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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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[www.universitymennonite.org](http://www.universitymennonite.org)

Pastor: Kate Heinzl

**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@universitymennonite.org)

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

### Staff and volunteer leadership

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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**  
**April 28, 2024, 10 am**



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Worship Leader: Ben Wideman

Accompanist: Krista Weidner

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome and prayer** – Ben Wideman

**Prelude** – *Creation Is a Song*, from Voices Together 181

**Call to worship** – from VT 901

**Lighting the peace lamp**

**Scripture 1** – 1 John 4:7-21, read by Dale Kephart

**Singing**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*, VT 716

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*, VT 182

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

**Children's time** – Marvin Hall

**Scripture 2** - John 15:1-8, read by Dale Kephart

**Sermon** – Katie Ruth, from Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light

**Special music** – Krista Weidner

**Sharing time** – Doug Yoder

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction** – *At the Dawn of Your Creation*, VT 179

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## Announcements

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**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.

**Pastor Kate is away through May 3.** Please contact an elder (Doug Yoder, Faith King, Doug Miller) with needs. They know how to get in touch with Kate in case of emergencies.

**Coming up** - Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Apr 29, 5 pm – Lights and prayers for Peace in Israel & Gaza, Allen St Gates

Apr 30, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

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## Announcements (cont.)

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Calendar Events (cont.)

May 5, 7 pm – Acoustic Brew Concert featuring the Clements Brothers

May 6, 5 pm – Lights and prayers for Peace in Israel & Gaza, Allen St Gates

May 7, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

May 9, 7 am – Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

May 12, 11 am – Congregational meeting

    Noon – Potluck fellowship meal

May 13, 7 pm – Sacred harp singing, foyer

May 14, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

We'll hold a **congregational meeting on May 12** (between worship and our potluck fellowship meal) with the primary agenda item being the filling of volunteer positions for the new church year that begins in the fall on September 1. UMC needs many helpers. **Consider how you might serve in the coming year and return your volunteer form to Joel Weidner by May 5.** Forms were sent via email and can be downloaded at <https://bit.ly/4cW2CbQ>. There are also paper forms in the lobby.

**Church Around the Table will begin on May 19.** Groups are being formed and you'll hear from hosts in the next few weeks. There will also be an informal worship service held in the sanctuary (led by Gloria and Jim Rosenberger) for those who choose not to join a CATT group.

**Mark your calendars for June 2 – Picnic and canoe/kayaking at Colyer Lake.** Bring a simple picnic lunch and lawn chairs to Colyer Lake's (9 miles east of State College) South boat ramp on Sunday, June 2 and enjoy an afternoon of hiking/canoeing/kayaking. Boats and PFDs (personal flotation devices) will be provided. This will be the maiden voyage for two canoes that Marvin Hall rebuilt. Wear clothes that can get wet if you are adventurous and want to try one of those canoes. 😊

**UMC continues to partner with Brit Shalom and UBBC** with the hopes of welcoming another refugee family to our community through Church World Service. We need more volunteers to commit to this work before saying "yes." Will you help make this work possible? Contact [Kathleen Stehouwer](mailto:Kathleen.Stehouwer) if interested.

**PSU PATHWAYS English learning program** (who use our building) is looking for tutors to work 1:1 with those looking to improve their English skills. Contact Shannon Frey for more information: [ssf124@psu.edu](mailto:ssf124@psu.edu).

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**MC USA News:** The Mennonite Church USA Executive Board affirmed a clean audit and a new strategic plan that seeks to reimagine church in new ways. Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/executive-board-plan/>

Mennonite Church USA is pleased to announce that the 2025 MC USA biennial national gathering and leading faith formation event, Follow Jesus '25, will take place July 8-12, 2025, at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, North Carolina. Shé Langley was named the new director of event planning. Read more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-announces-convention-details-names-director-of-event-planning/>

**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/>