

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.

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>

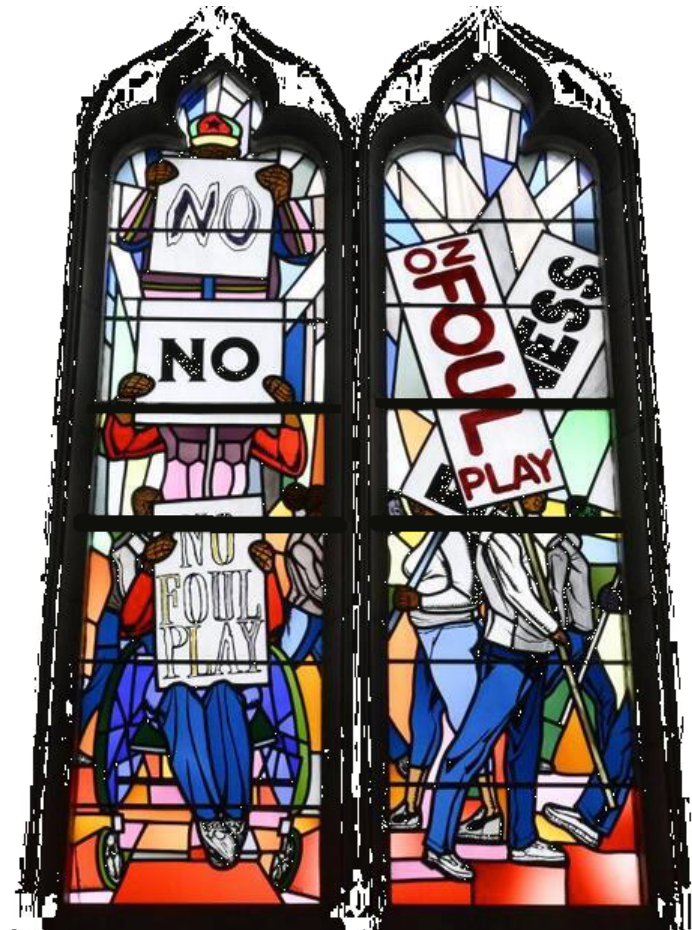
Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published at <http://www.universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings-current/>

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

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



July 6, 2025, 10 am
Esther Series & This I Believe



*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

Accompanists: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

-- Bulletin Cover depicts stained glass at National Cathedral --

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome and prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Peace Lamp

Singing –

God of Grace, and God of Glory – VT 716

There is a Line of Women – VT 546

Scripture – Esther Chapter 1 (condensed)

This I Believe – Paul McCormick

“I believe in traveling by the wind”

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

Children’s Time – Meredith Wideman

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

“I believe in the power of No”

Confession – VT 894

Communion

Singing -

Sing a New World Into Being – VT 809

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *The Kingdom of Jesus* by The Porter’s Gate

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/>

July 6, 10 am – Communion with extended conversation following worship

July 7, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

July 8, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

July 10, 7 am – Men’s Breakfast

July 10, 6 pm – Picnic and Pool Party at Vonda & Doug’s home (details below)

Instead of the 2nd Sunday meal we will have a THURSDAY JULY 10 picnic at Doug and Vonda’s place! Marv and Brenda will be in town and would love to see everyone! Come swim if you would like prior to eating at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share. Drink will be provided. Sun and fun for all!

Food Bank donation request for July is baked beans and Homestyle canned soups. Donations will be collected on the table in the foyer through the end of the month. Thank you for your generosity.

Out of the Cold is in need of volunteers to provide meals, serve as evening hosts, or donate cleaning supplies. Your support during this time would make a meaningful impact on the shelter and guests. Please consider helping—thank you! - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-56017276-ootc/23021322#/>

The Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction is getting organized and in need of great auction items. We are looking for new items, gift certificates, event tickets, timeshare accommodations, hosting guests on your boat or at your camp, handmade items, etc. If you have an idea that is not listed above, call the office at 814-234-7731 and ask if it would fit for the auction. This year's auction will begin September 15th and item bidding will run through September 21st. If you have questions or items to donate, please contact your UMC board representatives, Joyce Hall at jeh21@comcast.net or Jenn Bies at Jenniferbies@gmail.com. Thank you for your support of IHS!!

Laurelville Retreat Center, associated with Allegheny Mennonite Conference, is seeking prayer partners for its overnight youth and children's camps. Prayer partners would commit to daily prayer for a week of camp, record a video message for the campers and be in touch with the camp director about specific prayer requests. Let Bethany Spicher Schonberg know if you'd consider this, and she will connect you with camp director, Leah Rittenhouse.

Announcements (cont.)

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

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.

Mennonite Church USA News –

In response to the escalation of violence involving Israel, Iran and the United States, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MCUSA Minister for Peace and Justice offers this litany that reminds us of God's call to peace. <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/instruments-of-your-peace/>

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/>

Announcements (cont.)

Announcing “100 for \$10: Strengthening Our Faith Community Together”

Imagine what we can do if 100 people commit to giving \$10 a month. That's the heart behind Allegheny Mennonite Conference's new fundraising campaign—small gifts with a big impact. This is a call to build a sustainable foundation that supports the vital and meaningful work we do together in AMC. We are grounded in place-based ministry—centered on relationships, responsive to local needs, and rooted in Anabaptist faith. We walk alongside congregations and leaders, offering both spiritual grounding and practical support.

Here's What Your Support of AMC Makes Possible:

- *Forming Faith in Young People*
- *Caring for Pastors and Leaders*
- *Ordaining and Equipping Leaders*
- *Celebrating Our Shared Life*
- *Seeking Healing and Justice*
- *Strengthening Congregational Connections*
- *Offering a Welcoming Home for Congregations*
- *Staying Rooted in the Wider Church*



Now, we invite you to help us take the next step forward. Here's how you can be part of it:

- 🌱 Be one of the 100 – commit to a recurring gift of \$10/month (*gifts of any size are welcome*)
- 📣 Share the vision – invite others in your congregation and network to join

Learn more about how to give and sign-up here:

👉 alleghenymennoniteconference.org/donate

To become a recurring monthly donor online, make sure to check the box on AMC's donation page that says, “Make this a monthly donation.” You can do this with PayPal or your Credit Card, but either way, you will be asked to set up an account with PayPal because AMC's donation processing vendor.

If you would like to send payment by hard check or directly from your bank to AMC, please confirm mailing information by emailing office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org.

Together, we're building something that matters. Your voice and your support help shape the future of AMC and the communities we serve.