
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 24, 2024, 10 am

THE
POETRY
of LENT

Palm Sunday



Worship Leader: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

Song Leader: Micah Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Prelude – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* from The Soil and The Seed Project
(featuring Bethany and Micah!)

Call to worship – Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 - from *Ancient Songs Sung Anew*,
Lynn Bauman

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession

Singing

All Glory, Laud, and Honor, VT 315

(children can come to the back at this time to help bring in palms)

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, VT 313

Scripture – Mark 11:1-11, read by Nathan Derstine

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’ ‘They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

Children’s time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Poetry of Lent – *The Poet Thinks about the Donkey*, by Mary Oliver
- read by Marvin Hall

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
He stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

Sermon – Bonnie Kline Smeltzer

Special music – Minnich family

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Singing - *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*, VT 640

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

After worship grab a cup of coffee and join us during the Adult Christian education hour where the UMC visioning team invites you to add to our "Assets and Liabilities Map." We'll consider together how our assets + liabilities = opportunities. We want to hear from many voices!

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.



Announcements (cont.)

This is the last week for coin collection for **My Coins Count**. We will not be collecting them during the service, so if you bring coins, feel free to put them in the bin on the side of the steps at the parking lot entrance. (It's more fun if you put them down the water pipe!)

This is also the last week for the **Making Space Table** to bring something that will make space in your life to donate to Mennonite Central Committee's thrift store.

Have some beautiful flowers in your yard or home? Bring a bouquet of fresh flowers or potted flowers/plant to our Easter service on March 31 to help celebrate and decorate our sanctuary.

Join us next Sunday for an Easter pancake breakfast at 9 am in the fellowship hall. Volunteer to bring something to share at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F054DA4A729A2F94-48424273-umceaster#/>

There will be a ladies' breakfast on Thursday, April 4 at 9 am at the home of Carmen Groff (395 Walnut Street, Reedsville). All ladies are invited and welcome to attend. Egg casseroles will be provided. You may bring either a small baked good to share (like a small coffee cake, 6 muffins or scones, etc.) OR fruit. Please RSVP to Carmen by text (717-437-1979) or email (carmgroff@gmail.com) if you are coming. Also, bring a favorite teacup or mug and be prepared to share why it is special to you.

A memorial service will be held for Bernadette Witzig on Sat., April 6, at 10 am at the State College Presbyterian Church, 132 W. Beaver Avenue. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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

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

Mar 25, 5 pm - Lights & prayers for peace in Gaza and Israel, Allen St. Gates
7 pm – Sacred Harp singing, foyer

Mar 26, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 28, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave
3 pm Maundy Thursday service, Bartschs' Foxdale
6 pm Maundy Thursday service, Spicher Schonbergs'

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

Apr 1, 5 pm, - Lights & prayers for peace in Gaza and Israel, Allen St. Gates

Apr 2, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Apr 4, 9 am – Ladies' breakfast at Carmen Groff's, 395 Walnut St, Reedsville PA

Apr 8, 5 pm, - Lights & prayers for peace in Gaza and Israel, Allen St. Gates

Apr 9, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Announcements (cont.)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA NEWS - Praise God for the 75 years of healing ministry by dedicated personnel at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Hualien, Taiwan, the largest Mennonite hospital in the world. Join Mennonite Mission Network in praying for Dr. Jacob Chang and the hospital staff as the services they offer grow to meet the needs of the populations they serve; the elderly, mothers and children, and those with special needs.

Read about one way Dr. Lesley McLendon re-imagines the church at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/reimagining-church/>

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 four 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/>



***Hosanna in the
highest heaven!***

