
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. Find out more and request to join at <https://universitymennonite.org/email-sharing-list/>

Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information.

Find out more and request to join at:

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

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/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Sunday Worship
November 26, 2023, 10 am

Give Thanks



Worship Leader: Bethany Spicher Schonberg Accompanist: Becky Kephart
Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Prelude – *Thanksgiving Song* by Mary Chapin Carpenter

Call to worship

One: Let anyone who is thirsty come!

Many: We come to receive the living water.

One: Let anyone who is hungry come!

Many: There is enough food for all.

One: Let anyone who is tired come!

Many: God calls us to a time of holy rest.

One: Let anyone who is grateful come

Many: and join this celebration!

One: Thirsty and hungry, tired and grateful,

All: we come together now in worship.

Singing – *God of the Fertile Fields*, VT 750

Offering and prayer

Lighting the peace lamp

We are People of God's Peace, VT 797

Scripture - Deuteronomy 16:13-15, read by Amy McCormick

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *Wayfaring Stranger* rendition by Mike Bratt

Confession

One: Holy God, you have searched us and known us.

Many: And you love us.

One: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you know all that we do.

So for those actions we have taken that interfere with your peace in the world— acts of deceit, greed, overwork, violence, and retribution—

Many: Gracious God, forgive us.

One: You discern our thoughts from afar, including our thoughts that are not your thoughts. So for those thoughts that turn us away from your

peace—our sense of pride, our rejection of truth, our distrust and worry—

Many: Gracious God, forgive us.

One: Let us refuse to participate in the violent systems of this world, as we seek first your reign and your righteousness.

Many: Gracious God, hear our prayer and forgive our sins.

(Silence.)

Communion preparation

Communion - *Come to the Table of Grace*, VT 461

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

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

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

Nov 27, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing in the foyer

Nov 28, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 5, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 9 – Bell ringing for IHS at Meyer's Dairy

Dec 11, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing in the foyer

Dec 12, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 14, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast at the Waffle Shop, 364 E College Av

Dec 17, noon – Potluck fellowship meal, fellowship hall

Dec 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 24, 7 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Dec 26, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

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

Join others for a candlelight peace vigil at the Allen Street Gates each Monday from 5 to 5:30 pm. Join us as we pray for peace and an end to violence in the Middle East.

Out of the Cold - Faith United Church of Christ welcomes help by providing dinner, breakfast, or being an evening host. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-46048125-faith/72733331#/>

Announcements (cont.)

Alternative Christmas Fair - hosted once again by UBBC. Since 1982 this event has raised \$909,885 for local, national, and international charities. Thirty charities will benefit this year. Participate in person on December 3 from 10:30-2 at 411 S Burrows St, or online at: <https://www.ubbcwelcome.org/acf>

Please consider supporting Park Forest Preschool families this holiday season.

Send your donations to the church by Wednesday, December 6. Write checks to UMC and designate "Preschool Christmas Gift" in the memo. Last year we were able to donate thirty \$50 gift cards to each Park Forest Preschool family. Gift cards allow families to make choices for their holiday celebrations. Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-, and four-year-old children from income-qualifying families.

Mennonite Action (MA) is a movement of Mennonites bonded by a common belief that we must be public about our peace values. MA is mobilizing Mennonites across the US and Canada to demand a ceasefire, end the US and western funded occupation of Palestine, and build for lasting peace. To learn more, join their first national organizing zoom call, November 28 at 8 pm. For more information visit <https://www.mennoniteaction.org/>

Children in UMC worship – Children through sixth 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 at the table in the back for quiet activities using the materials provided.

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 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/>