
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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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 10, 2023, 10 am

Advent 2



...what now?

Worship Leader: Rick Stehouwer

Accompanist: Joyce Hall

Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome – Rick Stehouwer

Prelude – *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* renditions by Micah and Rusty,
and the Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship

*Leader: Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with God one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.*

High voices: God is not slow, as some think of slowness,

Low voices: but is patient with us,

People: not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

Leader: The word of our God will stand forever.

People: How shall we live while we wait for salvation?

(pause)

All: Together we wait.

Singing – *Hope Is a Candle*, VT 211 (verse 1 & 2)
with lighting of the first Advent wreath

Scripture 1 – Isaiah 40:1-8, read by Kathleen Stehouwer

Voices of the congregation – Rob Bies, Ruth Kitchin Tillman,
Ross Hardison - *What's one thing you do while you wait?*

Scripture 2 – Mark 1:1-8, read by Rick Stehouwer

Children's time and lighting the second Advent wreath – Marvin Hall

Singing – *Prepare the Way! The Prophet Called*, VT 220

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – Mark and Sally Minnich

Lighting of third Advent wreath – Ben Schonberg

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – *To Us a Child*, VT 259

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 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,
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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.

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 is looking for evening hosts at the shelter from December 11 to December 22. Find out more and sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-46580193-evening/37783141#/>

Announcements (cont.)

Stevie Nicks sings, **“But time makes you bolder, even children get older, and I’m getting older too.”** If you or your children are getting older, maybe it’s time to update your photo in the UMC online directory. Submit changes to the directory, including photos, by touching the three horizontal lines at the top left of the mobile app home screen and then choose **Edit My Family**.

Are you not part of our online directory and would like to be?

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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/>