
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 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
November 3, 2024, 10 am



JOURNEYING THROUGH
GENESIS

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: Emily Pakhtigian

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome and prayer – Emily Pakhtigian

Call to worship

Singing

Shall We Gather At The River – VT 667

Nothing Is Lost On The Breath Of God – VT 653

Lighting the peace lamp

Calling the children forward for children's time, *Come and See* – VT 282

Children's time – Rick Stehouwer

Scripture reading and reflection - Emily Pakhtigian, Todd Davis, Pastor Kate

Genesis 37 (Pew Bible page 30)

Confession – from VT 906

May the Love

which overcomes all differences,

which heals all wounds,

which puts to flight all fears,

which reconciles all who are separated,

be in us and among us

now and always. Amen.

Communion/Lighting of Candles –

In our grief, and in remembrance of those who have gone before

Glimpses of joy – *Listen to the Word*, VT 405

Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Nov 3, after worship – Intergenerational Christian education

Nov 4, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Nov 4, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

Nov 5 – Election Day - Make your voice heard and be sure to vote

Nov 5, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Nov 10, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Thank you to Bethany Spicher Schonberg for making the communion bread today. Do you enjoy making bread? If you're willing to make one large loaf to be used during communion (celebrated the first Sunday of each month) please let Pastor Kate know. Making bread for communion is a beautiful intersection of the ordinary and the sacred. Please consider blessing us with your creation.

Journeying through Genesis – This fall we are exploring the rich and complicated stories from that ancient Hebrew text. We are using the Peace Table Storybook Bible to structure our Sunday scripture and themes, and to guide our children's times.

UMC library news – UMC library resources for the ongoing study of Genesis and other scripture studies are on display in the elevator lobby. Please check them out and return when you are finished with them. - Library Committee

Music is an important part of our worship each Sunday, and we have a pool of volunteers who lead singing, accompany hymns, and play the prelude and special music. Do we have musicians who are not in the loop? If you sing, play an instrument, or have song-leading skills and are interested in helping with music, please let Krista Weidner know (kristaweidner@outlook.com). We'd love to add you to our group of musicians.

UMC offers 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.

Join us each week on Tuesday at noon on Zoom for a curious, open-hearted look at the scripture for the coming Sunday. We ask questions of the text and ourselves, wondering what invitation it has for our lives today. There is also a time of sharing the joys, sorrows, and challenges in our lives and praying with one another. Contact Pastor Kate for a Zoom link.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

Interested in exploring church membership? A class will take place later this fall. Contact one of the elders (Faith King, Doug Miller, Leah Witzig) or Kate for more details.

UMC Thanksgiving - There will be a Thanksgiving Day meal in the fellowship hall on Thursday, November 28th. We will eat at 2:00 but you may come at 1:00. A sign-up sheet for food and those attending will be available in the lobby. A few volunteers are needed that day to set up and clean up (although we've always had help!). Bring friends or family members visiting. All are welcome!

Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Sale - TTV is planning a three-day holiday sale at the Unitarian Fellowship on November 21, 22, and 23. Since the store has closed, this will be an opportunity for the local community to support international fair-trade and shop for the holidays. We plan to have a wide variety of artisan goods, coffee, chocolate, tea, and heirloom quality rugs from Bunyaad. It takes a lot of effort to pull off a sale like this. If you would like to help with one or more shifts, check out the online signup sheet and join the effort - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA4AC2AA6FC1-51714568-tenthousand#/>

MCUSA News -

Join MC USA in a Day of Prayer and Fasting - Monday, Nov 4, Let us come together. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. Proverbs 3:5

Leaning on the non-violent message of Jesus in polarized times - Read about the impact of the recent evangelicalconfession2024 on leaders in the MC USA's Central District Conference - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-shorts/polarized-times/>

Three churches experience Christ at the Borders in 2024 - Over the past summer, members of three churches took part in Chapter 1 of Mission Network's Christ at the Border Just Peace Pilgrimage, at the United States-Mexico border - <https://www.mennonitemission.net/video/5146/Three-churches-experience-Christ-at-the-Borders-in-2024>

Announcements (cont.)

New to UMC? Considering joining our email sharing list and online directory **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/>

PARK FOREST PRESCHOOL - SOUP FUNDRAISER!!

Order: email: PFPreschoolFundRaiser@gmail.com by 11/7
(watch for a CONFIRMATION EMAIL)

Pick Up: Preschool on Thursday, 11/14 from 4:00 - 5:30pm
Park Forest Village United Methodist Church
1833 Park Forest Ave
Pay by cash or check at Pick up



\$13 per Quart

Smoked Tomato (gf)

Chicken Corn Chowder

Roasted Butternut Squash

Chicken Noodle

Vegetarian Vegetable (gf) (vegan)

Loaf of Italian Bread - \$3.00

Freeze and keep
for a quick meal during the holiday season!

