
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 23, 2023, 10 am



Tree of Life by Saejin Lee, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Ben Wideman

Song Leader: Joyce Hall

Welcome – Ben Wideman

Prelude – *Morning Has Broken*, cover by Aliose & Roni Alter

Call to worship

One: We hold the Earth

Many: We hold our brothers and sisters who suffer from storms and droughts intensified by climate change.

One: We hold all species that suffer.

Many: We hold world leaders delegated to make decisions for life.

One: We pray that the web of life may be mended through courageous actions to limit carbon emissions.

Many: We pray for the right actions, for adaptation and mitigation, to help our already suffering earth community.

One: We pray that love and wisdom might inspire our actions and our actions as communities...

Many: So that we may, with integrity, look into the eyes of our brothers and sisters and all beings and truthfully say, we are doing our part to care for them and the future of the children.

All: May love transform us and our world with new steps toward life.

Lighting the peace lamp

Offertory prayer

Singing

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee VT 103

Touch the Earth Lightly, VT 145

Bible presentation – Daniel Schonberg

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35 – read by Daniel and

Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Voices of the congregation – Micah Schonberg

What does it mean to 'practice resurrection' in your life?

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special Music – Kwake Yesu nasimama, VT 159

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction song – *Beautiful Savior*, VT 130

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.

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

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>

Announcements (cont.)

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.

MCC Updates

MCC Relief Kit thank you! - Thanks to all at UMC for collecting MCC relief kit contents. We assembled 24 towels, 41 toothbrushes, 8 combs, 41 bath soaps, 17 laundry bar soaps, 10 shampoos, 7 packets of sanitary pads, 5 nail clippers, and 6 boxes of bandages. They will be packed in Ephrata and sent to people in need all over the world.

Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY - As part of Mennonite Church USA's "Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY" initiative, Jon-Erik (J. E.) Misz, secretary of the Anabaptist Disability Network board of directors, shares about his awareness of the mental health crisis that continues to grow among youth and young adults. Read more of his thoughts here: mennoniteusa.org/telling-whole-story

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/>