
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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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
August 11, 2024, 10 am



Rooted in the love of Christ, we welcome each one here today—
we welcome your mind, body, and spirit; we welcome your faith and
your doubts; your joys and your sorrows. Wherever you come from,
whatever your age, and whomever you love...
Whoever you are, you are welcome here.

Worship Leader: Ross Hardison

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel

Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and prayer – Ross Hardison

Prelude – *Na Mikolo Na Liboso*, from DRC

Call to worship – from VT #853

*Leader: If you are delighted to be here,
or if you are tired or troubled,*

People: you are welcome.

*Leader: If your faith is strong,
or if your faith is battered or frail,*

People: you are welcome.

*Leader: If you are eager to praise God,
or if you need to be quiet,*

People: you are welcome.

**All: God welcomes us all
to worship today
and promises to meet us here.**

Lighting the peace lamp

Singing

Will You Come and Follow Me, VT 540

Take My Life, and Let It Be, VT 759

Voices of the congregation – Micah Schonberg

Scripture – Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.'

Singing to call children forward, *Come and See*

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Sermon – Ndunge Sefu

Special music – Sefu family

Sharing time – Ben Wideman

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – *Bwana Awabariki (May God Grant You a Blessing)*, VT 845

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Aug 11, noon – Potluck fellowship meal, fellowship hall

Aug 12, 7 pm – Sacred harp singing, foyer

Aug 12, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Aug 13, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Aug 18, 10 am – Church Around the Table, various homes and UMC

Aug 19, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Aug 22, 7 am - Men's fellowship breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

Aug 25, worship – Blessing of backpacks for new school year

Pastor Kate will be on sabbatical from August 6 to September 30 – During this time, contact an elder for pastoral care needs.

August is Mennonite Central Committee school kit month! Any of the following items can be placed in the box in the foyer any Sunday in August; the kits go to students in the U.S. and around the world. One bag contains:

- 4 spiral or perforated-page notebooks; about 21.5 cm x 27.5 cm (8.5 in x 11 in); approx. 140 pages (70 sheets) each, totaling 500–600 pages (250-300 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm (inch markings optional))
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small all-metal pencil sharpener (one or two holes)

Students and teachers of all ages: On August 25, bring your backpacks, briefcases, or laptops for a Blessing of the Backpacks to mark a new year of school.

Save the Date: Song Leading Workshop, Sunday, Aug. 25 (after the service). Current and aspiring song leaders (as well as curious congregants) are all welcome to join a song leading presentation/workshop after the church service on Sunday, August 25. Sally Minnich will share her expertise from conducting studies to help song leaders clearly and effectively gesture while leading hymn singing.

Announcements (cont.)

UMC Library News – There is a display of UMC library books in the elevator lobby featuring writings by or about theologians referenced in this Summer Sermon Series. Please check out a book: sign the card at the back, place it in the cardholder, and return the book when you are finished with it. Also, please stop by the library, basement room #1, to browse the adult and children's library shelves. – Library Committee

Interfaith Human Services (HIS) is preparing for its 5th Annual Community Care Auction and is accepting donated items for the auction. They need new, handcrafted items as well as gift certificates. "Experiences" such as tickets to events, sports, or a stay at a cabin/vacation property or timeshare will also sell well. Items are needed no later than August 30. For information or questions about donating items email Curt at director@interfaithhumanservices.org or call 814-234-7731.

FREE SUBU: Want to support Vedam Subu's quest for justice? Learn how to get involved at <https://freesubu.org/>

Children in UMC worship – Children through fifth 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.

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/>