

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.

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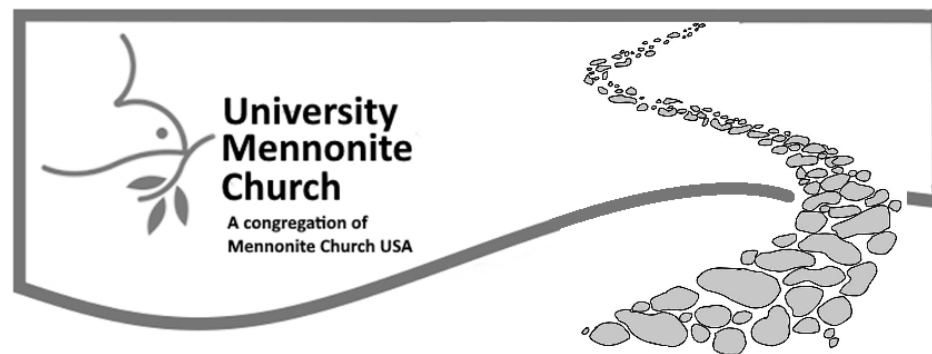
Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<http://eepurl.com/gtOJur>

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

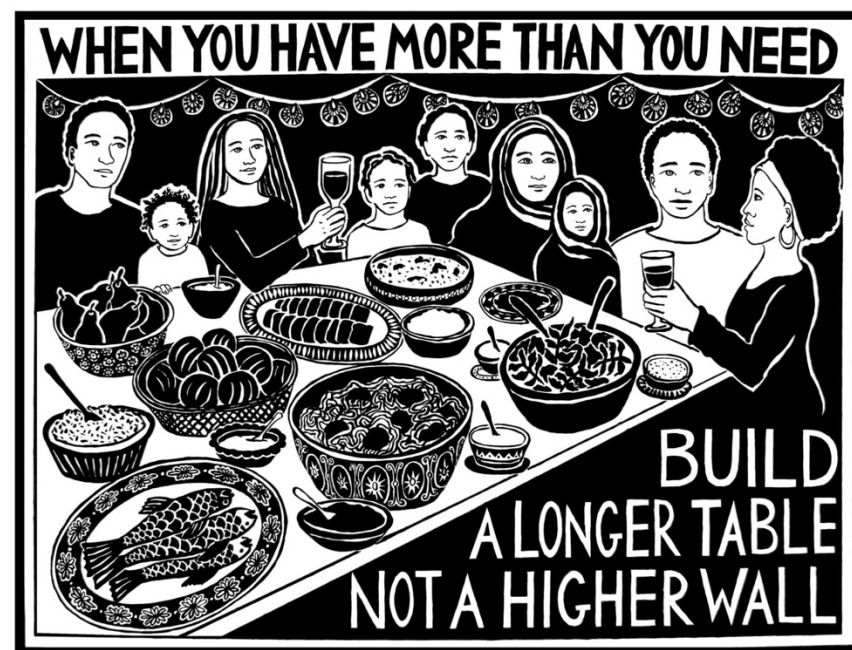
Church calendar <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



Lenten Worship – April 13, 2025, 10 am

The Journey to Jerusalem



Artwork from Radici Studios

*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: Bethany Spicher Schonberg
Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome and prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Singing

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna – VT 313
All Glory, Laud, and Honor – VT 315

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

Children's time – Doug Miller

Scripture Reading & Singing – Excerpts from Luke's Last Supper

Narrative and *Build a Longer Table* by David Bjorlin
(bulletin insert)

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl, *4 Things That Matter Most*

Singing

Ubi Caritas et Amor – VT 773

Peace Lamp & Confession

Leader: Gathered with friends and betrayers, Jesus extended the table,
offering bread and wine, blessing and forgiveness. When we build higher
walls instead of longer tables,

All: Lord have mercy. Teach us your ways.

Leader: When his disciples imprisoned themselves in arguments about
power and prestige, Jesus opened the door to a new way of serving.
When we construct prisons instead of opening doors,

All: Lord have mercy. Teach us your ways.

