
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:

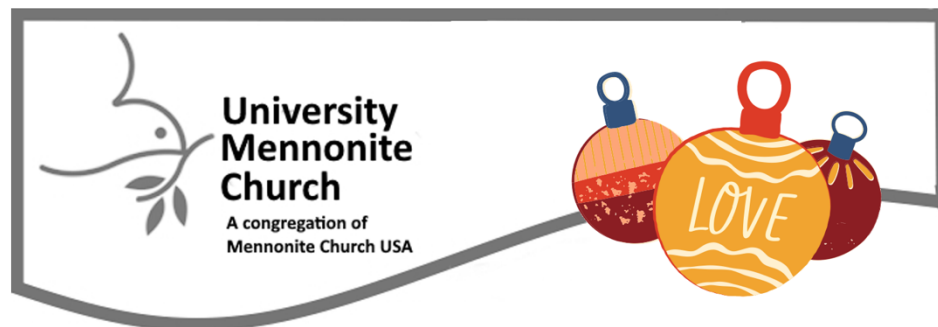
<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

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 4
December 22, 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: Ross Hardison

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Advent prelude – Including star-themed requests from UMC

Vincent, Don McLean – Hal Kunkel

The Christmas Song, Paul McCartney – Alethia Wideman

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow, City Church SF – Faith King

Angels We Have Heard on High, Mannheim Steamroller

– Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Welcome and prayer – Ross Hardison

Call to worship

In our own lives

We are seeking light

In our neighborhoods

We are seeking light

In our families

We are seeking light

In our work

We are seeking light

In our nation

We are seeking light

In our world

We are seeking light

Jesus Christ you are the light of the world

May we have eyes to see you

And ears to hear you

Come into our world today

Amen

Singing, with lighting of the Advent wreath

Creator of the Stars of the Night – VT 236

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper – VT 237

Scripture - Luke 1:39-45 – read by Ross Hardison

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

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Carol singing

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice – VT 261

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Glimpses of the Divine – *Early on One Christmas Morn*

By Bruce Cockburn, requested by Esther Prins

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 22, after worship – Congregational Meeting (see below)

Dec 23, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Dec 24, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Dec 24, 5 pm – Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

Dec 29, after worship – no Sunday school programming

There will be a brief congregational meeting in the sanctuary following worship to discuss the proposal that was sent out via email about using some of our Radical Hospitality funds to support refugee resettlement efforts. I hope you can join us – Joel Weidner, congregational chair

Ten Thousand Villages has a variety of chocolate and a small amount of coffee and tea products leftover from our holiday sales. Joel will have items available for sale on Sunday. All products are fairly traded and organic and will be deeply discounted and sold at our cost. Equal Exchange chocolate, \$3.30 per bar, Moka chocolate, \$4.77 per bar, Equal Exchange Coffee, \$8.70 a bag, Tea, \$3.60 per box., Equal Exchange baking cocoa, hot chocolate (regular and spicing), all \$6.50 per can. Payment by credit card or check.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Hygiene Kits - On the remaining Sundays in December we will be collecting items for hygiene kits for MCC. There are 5 items requested (new items only): 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer'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.

Announcements (cont.)

We'll hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 12 that will focus on the vision for UMC. The meeting will be held, after worship, in the fellowship hall along with a simple fellowship meal. We'll hear from the visioning team and have time in smaller groups to help flesh out in table groups what our vision looks like at UMC. All are invited.

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/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-53460104-december/23021322#

Mennonite Church USA News –

The MC USA Annual Fund directs donations to where they are needed most, supporting programs such as the Safe Church Ministry, the Peace and Justice Support Network, Women in Leadership and Anabaptist faith formation. Your gift will help to strengthen our denomination, which in turn, supports area conferences, congregations and members. Please consider supporting our mission with an end-of-year gift - <https://secure.myvanco.com/YM1N/campaign/C-YYEV>

MC USA's Hope for the Future Conference - This year's unique event will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Damascus Road Anti-racism Process and its pivotal role in the Anabaptist commitment to justice and reconciliation. Click here for more information - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/celebrate-damascus-road/>

To Them is Born: An advent reflection - Luis Tapia Rubio shares that Jesus comes for the lowly and oppressed in the Christmas story of Luke 2 and what that means for everyone else to celebrate Christmas and follow Jesus - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/to-them-is-born-an-advent-reflection/>

Announcements (cont.)

The light in the darkness—and the darkness in the light - Mir Knego, leader of the Anchorage, Alaska, Service Adventure unit. Service Adventure is Mennonite Mission Network's service program designed for young adults ages 17- 20. Read it here - <https://www.mennonitemission.net/blog/the-light-in-the-darkness-and-the-darkness-in-the-light/>

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

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/>