
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>

Sign up 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
April 2, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)

Passion Week



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Guest speaker: Elizabeth Siegelman
Worship Leader: Pastor Kate Heinzl

Guest music leader: Brad Yoder
Accompanist: Meredith Wideman

Welcome – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – Brad Yoder

Call to worship

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 and lighting the peace lamp

One: We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering, who lights a candle in the darkest night, who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

All: We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth, who is bold in seeking justice, and humble in taking power.

One: We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it, cocooning us in hope, tethering us to one another.

All: We believe in a God who is always carrying us from the pain of the world into the hope of a new day.

One: That is where God is headed. That is where we follow. May it be so.

All: Amen.

Statio - *The practice of statio is meant to center us and make us conscious of what we're about to do. 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.*

(children are invited to the back of the sanctuary at this time)

Singing – *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*, VT 306

Litany for Four Voices - Ben Wideman, Kate Heinzl, Brad Yoder, Elizabeth Siegelman

Singing – *Jesus Is Coming*, VT 312

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Singing - *Seeds*, VT 777 Micah & Bethany

Scripture - Matthew 27:11-31, read by Carmen and Tim Groff, Pastor Kate, and the congregation

Sermon – Elizabeth Siegelman

Sermon response – *What Wondrous Love Is This*, VT 564

Confession - from VT 896

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Sharing response – *Oh, Lord have mercy*, STJ 47

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*, VT 313

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.

This morning we welcome Elizabeth Siegelman, restorative justice advocate at Centre County Community Conferencing, as our guest speaker. Join us for a discussion with Elizabeth after worship.

On April 16 we will welcome Svitlana Budzhak-Jones, currently a translator of the Russian and Ukrainian languages at the United Nations and professor in the Russian Department at Penn State. Svitlana worked with the [Highlands Civic Association](#) to propose that State College be a sister city to war-torn Nizhyn, Ukraine. The State College Borough approved a resolution for our town to be the sister city, creating a long-term partnership that will lead to cultural exchanges, festivals, and programs.

Maundy Thursday Services, April 6

Foxdale - 3 pm service of foot/hand washing at Bartschs' apartment (K175)

Spicher Schonberg farm – 6 pm evening meal, foot/hand washing, communion, and telling the passion story around the fire. 12936 Greenwood Rd, Huntingdon.

RSVP to kate@universitymennonite.org appreciated but not required.

Announcements (cont.)

You're invited to Easter breakfast at 9 am 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.

UMC is a member of the Brethren Mennonite Council Supportive Communities Network [SCN] (www.bmclgbt.org/scn). You're invited to both prayer and action in support of all our siblings.

To all genderqueer siblings - we see you, we love you and we know the Ever-present God better through you.
(adapted from BMC call to prayer)

UMC Anabaptist faith exploration class - *What does it mean to be Mennonite...To be an Anabaptist, in this place and time?* The elders and Pastor Kate invite you to explore your faith and ask questions of how to live as followers of Christ, by looking at our history and bringing it back to our current lives.

We will use "[What is an Anabaptist Christian?](#)" by Palmer Becker. It's a short, concise distillation of Anabaptist core values. This three-session class is for anyone interested in exploring the intersection of our historical faith and identity as Christ followers today. We will follow this series with additional gatherings for those interested in deepening their commitment to our community and exploring possible membership at UMC. Contact Kate or one of the elders if you're interested in participating.

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

MennoCon23 - Mennonite Church USA is hosting a collaborative Youth & Young Adult Climate Summit, July 7, 2023, at the Kansas City (Missouri) Convention Center. The event will bring together experts in climate change, spiritual activism, and social justice to explore the ways that young people ages 14 to 25 can put their faith to work to address the spiritual and human crisis caused by climate change. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/climatesummit

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.*

Announcements (cont.)

Nursery volunteers needed - 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 six 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, yard work, 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/>

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.*