
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 16, 2023, 10 am
(in-person and Zoom)



Who is my neighbor?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Leah Witzig Accompanist: Meredith Wideman
Guest Speaker: Svitlana Budzhak Jones

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude – *How Long* by The Porter's Gate, and *Invisible* by U2

Call to worship based on Psalm 16

*One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord,
'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'*

All: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

One: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

All: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

All: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Lighting the peace lamp – *If the War Goes On*, STJ 66
Meredith Wideman, piano; Sally Minnich, violin

Offertory prayer

Singing

Longing for Light, VT 715

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands, VT 485

Scripture – Luke 10: 25-37, read by Mark Minnich

Voices of the congregation – Cathy Bresee

How have you tried to live out Jesus' call to love your neighbor?

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Sermon – Svitlana Budzhak Jones

Sermon response – Becky Kephart

Sharing time – Doug Yoder

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.

This morning we 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.

UMC kids of all ages are welcome to meet in the park after worship this morning for a game of kickball (or supervised play - for the littles, if they'd rather not join the game). Parents can join or stay in the sanctuary for the sermon discussion. Fruit and cheese sticks will be provided for a snack. If it rains, we'll have games in the basement.

Grab a cup of coffee and stick around for a sermon discussion time after worship this morning.

[The Black History in Centre County Project](#) will offer two workshop readings of a new play with choral music, "Finding Home: Adeline Lawson Graham, Colored Citizen of Bellefonte." The staged readings, which are free and open to the public, will take place on Saturday, **April 22 at 6 p.m.** at Faith United Church of Christ, 300 E. College Avenue in State College, and on **Sunday, April 23, at 3 p.m.** at Trinity United Methodist Church, 128 East Howard Street in Bellefonte. The play, **written by Penn State graduate student Carmin Wong**, is based on true stories from the life of **Adeline Harris Lawson Graham (1856-1930)**. Find out more at: <https://hi.psu.edu/homepage-highlight/black-centre-county-history-project-presents-finding-home-adeline-lawson-graham-colored-citizen-of-bellefonte/>

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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>

Mark your calendars for June 4, when Benjamin Bergey will lead us in a music service from the Voices Together hymnal. Ben is an energetic and passionate musician, whose conducting has been described as "captivating" and "communicative." He began on the piano and violin at age six, and works now as a conductor, professor, and church musician. As assistant professor at Eastern Mennonite University, he conducts the orchestra, chamber singers, and university choir, as well as teaches music theory and conducting. He also advises the new Music and Peacebuilding major. Read Ben's full bio at: <https://emu.edu/faculty-staff/?show=bpb668>

Check out the church calendar to find out what's going on at UMC:

<https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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.

The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and MC USA's Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference signed an amicus brief in support of Apache Stronghold and the protection of Oak Flat, a sacred site of Native American religious exercise in the Tonto National Forest in Arizona. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/oak-flat

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/>