
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
May 21, 2023, 10 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Leah Witzig

Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Micah Spicher Schonberg

Welcome – Leah Witzig

Prelude – *Times They Are a-Changin'* cover by Brandi Carlile

Call to worship

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

All: Christ has come;

Christ has risen;

Christ will come again.

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

All: The Holy Spirit is among us now.

In our baptism, we have already died and risen with Christ.

One: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

All: God's love casts out our fear.

One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**All: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now,
eternal life to come.**

In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God,

who has prepared for us to enter the reign of God.

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing

Come, Christians, Join to Sing, VT 28

Renew Your Church, VT 717

Scripture – John 17:1-11, read by Leland Glenna

Children's time – Joyce Hall

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Sermon response – *I heard the voice of Jesus say, VT 536*
played by Becky Kephart

Sharing time, closed with The Lord's Prayer – 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.

You're welcome to stay after worship for a sermon response and discussion with Ben Wideman in the sanctuary after coffee.

Nursery helpers needed - We are looking for more volunteers to care for our children in the nursery every week during our Sunday service! **Interested volunteers need to be regular attenders for at least 6 months and submit their child abuse clearances to Meredith Wideman prior to being in the nursery.** Please read the policy posted around the church (and online at <https://universitymennonite.org/safe-sanctuary-policy-2/>) if you are interested in helping and contact Meredith for more information.

The church finance committee is preparing our budget for the fiscal year that begins September 1. Each year the committee solicits anonymous pledges to estimate income for the next fiscal year to create the church budget. Please consider making a pledge. Pledge forms were sent via email and are also in the church foyer. In addition, if you are a UMC committee member with a budget, please provide an estimate of your needs for the next fiscal year. Our recent budget report is on the church website. Lastly, **thanks to all who pledged last year**, including the special request for above-budget gifts to support our energy efficiency project. The solar project is complete and will go online in a few weeks. Jim Rosenberger, Treasurer

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

Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety Screening & Discussion – Sunday, May 21, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 780 Waupelani Drive, State College. Join our newly formed coalition for a screening, discussion, and opportunity to write postcards to our legislators on this important topic. The *Armor of Light* film documents an evangelical minister who risks his career to speak out about the growing toll of gun violence in America. Childcare is available for this free event.

On June 4 Benjamin Bergey will lead us in a music service from the Voices Together hymnal. Plan to stay after worship and coffee for a discussion with Benjamin about the role of music in our lives and worship.

On Thursday, June 8, 7 pm, join us for Selah's Song—a heartwarming, original, family-friendly musical that tells the story of a young girl whose courage inspires a village, and whose song becomes an anthem for peace. **UMC is partnering with St. Paul's United Methodist Church to host this event.** Bring your families!

Announcements (cont.)

There will be a congregation meeting on Sunday, June 11 following the morning service. The meeting will also be on Zoom. A key topic will be to fill the slate for our leadership team and volunteers for the coming year.

Volunteers Needed to Serve - Please consider where you would you are able to serve, and also pass along any nominations of those you would like to see serve in these roles. Sometimes letting someone know that you value their talents can be the encouragement to help them step into new roles. Let Cathy Bresee know your volunteer selections by May 29. Please speak to others in the church about where you see their strengths and encourage them to step into what could be a new role for them. Cathy will use your responses to compile an updated list at that time and circulate it so you can all see where we may have gaps before we meet on June 11. You can see a list of positions and who is filling those roles for our current year at: <https://universitymennonite.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/UMC-Volunteer-Positions-September-1-2022-through-August-31-2023.pdf>

Church Around the Table (CATT) - Mark your calendars - CATT will be the 4th Sunday of the month, June-October (June 25, July 23, August 27, September 24, October 22). More information coming soon.

Camping at Greenwood Furnace on July 28-30. Join in any way you like—one night, two nights, or simply for the day or a meal. Planning for potlucks, campfire singing, and games are still in the works, but for now, mark your calendars. To reserve a campsite go to <https://pennsylvaniastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/greenwood-furnace-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=PA&parkId=880307>

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/>