
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
December 3, 2023, 10 am

Advent 1

How
WILL WE
know?

...how long?

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Emily Pakhtigian

Prelude – *May You Find A Light* by The Brilliance

Call to worship

*Leader: O God, tear open the heavens and come down
so that the mountains would quake at your presence!*

High voices: No one has heard,

Low voices: no ear has perceived,

**People: no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.**

Leader: No one knows when the time will come.

People: How long must we wait?

(pause)

All: Together we wait.

Singing – *Hope Is a Candle*, VT 211 (verse 1)
with Lighting of the First Advent Wreath

Scripture 1 – Isaiah 64:1-5, read by Emily Pakhtigian

Voices of the congregation – Sally Williams Minnich, Rick Stehouwer
Share about a time God was with you while you waited

Scripture 2 – Mark 13:32-37, read by Dale Kephart

Children's time – Lighting the Second Advent Wreath - Matt & Lara
Rooke

Singing – *Comfort, Comfort, O My People*, VT 212

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Special music – Evelyn Bartsch

Lighting of Third Advent Wreath - Doug Miller

Sharing time – Doug Miller

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – *There Were Angels Hovering Round*, VT 251

Announcements

During the season of Advent we'll be drawing from Kate Bowler for devotional and Christian education materials. You can subscribe to her entire Advent series at https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/blessthisadvent/

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

Dec 5, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 9 – Bell ringing for IHS at Meyer 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, after worship – Childrens' Christmas pageant and caroling
noon – Potluck fellowship meal, fellowship hall

Dec 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Service, readings, carols, and candle lighting

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.

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>

On December 17, the **Sunday school gathering** will be adults and children together for a pageant and caroling. Stay for a potluck and time of fellowship.

On December 24, there will not be Sunday School, and all are invited to a **Christmas Eve service at 5 pm**. We will celebrate the birth of Christ in our midst with readings, carols, and candle lighting.

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.)

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 Church USA issued a statement on the Israel-Hamas War on

November 15. The statement laments the loss of life and stands on our shared Anabaptist faith values in a call for a ceasefire. Read the statement online at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/ceasefire/>

Pastor Kate will be away visiting family through December 9. Please contact one of our elders – Doug Yoder, Faith King and Doug Miller – with any pastoral needs during her absence.

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/>