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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

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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 17, 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.**

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Worship Leader: Rick Stehouwer  
Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Faith King

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** – Krista Weidner

**Welcome and prayer** – Rick Stehouwer

**Call to worship**, from VT 852

Leader: In the beginning

When it was very quiet

The Word was with God

**All: and the Word was God**

Leader: In the beginning

When it was very dark

God said, “Let there be light.”

**All: and there was light.**

Leader: When the time was right,

God sent the Son;

**All: Christ came among us**

**And was one of us.**

## Singing

*Come Away From Rush And Hurry* – VT 9

*Let There Be Light* – VT 714

## Lighting the peace lamp

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

**Children’s time** – Joyce Hall

## Scripture reading and singing

*Listen to the Word*, VT 405

Genesis 45:1-8 (Pew Bible Page 37)

**Sermon** – Ben Wideman

**Sermon Response** - VT 1043, followed by silence

**Glimpses of the Divine** – *Bend the Arc* by Ben Pagliaro

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

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate

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

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

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

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

Nov 17, after worship – intergenerational Christian education considering our new visioning statement

Nov 18, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Nov 19, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Nov 24, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Nov 28, 1 pm – UMC Thanksgiving

**State College Food Bank's Greatest Need** - Please consider donating Canned Fruit (peaches, pears, pineapple, applesauce) next Sunday, November 24, to support 480-500 families the State College Food Bank serves monthly.

Please check the dates of the items you donate. The Food Bank cannot distribute expired items.

**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. Just one more week left to complete the reading challenge!

**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](mailto:kristaweidner@outlook.com)). We’d love to add you to our group of musicians.

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

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**UMC offers Christian education classes** for all ages following the worship service. Today our intergenerational Sunday School will consider the new visioning statement: *"All generations serving God and the world, together"*. The visioning team hopes you can join us in exploring how each of us can live into this vision.

**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.

**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.

**UMC Thanksgiving** - There will be a Thanksgiving Day meal in the fellowship hall on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We will eat at 2:00 but you may come at 1:00. A sign-up sheet for food and those attending is 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#/>

**Out of the Cold** is looking for volunteers to help with item donation, breakfast provider, evening host, and dinner provider. Please consider signing up to help! Thank you - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-52602044-ootc/72733331#/>

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### MCUSA News –

**Mennonite Action** is holding an emergency mass organizing call on November 21st, 2024 at 8pm ET / 5pm PT. Last November, we gathered to pray, grieve, and organize on Mennonite Action's very first virtual mass call. Over 800 of us came together because we needed this community space to help process our shock, horror, and deep grief as the genocide in Gaza unfolded.

This year, in the wake of the election, we will gather to recommit ourselves to this movement for peace, justice and liberation. We will gather to process our fear and our grief about the future for our own communities and for Palestine. And we will prepare to continue to take mass, public action together.

[To sign up, visit \[mennoniteaction.org/call\]\(https://mennoniteaction.org/call\)](https://mennoniteaction.org/call)

**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/>