
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 – First Sunday of Christmas
December 29, 2024, 10 am**



***Welcoming the Light of the World, the Prince of Peace,
the Wonderful Counselor.
The One through whom the stars are made.***

Worship Leader: Ruth Kitchin Tillman
Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Christmas prelude – selections from Revamped Christmas album

Welcome and prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

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

Away in a Manger - VT 257

Love Has Come – VT 258

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

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture - Luke 1:46-56 – read by Leah Lumeya and Jenn Bies

Our scripture passage is layered with a visual sonification of the 30 Doradus star formation. These synthesizer sounds are drawn from the information found in X-rays from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and infrared data from the James Webb Space Telescope.

And Mary said,

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

Lectio Divina on Luke 1:46-56 – led by Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Carol singing

Sharing time – Faith King

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Glimpses of the Divine –

Go Tell it on the Mountain, rendition by Maverick City Music

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 29, after worship – no Sunday school programming

Dec 30, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Dec 31, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Dec 31, 7 pm – New Years Eve party at Vonda and Doug Yoder's home

Jan 5, during worship – celebrating communion

Jan 5, after worship – new Sunday school format for the new year!

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.

Announcements (cont.)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Hygiene Kits – this is the final Sunday when 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.

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/>

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/>