
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
June 11, 2023, 10 am
UMC Anniversary Sunday



Sankofa Bird
(see description in bulletin)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Joel Weidner

Accompanist: Krista Weidner

Welcome

Anniversary prelude – *Go Back* by Darlingside, *Just Sing* from
Trolls World Tour

Call to worship – Psalm 100

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing

We Are People of God's Peace, VT 797

Holy Spirit, Come with Power, VT 57

Scripture – Acts 1:1-14 read by Jim Rosenberger

Looking back at that which defines us. Do these words define us still?

UMC Charter, June 16, 1963 - read by Nel Kopp

Statement of Belief, April 29, 1984 - read by Joel Weidner

Voice of the congregation - Doug Yoder, Rick Stehower, Laura Litwiller,
Connor Huxman, Ruth Kitchin-Tillman

*As you look back at your time as part of the UMC family, what do you hope
and dream for us in the future?*

Children's time – Sue Miller and Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Singing – *Heart with Loving Heart United*, VT 813

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *One Is the Body* from VT 386, played by Becky Kephart

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

How is the Spirit moving in your life? ... in the life of UMC?

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Sending song – *The work is thine, O Christ* (v 1 only) HWB 396

Cover graphic Sankofa bird (pronounced SAHN-koh-fah) is a word in the Twi language of Ghana meaning "to retrieve" (literally "go back and get"; *san* - to return; *ko* - to go; *fa* - to fetch, to seek and take) and also refers to the Bono Adinkra symbol represented either with a stylized heart shape or by a bird with its head turned backwards while its feet face forward carrying a precious egg in its mouth. Sankofa is often associated with the proverb, "*Se wo were fi na wosankofa a yenkyi*," which translates as: "It is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten." – from Wikipedia

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.

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

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

There will be a congregational meeting following worship – The two key agenda items are: (1) Affirmation of the slate of nominees and volunteers for positions and committees; (2) Reflection on the May 13 meeting with Tom Beers about our church's lifecycle.

Next week on June 18 you are welcome to join a **presentation and discussion with Esther Prins concerning Christian nationalism** in the sanctuary after coffee. Then stay for the fellowship meal at 12:15.

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. Saturday activities, which will center around the Founder's Pavilion (near the ballfield and picnic area), will include 3 pm kickball and/or hike, 4 pm yard games and fellowship, 5 pm potluck dinner, 6 pm singing. Doan's Bones pork BBQ, baked beans, and rolls will be provided for the potluck, and everyone is welcome (but not required) to bring side dishes or dessert to accompany the meal. *RSVP for the meal is appreciated. Please contact Bethany if you're coming.* (micahandbethany@gmail.com)

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.

Welcome Statement

At University Mennonite Church we are committed to removing the barriers that separate us, and we welcome you as we gather in worship, fellowship, and service.

We believe church should be a place of belonging for all people, and we welcome your faith as well as your doubt.

We value and respect the unique contributions each person brings to the body of Christ. We recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all people and celebrate the image of God in our diversity. All are welcome into full fellowship at UMC, just as they are—regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, physical and mental health, education, and economic or marital status.

Full membership in UMC is open to all in our fellowship who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior and assent to our statement of faith.

The Charter – signed June 16, 1963

The Mennonite congregation located in State College, Pennsylvania shall be known as the University Mennonite Church.

Accepting the Dordrecht and Schleithem Confession of Faith, this congregation acknowledges its identity with the Biblical and historical doctrines and principles of the Mennonite Church.

The Great Commission having been given equally to all individuals, this congregation interprets the concept of brotherhood to include equality of responsibility, equality of opportunity, and equality of authority for all members. Hence, the final authority on all matters, including discipline, rests with the congregation.

This congregation seeks to provide a church home conducive to individual spiritual growth for Mennonite students, faculty, and other individuals in the university community. This congregation further seeks to examine and interpret unique Mennonite beliefs within an academic environment, to witness to the Truth of Christianity in our community, and to support Christian activities throughout the world.

Differences of doctrinal or cultural application which may reflect the conference background of a member shall not be considered as tests of fellowship by this congregation. In all such cases it shall be the responsibility of the individual to seek the Lord's will for his own life and to live according to the Scriptural light he has received. The same principle shall apply to standards a member may set for his own personal life based on his convictions of how a Christian should live.

Any individual in good standing with a congregation of the Mennonite Church or with a church that has accepted or could accept the Dordrecht Confession of Faith may become a charter member of this congregation by signing this document.

Signed - Truman V. Hershberger, Dorothy M. Hershberger, Robert P. Hostetter, Eloise J. Hostetter, W. LaMarr Kopp, Nel Kopp, Ruby Lehman, Robert C. Lehman, Margaret Franz, Gilbert W. Franz, R.C. Laurie Mitton, Norma Jean Mitton, Becci Martin, J. Herbert Martin.

UMC Statement of Belief, adopted April 29, 1984

Our congregation is a community of Christian believers who identify with Anabaptist tradition and associate with the Mennonite Church.

We believe in God, loving and eternal,

Who, as Creator, calls the world into existence,
Who, as Reconciler, became incarnate in Jesus to share our life,
Who, as Enabler, lives in us as guiding Spirit.

We believe God interacts creatively with all people,

Convicting us of our sins and alienation from God,
Calling us to repent of our willful failure to follow God's way,
Offering us reconciliation through Jesus Christ, the acceptance of which is symbolized
by water baptism. (continued on other side)

(Statement of belief continued from other side)

We believe the church is an international community of people,

Who accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, and voluntarily commit themselves to follow His example and teachings,

Who gather regularly to worship God and share in each other's spiritual growth and physical needs

Who remember Christ's death, resurrection, and love by participating in the Lord's Supper,

Who proclaim God's presence in the world and God's promise of everlasting life.

We believe the Bible is God's authoritative word to us,

Presenting a record of God's interaction with individuals and groups

Revealing God's love and purposes for us and desire for reconciliation

Offering a guide for our lives as we interpret it through study in community.

We believe God calls us to a life of active discipleship,

Sharing the good news of God's love and salvation by faith

Living a lifestyle of love, justice, and concern for God's creation, despite differences with the predominant values and practices of society,

Practicing peacemaking and witnessing to the power of love in interpersonal and international relationships.

UMC Vision Statement

WORSHIP

To follow Jesus Christ faithfully, we are called to:

- enrich our private and public worship through prayer and study of scriptures.
- plan our public worship so that both host and visitor will be drawn into the presence of God.
- offer all that we are and have to God.

COMMUNITY

To grow as a community of grace, joy and love we want to:

- teach our children, youth, and adults the way of Christ.
- provide the means for fellowship, mutual aid, mutual counsel and sharing of concerns and joys.
- practice hospitality through acceptance, openness and forgiveness that transcends our differences and heals our brokenness.
- call and nurture persons who can lead the congregation in its vision.

MISSION

To live as people of healing and hope we are committed to:

- invite unbelievers to faith in Jesus Christ.
- witness to the nonviolent love of Jesus Christ in our homes, work, neighborhoods, and the world.
- serve the needy in the name of Christ both locally and around the world.
- provide a ministry of hospitality to students at Penn State University.
- join in partnership for mission with a congregation from another country.