
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 – Advent Week 2
December 8, 2024, 10 am



Advent is a season of waiting, watching, and wonder. A time of anticipation, expectation, and excitement. A time for renewing our hope, peace, joy and love, getting ready for the marvel on the way.

Worship Leader: Pastor Kate Heinzl
Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Advent prelude – Including star-themed requests from UMC
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, Barenaked Ladies – Ieva Perkons
May You Find A Light, The Brilliance – 2023 Advent Theme
When Halley Came To Jackson, Mary Chapin Carpenter – Krista Weidner
Christmas Tree Farm, Taylor Swift – Anika Wideman
Silent Night, Celtic Women – Meredith Wideman & Leah Witzig

Welcome and prayer – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Call to worship

In our own lives	In our nation
We are seeking light	We are seeking light
In our neighborhoods	In our world
We are seeking light	We are seeking light
In our families	<i>Jesus Christ you are the light of the world</i>
We are seeking light	<i>May we have eyes to see you</i>
In our work	<i>And ears to hear you</i>
We are seeking light	<i>Come into our world today</i>
In our nation	<i>Amen</i>
We are seeking light	
In our world	
We are seeking light	

Singing

Come, Christians, Join To Sing – VT 28

Scripture 1 – “Mary’s Song” read by Esther Prins
Luke 1:46-55 (from VOICE Translation)

And Mary said:

My soul lifts up the Lord!

My spirit celebrates God, my Liberator!

For though I’m God’s humble servant,

God has noticed me.

Now and forever,

I will be considered blessed by all generations.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me;

holy is God’s name!

From generation to generation,

Announcements (cont.)



LOVE
JUSTICE
SIMPLICITY
COMPASSION

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
ubbcwelcome.org/acf
for more information

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.

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 –

Full Hearts not Landfills - In the United States, we send 25% more [waste to landfills](#) between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Decomposing food waste and other organic materials, including yard trimmings and paper, release methane gas, a potent greenhouse gas. Read more about cutting waste in MC USA's Climate Justice Corner. [Here!](#)

Anabaptist Advent Devotionals - "Journeying with Creation: Advent Prayers in a Time of Climate Change" Download here - <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/82/28145>

Mennonite Education Agency 2024 Advent at Home worship guide
Download here - <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/resources/advent-at-home/>

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/>

*God's lovingkindness endures
for those who revere Him.
God's arm has accomplished mighty deeds.
The proud in mind and heart,
God has sent away in disarray.
The rulers from their high positions of power,
God has brought down low.
And those who were humble and lowly,
God has elevated with dignity.
The hungry—God has filled with fine food.
The rich—God has dismissed with nothing in their hands.
To Israel, God's servant,
God has given help,
As promised to our ancestors,
remembering Abraham and his descendants in mercy forever.*

Singing, with lighting of the Advent wreath

Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee – VT 215

Scripture 2 – “Zechariah Prophecy” read by Leland Glenna

Luke 1:67-80 (from VOICE Translation)

When Zacharias's voice was restored to him, he sang from the fullness of the Spirit a prophetic blessing.

May the Lord God of Israel be blessed indeed!

For God's intervention has begun,

and He has moved to rescue us, the people of God.

*And the Lord has raised up a powerful sign of liberation for us
from among the descendants of God's servant, King David.*

As was prophesied through the mouths of His holy prophets in ancient times:

God will liberate us from our enemies

and from the hand of our oppressors!

God will show mercy promised to our ancestors,

upholding the abiding covenant He made with them,

*Remembering the original vow He swore to Abraham,
from whom we are all descended.*

God will rescue us from the grasp of our enemies

so that we may serve Him without fear all our days

In holiness and justice, in the presence of the Lord.

And you, my son, will be called the prophet of the Most High.

For you will be the one to prepare the way for the Lord

*so that the Lord's people will receive knowledge of their freedom
through the forgiveness of their sins.*

All this will flow from the kind and compassionate mercy of our God.

A new day is dawning:

the Sunrise from the heavens will break through in our darkness,

and those who huddle in night,

those who sit in the shadow of death,

Will be able to rise and walk in the light,

guided in the pathway of peace.

And John grew up and became strong in spirit. He lived in the wilderness, outside the cities, until the day came for him to step into the public eye in Israel.

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

Children's time (and MCC kits!) – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Sermon – Dr. Leticia Guardiola-Saenz

Professor in Theology & Religious Studies at Seattle University

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 – Magnificat (Mighty One)

Rendition by The Soil & the Seed Project

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 8, after worship – Christian Education for All Ages

Dec 8, 5:30 pm – Potluck with our Turkish Muslim community

Dec 9, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Dec 9, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing at UMC

Dec 10, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Dec 12, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Dec 15, after worship – Christkindlmarket and Fellowship Meal

Announcements (cont.)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Hygiene Kits - On the Sundays of December 15, 22, 29 we will be collecting items for hygiene kits for MCC. There are 5 items requested (new items only): 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacture's packaging), 1 large bar bath soap (in original wrapper), 1 nail clipper (good quality), 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark color, 16" X 26"), 1 wide toothed comb (6 to 8").

MCC states: *Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed. Due to strict regulations in some countries on the expiration date of toothpaste, MCC no longer asks for toothpaste to be donated with the kit. Instead, MCC will provide toothpaste with the kits when they ship from MCC's warehouse.* MCC has sent 80,060 hygiene kits to Salvador, Guatemala, Malawi, Puerto Rico, Ukraine, U.S.A., Zambia.

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.

Following our Christkindmarket next Sunday we will share a meal. Bring your favorite family dish to share whether it be a main course, salad or dessert.

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.

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.