
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/>

Church Calendar - <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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 19, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)
Lent Week 4



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Marvin Hall

Prelude – *See You Again, Holy Darkness, I Can See Clearly Now*
montage

Call to worship – Marvin Hall

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.

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.

Prayer (in unison) - *We believe in a merciful God, a God who does not keep score, a God who wants good for us. We believe in a creative God, a God who would heal with mud, a God capable of seeing what we cannot. We believe in a saving God, a God who heals, a God who greets our questions with patience, a God who sends us out with hope in our step. What wondrous love is this. Amen.*

Singing – Joyce Hall, accompanist

Let There Be Light, VT 714

Longing for Light, VT 715

Scripture – John 9:1-41 ready by the UMC Players

Anika Wideman, Timothy Schonberg, Emily Pakhtigian,

Fran Osseo Asare, Lilly Prins Glenna, Mason Pakhtigian, Tim Groff

Children's time – Marvin Hall

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

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon response – Bethany & Micah Spicer-Schonberg

Confession from John 9:39-41

Leader: For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.

Response: What? Are we blind too?

(SILENCE)

Leader: If we were blind, we would not be guilty of sin; but now that we claim to see, our guilt remains.

Confessional song – *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*, VT 685

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction

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.

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?"

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.

Announcements

You're invited to Easter Breakfast at 9 pm on Easter Sunday (April 9) in our fellowship hall. No need to bring anything but yourself!

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/>

A Christian Call to End Homelessness - The word "home" is something that Christians talk about frequently. But what happens when someone is experiencing physical homelessness? Kyle Nye, author of "Grace Can Lead Us Home: A Christian Call to End Homelessness," the current CommonRead selection for the denomination, discusses topics around how Christians can respond to this call: mennoniteusa.org/grace-can-lead-us-home

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.*

We are looking for more volunteers to care for our community's children in the nursery every week! **Interested volunteers need to be regular attenders for at least 6 months and submit their child abuse clearances prior to being in the nursery.** Please contact Meredith Wideman at meredith.wideman@gmail.com for information about obtaining clearances and signing up.

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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