
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
February 4, 2024, 10 am



6 PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

Worship Leader: Ross Hardison

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

Song Leader: Micah Spicher Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Ross Hardison

Prelude – *Pride (In the Name of Love)* rendition by John Legend

Call to worship

Matthew 5:21-22,43-46

You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder;” and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.” But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool,” you will be liable to the hell of fire. ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same?’

Singing – *Strong, Peaceful Man of Galilee*, VT 573

Lighting the peace lamp – - reading of the 6 principles of nonviolence

Read by Doug Miller, Amy Sattler, Sarah Jeh, Doug McPherson, Paula Droege, and Diane Gingrich

Children’s time – Pastor Kate

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Confession – *Kyrie eleison, Have Mercy*, VT 796

Communion

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction Hymn – *Go, My Friends, in Grace*, VT 810

Announcements

MASKING SPACE - Out of consideration for and support of those who have special health concerns, the leadership team has designated the back three benches on the left side of the sanctuary (as you enter) for those who wish to mask in an area where others are also masking. ***This does not mean that everyone who masks must sit in one of those benches;*** rather, it allows for those who want to mask and to maintain some distance from those who are unmasked to sit in one place.

Intergenerational Sunday school this morning - Donuts and Lent - Join us for a taste of homemade donuts and a look at the season of Lent. What are the Lenten practices we'll be sharing as a congregation in the season ahead, and what are some ways that we can observe Lent at home? And what do donuts have to do with Lent???? Come and find out! All are welcome.

Coming up at UMC - Check out the church calendar for more details <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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

Feb 6, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Feb 8, 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

Feb 18, noon – Potluck fellowship meal

Feb 20, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Feb 22, 7 am – Men’s fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

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.

MCC Meat Canning is happening in Lewistown February 5-8 (see info sheet with bulletin). Doug Miller is coordinating a group of volunteers to help on **Wednesday, February 7 beginning at 2:30 pm**. If you would like to help after work on Wednesday, canning runs until 8 pm and you could join the group in the evening. Let Doug know if you would like to volunteer with the group. douglasalanmiller@gmail.com

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

Announcements (cont.)

Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety – What Can I Do About Gun Violence? – Join us for a panel discussion on February 25 at 2 pm in the Schlow Library Community Room. Many of us know how we feel about gun violence, are appalled by the tragedy of it all, and want to know what to do about it. We have assembled a panel of speakers to address just that issue. Our event will feature a guided discussion with a moderator, followed by an open Q&A period with the audience. Panelists will be prepared to help us:

- learn how to keep kids safe from gun violence
- work with those struggling with mental health and the threat of gun violence
- take legislative action on gun violence
- think about the intersections between spirituality and gun safety

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - MC USA has signed a letter to Congress, along with 62 faith-based organizations, asking for strengthened funding for [Victims of Crime Act \(VOCA\) grants](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-signs-letter-to-congress-asking-for-strengthened-funding-for-victims-of-crime-act-grants/). Read more at: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-signs-letter-to-congress-asking-for-strengthened-funding-for-victims-of-crime-act-grants/>

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/>

On February 4 and 11 we'll be focusing on MLK's 6 Principles of Nonviolence, exploring what it means to take Jesus' call to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matt. 5:43) as a call for living out our faith, in this day and age, with integrity.



Rooted in the teachings
of Jesus ...

6 PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

1. Nonviolence is a way of life for courageous people.
2. Nonviolence seeks to win friendship and understanding.
3. Nonviolence seeks to defeat injustice, not people.
4. Nonviolence holds that unearned, voluntary suffering can educate and transform.
5. Nonviolence chooses love instead of hate.
6. Nonviolence believes that the universe is on the side of justice.

"He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."

-Martin Luther King Jr., *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story*