
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
January 14, 2024, 10 am



Worship Leader: Kate Heinzl Accompanist: Becky Kephart
Song Leader: Micah Spicher Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Prelude – *Holy Water* by We The Kingdom

Call to worship

Leader: You who open doors and dismantle barriers,
open our hearts to praise you, that we might live the full truth
of who we are,

**People: That we might live as neighbors and friends,
no longer strangers and enemies;**

Leader: Open our hearts to the transforming power of your love,
that we might forgive and reconcile,
making peace and learning war no more,

**People: That we might be your people, one body in one Spirit,
to tell your grace to all the world.**

Leader: We pray in the name of the One who walked among us. Amen

Singing – *Jesus shall reign*, HWB 319

As I went down to the river to pray, STJ 79

Scripture – 2 Kings 5:10-14, read by Amanda Enns
Matthew 3:1-17, read by Connor Huxman

Children's time – Ben Wideman
and **Voices of the congregation** with Kate Heinzl,
Tim Groff, and Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Sermon – Ken Litwiller

Special music – *With Water Freely Flowing*, VT 452
rendition by Becky Kephart

Sharing time – Pastor Kate
Reaffirmation of Baptismal Commitments, VT 935
Spirit of the Living God, VT 740

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

This week we begin a two-week look at baptism.

What is baptism?

What's your story surrounding your baptism?

How did it shape your walk of faith?

How does it continue to lead you to joy?

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

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

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 25, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Jan 30, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Feb 4, 7 pm, - Acoustic Brew Concert, Cathy Fink & Marcy Maxer

Feb 6, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Feb 9, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Feb 10, Food Packing Opportunity, State College Alliance Church (see below)

Feb 12, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Feb 13, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

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.

A Choral Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - Featuring Howard Gospel Choir
of Howard University, Essence of Joy and Essence 2, Ltd. and State College Area
High School Master Singers, and including the Penn State dance ensembles BLK
Elites Dance Company, Dark Storm Team and Island Fever. Saturday 1/20, 4 pm
Eisenhower Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at
<https://cpa.psu.edu/events/choral-tribute-mlk-2024>

Food packing opportunity - Let's support a program hosted by State College
Alliance Church as they pack nutrient-dense meals for those in extreme
poverty. Saturday February 10 (several time options). Children over five are
welcome to participate. Learn more about this organization at
<https://www.fmsc.org/about-us>. Let Kate know if you can come, and we'll sign
up as a group.

Announcements (cont.)

From the Visioning Team - Have you added any dates/events to the UMC timeline hanging in the entrance to our building?

When did you start attending?

What are meaningful events we should collectively remember?

UMC is not a building, it's a bunch of folks who choose to gather as followers of Christ; of the Way. Your story is part of our story. Each story and remembrance makes our community richer. Please take some time to add to the timeline.

Singers wanted for March 20 ecumenical choir program, *Songs of Our Time: A Lenten Meditation*. Weekly rehearsals start February 11 on Sundays from 2-4 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street. For details or to sign up, contact Laurel Sanders at lsanders@glcpa.org

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - Climate Justice Ministry brings together the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the need to care for the earth. Read more at <https://mailchi.mp/mennoniteusa/peacemail-october-18-3075038?e=194dc5d782>

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.

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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, shoveling snow, 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/>