
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/>

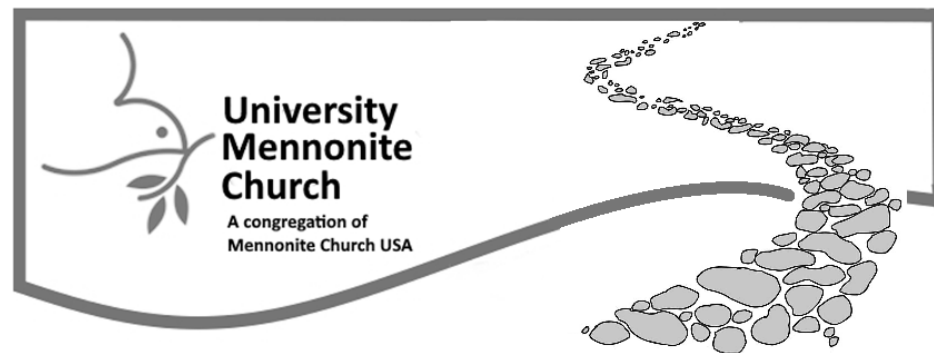
Sign up to receive **Pastor Kate's midweek email newsletter** at:

<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**



April 20, 2025, 10 am
Easter Sunday



Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here, but has risen.

*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: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Minnich Family

Welcome and prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Singing

Lift Your Glad Voices – VT 340

Low In the Grave He Lay – VT 333

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

Children's time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Easter Choir – *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – HWB 280

Peace Lamp & Confession - inspired by NT Wright

Made for beauty, **we are satisfied with sentiment.**

Made for joy, **we settle for pleasure.**

Made for justice, **we clamor for vengeance.**

Made for community, **we insist on our own way.**

Made for connection with our Creator, **we wallow in introspection.**

Made to be resurrection people, **we linger, fearful, at the tomb.**

Why do we look for the living among the dead?

SILENCE

Look! The sun has begun to rise. Run and see for yourself!

Mary's son has lifted up the lowly and filled the hungry with good things.

Jesus, who humbled himself even to death, has opened the way to life.

In Christ, the whole groaning creation will be reconciled, made new,

and the sons and daughters, the children of God, will be revealed.

**This, quite simply, is what it means to be Christian: not to settle for less, not
to give in to fear or resort to the ways of domination, but to follow Jesus into
the new creation that is unfolding within us, around us, before our eyes.**

Scripture – Luke 24:1-12

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Welcoming New Members & Baptism - Dave Beppler, Sally Minnich,
Mark Minnich, Emily Pakhtigian, Mason Pakhtigian,

Introduction to Church Membership - VT 959

Questions for those joining UMC:

- Do you believe in God, the Creator, Jesus the Redeemer and the Spirit our Sustainer?
- Do you commit yourself to Christ's ways and teachings?
- Do you commit yourself to this body of believers by giving and receiving counsel in the congregation?
- Are you ready to participate in the mission of the church?

Baptism of Dave Beppler

Welcoming New Members - VT #961

Flowers to the Cross & Special Music – Mark Minnich

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction – Christ Who Left His Home in Glory – VT 361

Kids of all ages, you are welcome to join in with instruments and noise!

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Apr 20, after worship – no Sunday school on Easter

Apr 21, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Apr 22, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

Apr 24, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Apr 27, after worship – Christian education for all ages (details below)

April 27 Adult Sunday School: This is a moral moment for this country. Leslie Webb and Sally Minnich are opening adult Bible study for discerning and collaborative conversation. Join us!

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.

Announcements (cont.)

The State College 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.

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/1FAIpQLScTFFkO4fkq6pzmWtv_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.

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.

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/>

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