
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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 24, 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: Bethany Spicher Schonberg
Accompanist: Hal Kunkel Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Hal Kunkel

Welcome and prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship, from Jeremiah 17:7-8

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Singing

God of The Bible (Fresh As The Morning) – VT 420
For The Fruit Of All Creation – VT 124

Lighting the peace lamp

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

Children's time – Marvin Hall

Scripture reading and singing

Listen to the Word – VT 405
Genesis 50:15-21 (Pew Bible Page 42)

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl
Followed by a time of Silence

Glimpses of the Divine – *Rooted and Grounded* by The Soil & the Seed
Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction - Chazak! Chazak! V'nitchazek!

Translation - Be strong, be strong and we will be strengthened!

Sending song - You Shall Go Out with Joy – VT 847

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Nov 24, after worship – Christian education classes for all ages

Nov 25, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Nov 26, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Nov 28, 1 pm – UMC Thanksgiving

Dec 1, Advent Begins! After worship – Intergenerational Christian education

Dec 18, during worship – Guest preacher Dr. Leticia Guardiola Saenz, professor of theology and religious studies at Seattle University

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 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!

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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.

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.

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.

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#/>

MCUSA News –

Using our Power to Create Spaces for Healing and Community Care – Pastor Katerina Gea [shares](#) about the Community Care and Trauma Healing gatherings her church has been hosting to support Palestinian solidarity - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/using-our-power-to-create-spaces-for-healing-and-community-care/>

Journeying with Creation: Advent Prayers in a Time of Climate – We are invited to pray with all creatures who long for Jesus' coming, using the prayers, images and actions. Download here - <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/28145>

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/>

COMING SOON!

