
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
March 31, 2024, 10 am
Easter Sunday



Worship Leader: Cathy Bresee

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Cathy Bresee

Prelude – *They Have Taken Him* from The Soil and the Seed Project

Call to worship

Singing

Lift Your Glad Voices, VT 340

This Joyful Eastertide, VT 352

Lighting the peace lamp

Confession and words of assurance

Special music – Ben Schonberg on piano *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Scripture – Mark 16:1-8, read by Cathy Bresee

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Singing – *Low in the Grave He Lay*, VT 333

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

Children’s time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Poetry of Lent – *Don’t Hesitate* by Mary Oliver, read by Connor Huxman

*If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy,
don’t hesitate. Give in to it. There are plenty
of lives and whole towns destroyed or about
to be. We are not wise, and not very often
kind. And much can never be redeemed.
Still, life has some possibility left. Perhaps this
is its way of fighting back, that sometimes
something happens better than all the riches
or power in the world. It could be anything,
but very likely you notice it in the instant
when love begins. Anyway, that’s often the case.
Anyway, whatever it is, don’t be afraid
of its plenty. Joy is not made to be a crumb.*

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Special music – Sally and Mark Minnich

Praeludio in E Major/Christ Who Left His Home in Glory

J.S.Bach/Traditional, arranged by Mark and Sally Minnich

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Special music – *Easter Song* – Edna Troyer, Laurie Troyer,
Becky Kephart, Evelyn Bartsch, Faith King, Sally Williams Minnich

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Singing – *Christ the Lord Is Risen*, VT 346

Benediction

Announcements

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.

There will be no children or adult Christian education hour this morning.

Join us next week after worship for an intergenerational Sunday school - we'll focus on communion. Bring stories of what communion means to you and how you've celebrated it over the years.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) annual relief sale - April 5 and 6 at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Learn more at <https://mcc.org/events/pennsylvania-relief-sale>

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/>

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

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Apr 9, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

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.

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/>