
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 – Advent Week 1
December 1, 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: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Advent prelude – Including star-themed requests from UMC

Star of Wonder, Suffjan Stevens – Ben Wideman

Star in the East, LA Choral Lab – Karen Rath

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight, Emily Grouse – Meredith Wideman

From Lands of the East, Oasis Choral – Mary Derstein

Welcome and prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Call to worship

Singing, with lighting of the Advent wreath

To Us a Child of Hope is Born – VT 259

In Thee Is Gladness – VT 666

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

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Scripture reading – read by Mike Bratt

Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible Page 856 & 857)

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Carol singing

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – VT 218

Confession & Communion

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Glimpses of the Divine – *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem*, rendition by

Wynonna Judd (requested by Sam Yoder & Gloria Horst Rosenberger)

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

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Dec 1, after worship – Intergenerational coffee hour

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

Dec 3, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Dec 8, during worship – Guest preacher Dr. Leticia Guardiola Saenz, professor of theology and religious studies at Seattle University

Dec 8, after worship – Intergenerational Christian education

Dec 15, after worship – Christkindlmarket and Fellowship Meal

Food Bank donations for November 2024 - Thank you to everyone who donated to the November Food Bank request for canned fruits. UMC donated 26 jars of applesauce, 15 cans of pineapples, 14 cans of peaches, and 13 cans of pears. These gifts are greatly appreciated by staff and clients.

Our children invite you to their Christkindlmarket during the Sunday School time on December 15. It is a giving market (no money needed), and our children will share their talents through baking, crafting, art, music, shepherding, woodworking, and more. Any children who are interested in participating, we will be meeting during the Sunday school time December 1 and 8, and parents will receive more information in a separate email.

Please consider supporting Park Forest Preschool families this holiday season – Send donations to the church by Sunday, December 15th. Write checks to UMC and designate “Preschool Christmas Gift” in the memo. Last year we were able to donate thirty-one \$50.00 gift cards to each Park Forest Preschool family. Gift cards allow families to make choices for their holiday celebrations. Park Forest Preschool is a nonprofit, tuition-free school for two-, three-and four-year-old children from income-qualifying families.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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#/>

Mennonite Church USA News –

Promoting Peace - Learn about MC USA's historic stance on promoting peace - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ministry/peacebuilding/promoting-peace/>

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

New to UMC? Considering joining our email sharing list and online directory **Directory** - <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>
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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/>

Announcements (cont.)



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Alternative Christmas Fair

University Baptist & Brethren Church

**You are warmly invited to the
Alternative Christmas Fair!**

Choose from among 30+ charities to support

Either in-person
Dec. 8 from
10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at 411 S. Burrowes
St., State College



Or online
from Dec. 1-22

Visit
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