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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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

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 25, 2024, 10 am**



**Welcome back Penn State students!**

**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.**

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Worship Leader: Bethany Spicer Schonberg

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Welcome and prayer** – Bethany Spicer Schonberg

**Prelude** – *Closer to Fine*, cover by Larkin Poe

**Call to worship and peace lamp**

### Singing

*Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*, VT 7

*I Come with Joy*, VT 478

**Voices of the congregation** – Laura Litwiller

**Scripture** – John 6:56-69

*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

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

**Children’s time** – Rob Bies

**Blessing for students and teachers**

**Singing** – *Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands*, VT 485

**Sermon** – Ben Wideman

**Special music** – Becky Kephart

**Sharing time** – Leah Witzig

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

**Benediction**

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### Announcements

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After worship today, all current and aspiring song leaders (as well as curious congregants) are welcome to join a **song leading presentation/workshop**. Sally Minnich will share her expertise from conducting studies to help song leaders clearly and effectively gesture while leading hymn singing.

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

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

Aug 25, after worship – song leading workshop, sanctuary

Aug 26, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Aug 26, 7 pm – Sacred harp singing, foyer

Aug 27, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Sep 1, after worship – Intergenerational Christian education, fellowship hall

Sep 2, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Sep 3, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Sep 8, after worship – Congregational meeting, sanctuary

After meeting – Potluck fellowship meal

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

**Beginning on September 1, UMC will offer Christian education classes** for all ages following the worship service. All are welcome to intergenerational gatherings in the basement on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. On the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays, junior youth, older elementary and younger elementary classes will meet in the basement and adults will meet in the sanctuary.

**UMC library news** – There is a display of UMC library books in the elevator lobby featuring writings by or about theologians referenced in our 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

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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)

**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](mailto:director@interfaithhumanservices.org) or call 814-234-7731.

### MC USA News

**Anabaptist Community Bible** - Expertly designed using the Common English Bible translation, the Anabaptist Community Bible will connect you more deeply to the biblical story, the anabaptist story, and your own story. More than 7,200 marginal notes alongside the biblical text feature commentary from anabaptist scholars, historical notes from the tradition, and the insights of nearly 600 bible study groups. This pairing of notes and introductions alongside the biblical text commemorates the 500th anniversary of anabaptism by modeling a community-based approach to reading scripture and calling readers to follow Jesus in word and deed. **Pre-orders** are accepted until Oct. 1, 2024. Shipping for less than 12 copies is \$6.99 each or custom shipping for orders of 13 or more bibles. Prices go up an average of \$20/bible after that.

<https://www.mennomedia.org/anabaptist-community-bible/#MennoMedia>

**What is this place?** - Doug Luginbill thought he was going to Washington, DC to join a demonstration, but found himself in church! Read more at

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/what-is-this-place/>

**A cross-cultural blessing** - Deb Byler shares how having a spiritual director at various points in her life has led her to share the gift and provide direction to others, across cultures, on their spiritual journeys. Read more at

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/a-cross-cultural-blessing/>

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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.

**New to UMC?** Considering joining our email sharing list and online directory to stay in touch. Find out more and sign up on the church website.

**Directory** - <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

**Sharing List** - <https://universitymennonite.org/email-sharing-list/>

**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/>