
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/>

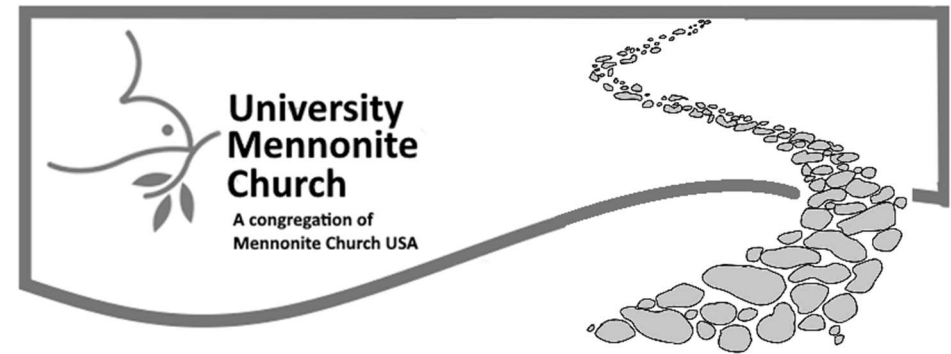
Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<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**



Lenten Worship – March 30, 2025, 10 am
The Journey to Jerusalem, the journey continues...



*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: Doug Yoder

Accompanist: Hal Kunkel Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Welcome and prayer – Doug Yoder

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand – VT 610

God of Grace and God of Glory – VT 716

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

Children's time – Jim Pierce

Scripture - Luke 13:19-31 – Jasiel Lira

Singing

God, Whose Giving – VT 745

Sermon – Micah Schonberg

Peace lamp/confession and assurance – Doug Yoder
HWB 691

Road building and singing

Seek Ye First – VT 417

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Mar 30, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Mar 31, Lights and Prayers for Peace in Isreal & Gaza, Allen St Gates

Apr 1, noon – Lectio Divina Scripture Study & Prayer, on Zoom

Mar 7, Lights and Prayers for Peace in Isreal & Gaza, Allen St Gates

Apr 8, noon – Lectio Divina Scripture Study & Prayer, on Zoom

Apr 10, 7 am - Men's Breakfast, Waffle Shop, 364 E College Ave

On Wednesday, April 9, a Lenten musical meditation featuring Michael John Trotta's *Requiem* will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 205 South Garner Street, State College, at 7 p.m. Prelude music will begin at 6:30 p.m. An ecumenical choir will sing the *Requiem*, accompanied by a chamber orchestra. The meditation will last about an hour, and a freewill offering will be collected. For more information, contact Krista Weidner at kristaweidner@outlook.com.

Maundy Thursday Service, April 17 – Join us at the Schonberg farm for an evening shared meal, foot/hand washing, and a reading around the fire. More details to come.

Good Friday Cross Walk, April 18 - 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 18 at noon.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays at 7:15 am to pick up yesterday's food surplus at Panera Bread, N. Atherton St. location, and drive it to McAlevy's Fort to the Kish Bank. Once there, you will connect with another volunteer driver who will transfer the food surplus and drive it to the Huntingdon food pantry. The Huntington food pantry is always in desperate need and relies on this delivery for local residents. If you can help one day a month or more, please text or call Gloria Horst Rosenberger at 814-571-5608.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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 two 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.

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.

New to UMC? Considering joining our email sharing list and online directory

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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/>