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## 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**



**May 25, 2025, 10 am**  
***Anabaptism at 500 Series***

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



***Jesus is the center of our faith,  
community is the center of our life,  
and reconciliation is the center of our work.***

*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: Ross Hardison

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Sally Minnich

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** – Meredith Wideman

**Welcome and prayer** – Ross Hardison

**Call to worship**

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

**People: We come to rest.**

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

**People: We come to learn.**

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

**People: We come to be fed.**

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

**People: We come to pray.**

Leader: Some of us are broken.

**People: We come to be healed.**

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

**People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.**

***All: Grant us your peace. Amen.***

**Peace Lamp**

**Singing**

*We Are People Of God's Peace* – VT 797

*For We Are Strangers No More* – VT 409

**Scripture** – Matthew 7:1-12 (CEV)

**Dramatic Storytelling** – Is Menno in the Coach? A Mennonite Myth,  
circa 1550, with Spicher Schonberg family

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

**Children's Time & Peace Lamp** – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

**Sermon** – Pastor Kate Heinzl

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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](mailto: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!

**Our next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 29 after worship.** The meeting will be in-person in the sanctuary and for those attending on Zoom (use the Sunday worship Zoom link). The primary agenda items will be looking forward to our new church year that begins on September 1. We will be affirming of volunteer positions and approving a preliminary budget for the new church year. We'll also present the results from the recent pastoral evaluation. In preparation for the meeting, I'm asking community members to do two things.

1. Consider how you might serve at UMC in the coming year. Many persons with varied gifts are needed to serve in positions and on committees that carry out the work and missions at UMC. You can view a list of those currently serving at <https://universitymennonite.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/UMC-Volunteer-Positions-Affirmed-for-2024-25-Church-Year.pdf>. Take a look at the list and regardless of if you've been attending a long time or a short time, all are invited to ponder how you might serve next year. More information regarding volunteering will be coming soon.
2. Consider how you might support the church financially in the new year. Our treasurer, Jim Rosenberger, recently sent out an email asking for anonymous financial pledges for the fiscal year that runs September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. As the finance committee plans for a new budget that supports our church's missions and programs, having pledges for giving helps in developing a realistic budget. If you have any questions about making a pledge, feel free to reach out to Jim at [jrosenberger@gmail.com](mailto:jrosenberger@gmail.com).

Thanks for your involvement in the life and work at UMC – Joel Weidner, congregational chair

## Singing

Beyond a Dying Sun – VT 416

**Sharing time** – Pastor Kate Heinzel

**Glimpses of the Divine** – *The Lord's Prayer*, by The Soil & the Seed Proj.  
*Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives*

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors**

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

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**Coming up** – Check out the church calendar for more details  
<https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

May 25, after worship – Christian Education for kids, no Adult SS

May 26, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace at Allen St. Gates

May 26, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

May 27, 12 pm – Lectio Divina, Zoom

June 1, after worship – Celebration of Sunday school! Join us for a potluck outside (weather permitting) with yard games and relays for the children following the morning service.

**Anabaptism at 500 Opportunities:**

**Personal books and publications important to the work of Anabaptism** through the years are on display in the foyer, from Nel Kopp, Joyce Hall, and the Bartsch family. There is also a collection of relevant UMC library books on display in the elevator lobby. Check it out!

**International worship service:** Worship with Mennonites from around the globe, watching a livestream of worship from Zurich, Switzerland on Thursday, May 29 at 11am, gathering at 10:30am, also in the Living Room at Foxdale.

Contact Nel Kopp or Evelyn Bartsch with any questions.

**Church Around the Table (CATT)** - During the summer we gather in small groups once a month for worship in a more intimate setting, outdoors in creation, with opportunity for developing closer relationships. We are coming up again to this special season and our Worship Committee has emailed out our group and host lists. Please note: we try our best to be thorough, but we have made mistakes by missing folks in the past - please let us know if we have missed you, or if you missed the first gathering! Our hosts and facilitators will be reaching out to their groups with a phone call and/or email to confirm participants in each group. Our five 2025 dates are all third Sundays: May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**PRIDE Month is almost here! Here are ways to share God's love and peace with our neighbors...**

**Join others from UMC in walking in the State College Pride parade** on June 7 at 10 am. Show your support for the LGBTQ community and join in the festivities. Let Joel Weidner ([joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com), 814.777.4494) know by May 27 if you would like to walk so you can be registered for a wrist band. All walkers must have wrist bands.

**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>

**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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTFFkO4fkq6pzxmWtv_9EYFPpBoPpr5y7kpiX290UfZLxv9Q/viewform)

**The State College Food Bank request for May is Peanut Butter and Jelly.** Other non-perishable foods are also needed and welcome. Please place your donations on the table in the foyer. Items will be collected on the fourth Sunday of each month throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued generosity. Greatest Needs of State College Food Bank can be found here - <https://scfoodbank.org/donate/current-needs-list>

**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.

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**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/](https://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/](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/womens-summit/) Register and learn more here: [convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/women-summit/](https://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](https://mennoniteusa.org/news/25-energy-grants)

From Sheri Hostelter's excellent article, *Becoming Planetary Homemakers*: "Climate change ... is only one symptom of the real threat, which is ecological overshoot. Ecological overshoot occurs when our demands on the planet are greater than what Earth's ecosystems can renew." Read it here - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/becoming-planetary-homemakers/>

**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/>
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