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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>

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 9, 2023, 10 am**  
(in-person and Zoom)  
*Easter Sunday*



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Hope Brubaker

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

**Welcome** – Hope Brubaker

**Prelude** – *Easter Anthem* rendition by 2019 UMC Easter Choir,  
directed by Mark King

**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.*

**Call to worship**

*One: What are you looking for?*

**All: The light before dawn.**

*One: What are you looking for?*

**All: A reason to hope.**

*One: What are you looking for?*

**All: Joy after grief and flowers after winter.**

*One: What are you looking for?*

**All: A place to belong.**

*One: What are you looking for?*

**All: We are looking for the Messiah.**

*One: Good news! Come in. Love is alive!*

**All: Surely God is in this place.**

**Prayer of illumination and lighting the peace lamp**

**Singing**

*Low in the Grave He Lay, VT 333*

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!, VT 354*

**Scripture** – John 20:1-18 – Amy McCormick

**Children's time** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Sermon response and bringing flowers to the cross** - Sally Minnich

**Singing** – *In Christ Alone, VT 332*

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

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

**Benediction** – *This Joyful Eastertide* (verse 1 only), VT 352

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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.

**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.

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

**Join the men of the church for breakfast** on Thursday, April 13 at 7 am at the Waffle Shop at 364 E College Avenue. The men meet for breakfast on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**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](mailto:kate@universitymennonite.org).

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**The Ten Thousand Villages annual fair trade rug event** will be held at the store May 17-20. Volunteers are needed to help unload rugs on May 16 and load back up on May 20. You can also help out during the sale. Sign up to help online at: <https://tinyurl.com/3z8z2arr>

Along with their partners on the ground in Syria, **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is mobilizing an immediate response in Aleppo** and surrounding areas to provide emergency assistance such as food and drinking water, shelter, blankets and clothing, essential hygiene items, trauma response, and counseling. Please consider making an emergency donation today to provide critical help at [mcc.org/earthquake](http://mcc.org/earthquake). And please keep the people of Syria and Türkiye in your prayers.

**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](mailto: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/>