
CHURCH INFORMATION

1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039

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Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

Staff and volunteer leadership

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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**



May 4, 2025, 10 am
Anabaptism at 500 Series



***Commemorating the 500th Anniversary
of Anabaptist Beginnings***

*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: Ben Wideman
Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Welcome and prayer – Ben Wideman

Call to worship – from VT 869

One: We are a covenant people,
Called to God by God,
Generation to Generation.

**Left side: We are a covenant people,
Called by Jesus to Jesus,
Losing our life to gain our life.**

**Right Side: We are a covenant people,
Called to church by the church,
Weaving together the strong and the weak,
The stranger and the friend**

One: Renamed.

Left: Reborn.

Right: Renewed.

**All: We gather ourselves in the community of believers,
We gather ourselves unto you.**

Singing

Christ is Our Cornerstone – VT 4 (or HWB 43)

Together – VT 389

Scripture – 1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (page), read by Heidi Martin

Dramatic Storytelling – Baptisms in Felix Mantz's House, Spicher-Schonberg family, Heidi Martin, Laura Litwiller, Ben Wideman

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

Children's Time & Peace Lamp – Pastor Ute Knie & Jon Brockopp

Singing

We Are People of God's Peace – VT 797

This I Believe – 'What's one thing you believe in?' with new members,
Emily, Mason, Sally, Mark, Jenn, Rob, and Dave

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Confession - *Pledge of Love*, VT 937

adapted from Bathasar Hubmaier, written in 1527

Communion

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *We Are Not Alone*, rendition by
Laudate Mennonite Ensemble
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/>

May 4, after worship – Extended communion and conversation

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

May 6, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

May 8, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

May 11, after worship – Christian Education for All Ages (details below)

May 11th after service, there will be another adult education conversation
around the theme of "This a Moral Moment." Our focus is listening to the inner
voice of God for direction. On May 25th the conversation will focus on the
possibility of God inspired collective action. - Leslie Webb

Interfaith Human Services GOSPEL NIGHT: May 4, 7 PM at Pine Hall Lutheran
Church (1760 W. College Ave, State College). Join them for an evening of choral
and community singing and support IHS!

In April, University Mennonite donated 120 lbs. of canned goods to the
State College Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity, Mary Derstein

Announcements (cont.)

Vonda and Doug Yoder are excited to present an evening of folk music in their backyard with award winning songwriter and composer Lyle De Vitry from Asheville NC on Thursday evening May 29. Lyle's carefully crafted melodies and poetry are imaginative and thought provoking as he explores themes of nature, love, memory, and the passing of time. Doors open at 6:30 and Lyle will play one extended set from 7:00 to 8:30. Suggested donation of 20.00, all donations to go to Lyle. Light snacks and drinks provided. RSVP to dv83yoder@gmail.com. We can support around 30 persons in our yard or in our home if needed due to weather conditions. Hope to see you!

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.

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.

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_9EYFPpB oPpr5y7kpiX290UfZLxv9Q/viewform

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 –

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