Leader: Facing Peter's denial, Jesus held out truth and compassion,
empowering his friend to repent and strengthen others. When we put
up fences instead of turning toward each other,

All: Lord have mercy. Teach us your ways.

Road Building & Special Music

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *Crowded Table* rendition by Natalie Hemby
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/>

Apr 13, after worship – Congregational Meeting and Easter choir practice
Apr 14, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates
Apr 14, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing
Apr 15, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom
Apr 17, Maundy Thursday Services (details below)
Apr 19-20 – Easter Weekend (no Sunday school on Easter)

The State College Food Bank request for April is Canned Tomato Sauce.

Homestyle soups (Progresso, Campbell's Chunky, or other ready-to-eat soups)
are also popular and always welcome. Place your donations on the table in the
foyer. The Food Bank is also celebrating its First Anniversary, April 24, 2025, 11
am – 1 pm. This event is open to everyone. See the notice on the UMC
Community Bulletin Board.

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.

Maundy Thursday Services on April 17th - Join us for two opportunities to
share scripture reading, song, communion and foot or hand washing (optional).
3:30 PM - Karl and Evelyn Bartsch's apartment at Foxdale
500 E. Marylyn Ave. Apartment K 175.
6:00 PM - The Schonberg farm
12936 Greenwood Rd., Huntingdon (McAlevys Fort)
Planning to come? RSVP to Kate@universitymennonite.org

Announcements (cont.)

Albright Bethune UMC invites us to join them for an Easter Egg hunt on April 19th at 11am at the home of one of their members. 2459 Chatham Court. Contact Blannie Bowen - 814-777-6550 or Carla Roser-Jones - 814-237-8646 with questions.

Easter breakfast will be held again this year on April 20th in the fellowship hall beginning at 8:30. Legendary pancakes will be served - bring an egg dish or fruit to share.

Dale and Becky Kephart welcome you to their home for Easter dinner (noon, April 20). RSVP to Becky at beckdale@comcast.net.

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.

New books added to the children's nook at the rear of the sanctuary:

I Am the Spirit of Justice (Hardcover), Jemar Tisby

The Seagoing Cowboy, Peggy Reiff Miller

Stories of the Spirit of Justice (Hardcover), Jemar Tisby

Swords to Plowshares: The Creation of John P. Klassen's Mennonite Central Committee Medallion, Lisa Weaver

What Is God Like?, Held Evans, Rachel; Turner, Matthew Paul

When God Made Light, Turner, Matthew Paul

When God Made You, Turner, Matthew Paul; Catrow, David [Illustrator]

When I Pray for You, Turner, Matthew Paul

Whoever You Are, Fox, Mem

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.)

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.

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/>

Mennonite Church USA News –

Join Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests on May 2-4 in Philadelphia for Fabulous Fierce & Sacred, the gayest Anabaptist gathering of the year! Visit their website for information and registration - <https://www.bmclgbt.org/ffs>

Now is the time to register for MCUSA's Follow Jesus '25 biennial convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8-12, 2025! Register here: mennoniteusa.org/registration/

MCUSA invites women from across the denomination to reclaim rest as resistance at the MC USA Women's Summit on July 8, 2025, a transformative one-day event immediately preceding the Follow Jesus '25 national convention in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read the news release here: mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit/ Register and learn more here: convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/women-summit/

MCUSA's Climate Justice Ministry has begun accepting applications for the Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund grant, due June 15, 2025. The Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund provides funds to assist MC USA congregations interested in forms of renewable energy. Learn more here: mennoniteusa.org/news/25-energy-grants

Excerpts from Luke's Last Supper Narrative and "Build a Longer Table" by David Bjorlin

"Build a Longer Table" Verse 1

Luke 22:7-8

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

Luke 22:14-16

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

"Build a Longer Table" Verse 2

Luke 22:24-27

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves."

"Build a Longer Table" Verse 3

Luke 22:31-34

"Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." And he said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!" Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me."

"Build a Longer Table" Verse 4

Communion Hymns *Build a Longer Table*

ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.