
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/>

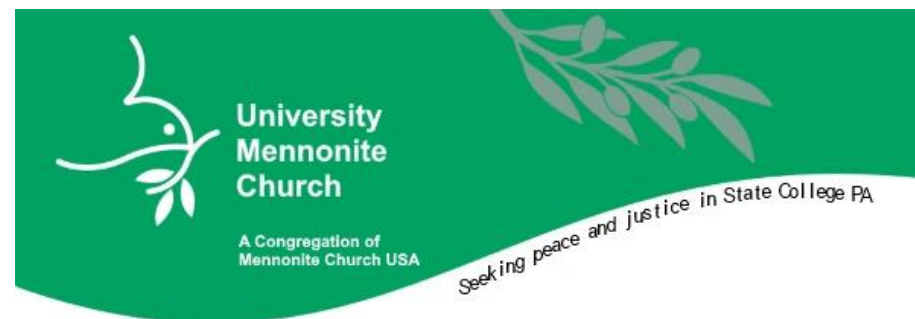
Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<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
March 17, 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: Leland Glenna

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Leland Glenna

Prelude – *Bear Much Fruit* from The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship – including John 12:20-33

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession – from Psalm 51:1-12

*Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*

**Response: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

*Leader: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.*

**Response: Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.**

*Leader: You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.*

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.*

**Response: Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

*Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.*

*Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.*

**Response: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Singing

New Earth, Heavens New, VT 377

Spirit, Open My Heart, VT 636

Scripture – Jeremiah 31:27-34

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel
and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And
just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow,
destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the
Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:*

*‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’*

*But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes
shall be set on edge.*

*The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant
that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them
out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their
husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house
of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will
write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No
longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for
they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for
I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.*

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

Children’s time – Meredith Wideman

Baby dedication of Arlo Pakhtigian, including VT 970

Singing - *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside, VT 514*

Poetry of Lent – *This Morning*, by Mary Oliver, read by Karen Brandes

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Special music – *Create in Me a Clean Heart*
rendition by John Michael Talbot and Terry Talbot

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the sanctuary for a discussion around the sermon and ongoing Lenten themes and readings. Sunday school for the children will be held downstairs.

MASKING SPACE - The back three benches on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved 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 this area;*** rather, it allows for those who want to mask and to maintain some distance from those who are unmasked to sit in one place.

My Coins Count - Throughout Lent the children are 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!

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

Mar 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 23, 7 pm – Acoustic Brew concert featuring Rakish, sanctuary

Mar 25, 7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Mar 26, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 28, 3 pm Maundy Thursday service, Bartschs' Foxdale
6 pm Maundy Thursday service, Spicher Schonbergs'

Mar 31, 9 am – Easter Sunday breakfast, fellowship hall

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.

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>

Ten Thousand Villages New Hours – For the next few months, Ten Thousand Villages will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. We'll continue to be open 11 am to 6 pm Wednesday-Saturday and noon to 4 pm on Sunday.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference News – The conference recently voted to affirm Ken Litwiller as the upcoming moderator elect and Ruth Kitchin Tillman to sit on the nominating committee. Thanks to Ken and Ruth and blessings on this engagement with our conference.

Announcements (cont.)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - Read about a Mennonite pastor's civil rights trip with his partner, Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/sankofa-journey-a-reflection-on-a-civil-rights-pilgrimage/> Pastor Kate is interested in pursuing such a trip. Contact her if you might want to participate to learn more.

On March 4, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on the case of Apache Stronghold v. U.S., voting 6-5 in favor of allowing the permanent destruction of Oak Flat, a sacred Indigenous site. Apache Stronghold has committed to appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court as a violation of religious freedom. Please keep this in your prayers. You may also show your support by signing an online petition at <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/i-support-oak-flat>

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, yard work, 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/>