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## 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 – January 5, 2024, 10 am**



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

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Worship Leader: Bethany Spicher Schonberg  
Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** – Becky Kephart

**Welcome and prayer** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Call to worship**

**Singing, with lighting of the Advent wreath**

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!* - VT 273

*Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* – VT 269

**Scripture - Luke 2:21-40**

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

**Children's time** – Meredith Wideman

**This I Believe**, with Meredith Wideman

*This week we begin a new way of hearing from one another - inviting a congregant to distill one of the guiding principles of their life that has shaped them and their faith.*

**Singing**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* - VT 778

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Confession**

**Communion**

*Pledge of Love* – VT 937

**Singing**

*Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands* - VT 485

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

**Glimpses of the Divine** – *Christmas Must Be Tonight*, by The Band

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

## Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

### Benediction

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#### Announcements

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**Coming up** – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

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

See details below

Jan 6, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Jan 7, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Jan 12, after worship – Congregational Meeting and Meal (details below)

**2025 Sunday school at UMC** will include a mix of intergenerational gatherings and traditional age-divided class. On first Sundays, communion is extended into the foyer after the service with snacks and discussion questions for all - an opportunity for conversation with a variety of ages. On second, fourth and fifth Sundays, adults meet in the sanctuary, and there are classes for children in grades K-2, 3-5 and 6-8. On third Sundays, all are invited to the basement for an intergenerational activity. In January, we will alter this rhythm with an intergenerational gathering on January 12, followed by two weeks of traditional Sunday school. Sunday school will continue through the end of May and begin again in September.

**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.

**Turkish Mosaic Art Workshops** are being held every third Sunday from 2:00 to 4:30 in our fellowship hall through May. Dates include January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20, and May 18. For more details on the workshops or to sign up, please visit this website - <https://mosaicartstudio.us/products/mosaic-workshops-in-state-college-pa>

**Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Hygiene Kits** – A hearty “Thank You” for everyone who contributed to the MCC kits this season! Collectively we gathered 37 fingernail trimmers, 30 combs, 36 toothbrushes, 49 bars of soap, 27 hand towels, 76 cloth bags! This makes a huge difference in the lives of those who are in need. MCC has sent 80,060 hygiene kits to Salvador, Guatemala, Malawi, Puerto Rico, Ukraine, U.S.A., Zambia.

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**Out of the Cold** will be hosting breakfast and dinner at our shelter for the month of January. Sign up to bring breakfast, dinner, supplies, or be an evening host here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-53461113-january/72733331#/>

### 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>

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