
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 27, 2025, 10 am
First Sunday After Easter



When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

***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: Pastor Kate Heinzel

Accompanist: Joyce Hall Song Leader: Micah Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Joyce Hall

Welcome and prayer – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Call to worship

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us, too,
we pray, in every part of our journey,

People: no matter how full of doubt or fear we may be today.

Leader: Through your Holy Spirit,

People: we pray that you will open our eyes,

Leader: Help us see you as our risen Lord

All: in all your beauty, and in all your loving power.

Amen.

Peace Lamp

Offertory Prayer

Singing

Come Walk With Us The Journey Is Long – VT 23

The Risen Christ – VT 345

Scripture – Luke 24:13-35 (page 860-61), read by Mason Pakhtigian

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

Children's time – Meredith Wideman

Singing

Open My Eyes That I May See – VT 738

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Welcoming New Members & Baptism – Jenn Bies, Rob Bies

Vision Statement Responsive Reading

Leader: To follow Jesus Christ faithfully, we are called to:

**People: enrich our private and public worship through prayer and study,
worship in ways that draw all into the presence of God, offer all that we are
and have to God.**

Leader: To grow as a community of grace, joy and love we want to:

**People: teach all ages and generations the way of Christ. Practice hospitality
through acceptance, openness and forgiveness that transcends our
differences and heals our brokenness.**

Leader: To live as people of healing and hope we are committed to:

**People: invite others to join us in following Jesus as we witness to the
nonviolent love of Jesus Christ in our homes, work, neighborhoods, and the
world. And to serve the needy both locally and around the world.**

***All: We join together as the body with many members
affirming the many and varied ways we love and serve God together.***

Questions for those joining UMC

Baptism of Rob Bies

Welcoming New Members - VT #961

Road Dismantling & Special Music

Voices of our Congregation – New Member Questions with

Emily, Mason, Sally, Mark, Jenn, Rob, and Dave

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Glimpses of the Divine – *On the Journey to Emmaus*, by Marty Haugen

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

Apr 28, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

Apr 28, 7 pm – Sacred Heart Singing

Apr 29, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

May 4, after worship – Extended communion and conversation

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!

Announcements (cont.)

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.

State College PRIDE Parade "Love Wall": Every year at Pride, anti-LGBT+ religious protestors show up and harass Pride attendees with hateful signs and language. Our local faith communities can help offset this negative impact by participating in a "Love Wall" to block these protestors from view throughout the day with flags and signs of affirmation and love for all people. Having their message of hate intentionally blocked from view by faith communities and faith-based messages of love will be an incredibly powerful signal to the LGBT+ that they are beloved, welcomed, and supported. Sign up here to be a part of the Love Wall -

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1byDK34t6ecuT8VEqjZaK62ASnYOPk mEQezCSgVN3j5w/edit?usp=sharing>

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/1FAIpQLScTFFkO4fkq6pzzmWtv_9EYFPpB oPpr5y7kpiX290UfZLxv9Q/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 –

"Healing and Protecting the Earth: One tree at a time", by Colin Saxton, from the latest issue of PeaceMail. Read it here - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/healing-and-protecting-the-earth-one-tree-at-a-time/>

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