
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

September 17, 2023, 10 am



Peace with God: Abiding in Jesus brings peace

Worship Leader: Leah Witzig Accompanist: Meredith Wideman
Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prelude - "Give me Love (Peace On Earth)" cover by Jahnavi Harrison,
and "Bring Your Peace" by The Walking Roots Band

Call to worship

One: *We have come to meditate on the word of God,*

All: *that we might be like trees planted by streams of water.*

One: *We have come to listen to the words of Jesus,*

All: *that we might be branches abiding in the true vine.*

One: *Let us delight in this time of worship,*

All: *that our joy may be complete.*

Singing

Praise Him, Praise Him, VT 100

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing

Put Peace Into Each Others Hands, VT 485 verses 1 and 2

Offering prayer

Scripture – John 15:1-17 (from the Inclusive Bible) Esther Prins and Leland Glenna

'I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine-grower, who removes every branch in me that bears no fruit, but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield. You have been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Those who don't abide in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Abba will be glorified if you bear much fruit and thus prove to be my disciples. As my Abba has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will

abide in my love, just as I have kept my Abba's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from Abba God. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that Abba God will give you whatever you ask him in my name. This command I give you: that you may love one another.

Children's time – from the Peace Table Storybook Bible, Ben Wideman

Singing

God be the Love, VT 43

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Special music – Micah Schonberg

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Hymnal: A Worship Book #523

Voices of the congregation, highlighting new members – Carmen Groff

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Introduction of visitors/announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up at UMC - Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Sep 17, 11 am

Adult Sunday School discussion of centered on Sasha Sagan's book, *For Small*

Creatures Such As We: Rituals for Finding Meaning in Our Unlikely World

Special activity for children

Noon – Potluck fellowship meal – all are invited!

Sep 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Sep 24, 10 am – Church Around the Table (in various homes)

Sep 25, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing in the foyer

Sep 26 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Sep 28, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast at the Waffle Shop, 364 E College Av

Oct 1, 11 am – Adult Sunday School

Announcements (cont.)

Celebrating the Season of Creation at Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Presentation on "State of the Science on Microplastics and Forever Chemicals in Water." Dr. Faith Kibuye, Penn State Water Resources Extension Associate will present some knowns, unknowns, and ongoing research initiatives on microplastics and forever chemicals in drinking water and our role in protecting our water resources. Followed by discussion time.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Grays Woods

Sunday, September 17, 3:30-4:30 Agape Hall

Children in UMC Worship – Children through fifth grade are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary for children's time. After children's time, the nursery is available for children ages three and under. (Parents, please check to see if the nursery is staffed; if not, please stay with your child.) Children of all ages are also welcome to remain in the sanctuary for the service or to gather *quietly* at the table in the back and use the provided materials.

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 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/>

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.