
CHURCH INFORMATION

1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039

www.universitymennonite.org

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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 21, 2024, 10 am



Worship Leader: Leah Witzig

Accompanist: Joyce Hall

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Leah Witzig

Prelude – *Baptize My Mind* by Jon Foreman

Call to worship

*One: God of church and world,
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,
and bring your reign into being.*

**All: Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.**

*One: God of life and death,
all that exists is from you, and for you.*

**All: Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world.**

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

Lighting the peace lamp

Scripture - Wisdom of Solomon 7:22-30, read by Todd Davis

Singing

We Praise Thee, O God, VT 91

Breathe on Me, Breath of God, VT 737

Scripture – Mark 1:1-11, read by Leah Witzig

Children's time – Pastor Kate, with baptism stories from
Sarah Jeh and Nathan Derstine

Sermon – Pastor Kate, with baptism stories from Gladys & Carl Keener,
and Laura Litwiller

Sermon response - *One Voice* rendition by Sister Song

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Go, My Children (v. 1 and chorus), VT 830

Benediction sending prayer

Announcements

This is our second week of looking 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?

Stay this morning after the Christian Education hour for our monthly potluck fellowship meal. All are welcome!

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

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

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

Feb 14, 5:30 pm – Ash Wednesday 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.

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.fmcs.org/about-us>. Let Kate know if you can come, and we'll sign up as a group.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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

Introductory Centering Prayer workshop will be offered in State College at Grace Lutheran Church during Wednesdays in Lent (4:00-5:15 pm). For more information email Mary Kay at mklaplante11@gmail.com.

Request your native trees to plant at <http://tinyurl.com/nm7mvhye>. PA Interfaith Power and Light is teaming up with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to make natives available for you to plant.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - Sandra Montes-Martinez, associate conference minister of Western District Conference, shares how she has experienced culturally diverse congregations flourish with the practice of gratitude and cultural appreciation. Read here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/cultivating-gratitude/>

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/>

2024 Meat Canning Project

2024 is the 50th year for the Meat Canning Project locally. Did you know that 10% of all of the meat canned remains local? This year we will be canning 34,000 pounds of chicken!

Dates: February 5 – 8

Times:

- Monday – Wednesday 6:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Thursday 6:00 am – 12:00 pm

Where: Chief Logan Firehouse

1800 Glenwood Ave Lewistown, PA 17044

How you can help: We are looking for volunteers (groups preferred but not required) to help with all steps of the process:

Grinding Meat → Filling Cans → Cleaning Cans → Labeling/Boxing Cans

Volunteers can be scheduled for a little or as much time as you would like. (1 hour, 2 hours, all day)

Who to Contact: Jonathan Coldren – Canning Coordinator

Call or Text: 717-250-6840

Unable to donate your time, but looking to help? We are also accepting monetary donations.

Send checks to: PO Box 76 Belleville, PA 17004



792,407 Total Cans
with the help of
28,000 Volunteers

**TOGETHER
WE
CAN**