping one thing before beginning another. In this practice we hold a full minute of silence together, creating space to be present to the God who is present to us.

Singing – Becky Kephart, accompanist

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, VT 737

Open My Eyes That I May See, VT 738

Scripture – John 4:5-42

Children's time – Amy Sattler

Singing - *Seeds*, VT 777, at the end of children's time

Sermon – Pastor Paul McReynolds

Sermon response – *Obey my voice*, HWB 163

instrumental by Becky Kephart

Confession

Leader: Gracious God, Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

People: Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what consumes us.

SILENCE

Leader: Set us free from a past that we cannot change

People: Open us to a future in which we can be changed

All: and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; Through Jesus Christ, The light of the world.

Singing – *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*, VT 685

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

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction – Pastor Paul

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.

Welcome this morning to our brothers and sisters from **Albright Bethune United Methodist Church**. Everyone is invited to stay for a potluck meal in the basement fellowship hall following worship.

Future service guest speakers

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

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.

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?"

Announcements

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.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 - There will be an afternoon service of foot/hand washing and communion at Foxdale and an evening meal, foot/hand washing, communion, and telling the passion story around the fire, at the Schonberg farm. More details to come.

Church Lifecycle Workshop May 13 with consultant Tom Beers - We'll meet 9 am - 1 pm with lunch provided. Tom will help us assess the current state of our congregational life and help us consider what's needed to be a vital church. Please plan on attending! If you need childcare, we have options - contact kate@universitymennonite.org.

Check out the church calendar to find out what's going on at UMC <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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/>

67th Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale: Save the date! - On March 31 - April 1, join a global community of people responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ at the Pennsylvania Relief Sale (2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA). Support Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) by bidding on handmade quilts, buying artisan crafts, shopping for goods at auctions, eating delicious food, enjoying children's activities, and donating coins to My Coins Count. Admission is free and parking is \$10 per car. Hours are Friday, March 31 4 - 9 pm and Saturday, April 1 from 6:30 am - 3 pm. For more information, visit pareliefsale.org.

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/>

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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