
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 – February 16, 2024, 10 am



The Healing Hand is a sacred symbol from Hopi Native American culture that represents healing, protection, and balance.

***Join us as we continue our journey
through the Gospel of Luke***

*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 and affirmed here.

Worship Leader: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Welcome and prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Call to worship, with Psalm 119

Forgive hearts consumed with selfish gain.

Turn our hearts toward love for others.

Forgive eyes gazing at worthless things of this world.

Turn our eyes toward your presence, your action, within us and around us.

Forgive hands that push people away.

Turn our hands to welcome the stranger, the outcast, the enemy.

Forgive feet kicking up dust on dead-end roads.

Turn our feet onto your path of righteousness and life.

By the grace of the forgiving, transforming One—Jesus Christ—

Forgive us, turn us, O God.

Singing

Thy Word is a Lamp – VT 398

Peace Lamp

Scripture - Luke 7:1-17 (page 839 in the pew Bible)

read by Fran Osseo-Asare

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

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Singing

O Healing River – VT 706

Sermon – Pastor Kate

Singing

Healer of our Every Ill – VT 644

Sharing time – Pastor Kate

Glimpses of the Divine – *Healing*, by FLETCHER

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

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Feb 16, after worship – Knotting comforters for Mennonite Central Committee

Feb 17, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Feb 18, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Feb 22, 9 am – church building workday (details below)

Feb 23, after worship – Christian education for all ages

You are invited to the

Fellowship Hall after the service to participate in comforter making for Mennonite Central Committee! There will be a table for cutting fabric into squares, a table for sewing the binding around a finished comforter, and three tables for knotting comforters.

The State College Food Bank

request this month is canned chicken. Please bring this or other canned or non-perishable food items to support the State College Food Bank through the end of February.

Out of the Cold is looking for volunteers for breakfast, dinner, supplies, and evening host. Please consider signing up to help the shelter -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-54735507-february/23021322#/>



THE GREAT WINTER WARM-UP

WINTER 2025

Help MCC collect 7,000 comforters by the end of March.

Make a comforter or sponsor one!



888.563.4676



Announcements (cont.)

The UMC by-laws stipulate the periodic evaluation of the current serving pastor. Tim Groff, Doug Miller, Sally Minnich and Karen Rath have been tasked by the UMC Leadership Team to prepare and distribute a survey to the congregation, which has been sent out via email. This group will also compile the survey results and provide a report to the Leadership Team. Please complete the form within two weeks (by 2/24/25). For those who prefer hard copies, they will be available in the church foyer. When completed, please place hard copies in Tim & Carmen Groff's mailbox.

UMC library Black History Month book display in the elevator lobby: *I'm still here: Black dignity in a world made for whiteness*, Channing Brown, Austin. *A Black theology of liberation*, Cone, James H. *White fragility: Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism*, Diangelo, Robin. *Dear white peacemakers*, Moore, Osheta *We shall live in peace: the teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, Deloris Harrison, ed. (juvenile literature). Sign the card in the back and deposit it in the box. Return the book when you are finished with it.

The meeting house committee is reinstating a tradition of having a workday at the church. This is a time when we all come together to clean and spruce up our building. On Saturday, February 22, from 9:00 AM until noon, we are asking you to participate. The tasks that need to be done are wash windows, remove cobwebs, organize, obvious, public spaces, deep, clean, the bathrooms, and much more. We have chosen this date so that it looks inviting when our congregation hosts churches in the next Allegheny Conference meeting on March 8. ~The Meeting House Committee

Ramadan Iftar Dinners - Through traditional Turkish meals, meaningful conversations, and the joy of breaking our fast together at sunset, these gatherings will celebrate our shared values while also promoting diversity and unity within our community. To join one of these special Iftar dinners at the home of a Turkish family, click here by Feb 20 and select dates that work for you - <https://forms.gle/frznMpXbpiAt4GKb8>

UMC will host the next Allegheny Mennonite Conference Spring Faith and Life gathering on March 8th, from 9:30am-3:00pm. This spring conference gathering includes financial updates, affirming a new slate, and hearing from committees about the work of the church. It is a meeting, but also a time to fellowship and renew and deepen friendships across the conference. You do not need to be a delegate to attend!

Announcements (cont.)

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. Sunday school will continue through the end of May and begin again in September.

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.

Mennonite Church USA News –

Mennonite Church USA has joined with 26 other faith traditions to take legal action that seeks to restore the rights of people of faith to gather, worship, and serve without government interference. MCUSA news release can be found here - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-joins-more-than-two-dozen-christian-and-jewish-denominations-and-associations-sue-to-protect-religious-freedoms/>

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/>