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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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[www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

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**  
**January 7, 2024, 10 am**

Epiphany



How will we know . . . what we know?

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Worship Leader: Ross Hardison      Accompanist: Becky Kephart  
Song Leader: Jim Rosenburger

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome and prayer** – Ross Hardison

**Prelude** – “May You Find A Light” rendition by Josh Garrels

#### Call to worship

*Leader: Arise, shine;  
for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon  
you.  
Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your  
dawn.*

**People: Lift up your eyes and look around; they gather and come to you.**

High voices: You shall see and be radiant;

Low voices: your heart shall thrill and rejoice and proclaim the praise of the  
Lord.

*Leader: The mystery of Christ has been revealed by the Spirit. We have  
become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the  
promise of Christ through the gospel.*

**People: We know this through faith in Christ. May our lights shine!**  
(pause)

*Leader: Together we carry the light.*

**Singing** – *Oh Beautiful Star*, VT 275  
*As with gladness men of old*, VT 277

**Scripture** – Isaiah 60:1–6, read by Ross Hardison  
Matthew 2:1–12, read by Carmen Groff

**Voices of the congregation** – Jenn Bies and Sarah Jeh  
*When have you been blessed by ‘outsiders’?*

**Children’s time** – Pastor Kate

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate

**Special music** – *Longing for Light*, VT 715, rendition by Becky Kephart

**Confession**

**Communion**

*Break thou the bread of life*, HWB 360

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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Jan 8, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Jan 9, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Jan 11, 7 am – Men’s fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Jan 16, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Jan 21, noon – Potluck fellowship meal, fellowship hall

Jan 22, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Jan 23, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Jan 24, 7 am – Men’s fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

**UMC Children’s Sunday School and Adult education classes** will be held  
following the worship service.

**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.

**MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS** - H.A. Penner, war tax resister/redirector,  
explains the benefits of the Mennonite Church USA Church Peace Tax Fund,  
which offers an opportunity for Mennonites to redirect the portion of their  
taxes that would have otherwise supported war efforts toward peacebuilding  
efforts. Read more at [https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-  
snapshots/church-peace-tax-fund-war-tax-redirection/](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-<br/>snapshots/church-peace-tax-fund-war-tax-redirection/)

**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.

**Did you know the UMC online directory app has the ability to view a list of  
birthdays and anniversaries by date?** Open the **Instant Church Directory** app  
on your phone. Touch the word MENU (iPhones) or for Android, the three  
horizontal bar menu icon in the upper left corner. Choose the option for either  
Birthdays or Anniversaries. The list will begin with the current month, and you  
can scroll through the whole year. **Join the online directory by** reading more  
and signing up here: <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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/>