
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>

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

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Sunday Worship
February 25, 2024, 10 am

THE
POETRY
of LENT



Broadening our hearts and preparing the way, making room for careful attention to what matters most.

Worship Leader: Carmen Groff

Accompanist: Krista Weidner

Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Carmen Groff

Prelude – *Surely Goodness and Mercy* by The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – from Psalm 22:23-31 (Pamela Greenberg translation)

Singing

Holy Spirit, Come with Power, VT 57

One is the Body, VT 386

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession

Scripture – Mark 8:27-38, read by Doug McPherson

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Singing to call children forward - *Come and See*, VT 282, v1

Children's time – Rick Stehouwer

Poetry of Lent – Selection from *In Blackwater Woods* by Mary Oliver,
read by Mike Bratt

*To live in this world
you must be able
to do three things:
to love what is mortal;
to hold it
against your bones knowing
your own life depends on it;
and, when the time comes to let it go,
to let it go.*

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Sermon response - *Create in Me a Clean Heart*, by Matt Rooke

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Kyrie Elison, VT 147

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.

This morning we'll hold a congregational meeting after worship in the sanctuary (and on Zoom). Grab a cup of coffee and join us to stay to learn and engage in discussion. We'll hear a new proposal from the Creation Care committee, consider starting a peace and justice group, hear updates from other committees, and more.

My Coins Count - Throughout Lent the children will be gathering coins during children's time. You are also welcome to leave them in the display area in the foyer. This year, the coins will be supporting Mennonite Central Committee's water projects around the world. Contact Bethany Spicher Schonberg if you would like to make a matching donation!

Announcements (cont.)

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

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

Feb 25, 11:15 – Congregational meeting, sanctuary and Zoom

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

Mar 3, 11:15 am – Multi-generational Sunday school hour, fellowship hall

Mar 5, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Mar 11, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Mar 12, 12 pm – Lectio Divina on Zoom

Mar 14, 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.

Join a public discussion: “Palestinians and Israelis: what does the future hold,” featuring the editors of the new journal, *Palestine/Israel Review*, Sonia Boulos and Tamir Sorek. Thursday, February 29 at 6 pm in 201 Municipal Building, 243 S Allen Street.

Join us on March 3 for a multi-generational Sunday school hour as we knot quilts as part of MCC's work, creating warmth to send to families in need around the world. No experience needed. All of us can find a way to participate!

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/ydj8jjtf>

Park Forest Preschool - Volunteer Board Opportunity - The Park Forest Preschool has been serving low-income preschool children and their families in the Centre County community for 56 years! Our dynamic board cares deeply about our community and we work so our youngest citizens receive quality social-emotional support and a solid educational foundation so they may be successful lifelong learners. Our current treasurer will be stepping off the board as of July 2024. We are seeking an individual with an accounting background to serve as our board treasurer.

Please contact JoAnn Vautour, PFP board chair, at 814-880-9322

or jorayv@gmail.com to learn more about this impactful volunteer opportunity.

Announcements (cont.)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - Jonathan Kuttub, international human rights attorney and Mennonite Church USA 2023 Bring the Peace Legacy Peacemaker honoree, describes how his work as a human rights lawyer relates to peace and justice. Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/jonathan-kuttub-bring-the-peace/>

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/>