
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/>

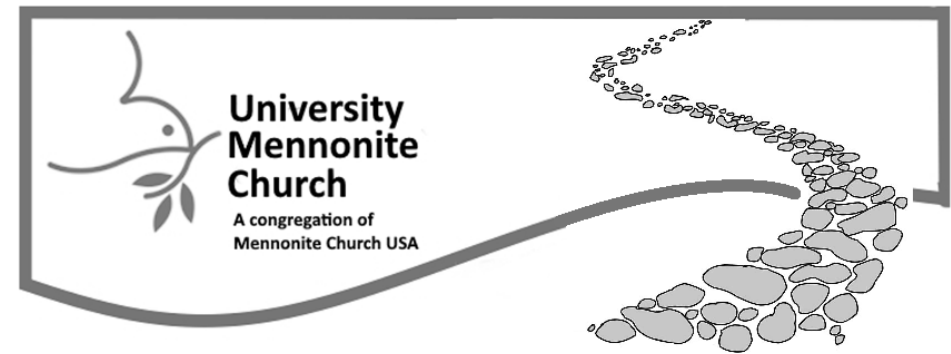
Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information. Find out more and request to join at:
<https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

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**



Lenten Worship – March 23, 2025, 10 am
The Journey to Jerusalem



*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: Rick Stehouwer
Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Welcome and prayer – Rick Stehouwer

Call to worship, from VT 1011

One: A wilderness beckons us; a desert, a barren place,
yet a place of blessing and discovery.

**Cong: Jesus, steady companion, accompany us as we enter
the hurtful places, the frightening places,
the dangerous places deep within us.**

One: Jesus, our wild and well-traveled guide,
lead us into this emptiness, where all will fall away,
and we will have nothing but you.

**Cong: Walk with us through the valley of the shadow of death,
where we shall be raised and drink of deep springs. Amen.**

Singing

My Hope Is Built – VT 621

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song – VT 581

Calling the children forward for children's time, *Guide My Feet* – VT 816

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

First two parables – Luke 15:1-10

Scripture - Luke 15:11-32 (page 850-851 in the pew Bible)

Singing

Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling – VT 544

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Peace Lamp & Confession

Road Building & Singing

Come Walk With Us – VT 23

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *Go Get The Lost One*, by Rain for Roots

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/>

Mar 23, after worship – Congregational Meeting

Mar 24, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Mar 24, 7 pm – Shape Note Singing

Mar 25, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Mar 27, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Mar 30, after worship – Christian education for all ages

There will be a congregational meeting following worship today. The meeting will be in-person in our sanctuary and on Zoom (using the Sunday worship link). Committees will provide reports for the web site and make brief presentations at the meeting.

University Mennonite Church Energy Savings Fund is a no-interest loan to support University Mennonite Church members and regular attenders who wish to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. See 2/22/25 email from Jean Landis for more details or reach out to any member of the Creation Care committee--Jean Landis, Jim Rosenberger, Marvin Hall, Ruth Kitchin-Tillman, Tim Groff and Matt Rooke for more information.

Centre County Rapid Response Network needs more trained observers to verify ICE involvement in our community. Learn more about how you can help support our neighbors in a 1-hour training session. Sign up to learn more here - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTFFkO4fkq6pzxmWtv_9EYFPpBoPPr5y7kpiX290UfZLxv9Q/viewform

The State College Interfaith Group has welcomed 2 new Afghan neighbors to our area. They are in temporary housing until mid-April, at which time we may send out a request for housing items. We are currently in need of Giant and Walmart gift cards. Thanks for considering supporting our new community members in this way. Contact Mary Derstein or Kathleen Stehouwer for more details or to contribute.

Announcements (cont.)

Good Friday Cross Walk - St. John's UCC, Boalsburg, welcomes you to join them for a guided, meditative walk with scripture, readings, prayer and simple song through Boalsburg village on Friday, April 18th at noon.

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.

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.

Mennonite Church USA News –

Allegheny Mennonite Conference job opportunity: 0.5 FTE conference administrator needed. Deadline to apply is April 1. Contact our conference minister, Amy Yoder McGloughlin for more details at amy@alleghenymennoniteconference.org

Mennonite Disaster Service is offering the MDS Family Program this summer at **Sakanaga Camp, South Carolina!** All ages and skill levels are invited to serve in this project. The weeks available to serve are **June 15-21** and **June 22-28**. Want to help plan this trip? Contact Kate.

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/>

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/>