
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 11, 2024, 10 am



6 PRINCIPLES OF NONVIOLENCE

Worship Leader: Doug Miller

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Doug Miller

Prelude – *What's Going On* by Marvin Gaye

Call to worship

Zechariah 7:9-10 - *Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgements, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.*

Singing

Come, We that Love the Lord, VT 31

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise, VT 98

Lighting the peace lamp – - MLK's 6 Principles of Non-violence,
read by Tim Groff & Sue Miller

Offertory prayer

Scripture - Romans 12:14-21, read by Doug Miller

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Singing - Gentle God, when we are driven, STS 71

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Special music - Becky Kephart, *Make me a channel of your peace*, STJ 56

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying, VT 682

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

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.

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

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

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

Feb 25, 2 pm - Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety Discussion

Schlow Library community room

Feb 26, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Feb 27, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

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.

Mt Nittany Middle School's spring production of the Wizard of Oz

includes two UMC students. Shows are February 23-25. Get tickets at

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/80459>

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

Announcements (cont.)

Haydn's Creation will be performed by the State College Choral Society on April 7 at the State College High School auditorium. Go to: <https://www.schoralsociety.org/> for more information and to buy tickets.

National Day of Racial Healing Part 2 - Strategies to Help Break Down Racial Barriers will be held Friday, April 12, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the State College Municipal Building. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ydj8jtf>

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - When sorting through a donation to the MC USA Archives last summer, Olivia Krall, archives coordinator for MC USA, came across the story of WWI conscientious objector Guy O. Graber. She shares some of her findings at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/archives/guy-o-graber-world-war-i-conscientious-objector/>

Mennonite Mission Network has launched a new fellowship and learning program, Just Peace Pilgrimages, to help participants enter more fully into God's justice and shalom. Pray that God's spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of all who join in the healing work of dismantling the oppressive structures in the United States.

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/>

Today we'll continue our focus 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*