
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**



**University
Mennonite
Church**



*All generations serving God
and the world together*

August 3, 2025, 10 am



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: Hal Kunkel Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Jim Pierce

Welcome and prayer – Ben Wideman

Call to worship

One: God our Creator, we gather in rage and sorrow, uncertainty and disbelief, resignation and resolve.

Many: Hear our cries, Holy One, hear our pleas for fortitude, mercy, and restoration.

One: Our pain overwhelms us, and we need your presence, power, and peace.

Many: For peace, O God, is illusive when we live in a world addicted to and cowered by violence.

One: While others cling to the weapons of war, we will trust in your name.

Many: Your Name is Holy Love, Redeemer, Everlasting, God with Us.

One: We sit and stand in solidarity as a people united against gun violence in this and in all communities.

Many: Giver of Life is near the brokenhearted and the crushed in spirit.

Peace Lamp - *the assault rifle laments* by Nico Wilkinson

Singing –

You Are Salt for the Earth – VT 297

My Soul Cries Out – VT 412

Scripture – Luke 13:6-9, read by Carmen Groff

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

Children's Time – Rick Stehouwer - *Sparkling Peace* by Hannah Martin

Sermon – Pastor Hannah Martin, Beth-El Mennonite Church

Singing -

Could It Be That God is Singing – VT 42

Confession

Communion

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *Plowshare Prayer* by Spencer LaJoye

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/>

Aug 3, 2 pm – RAWTools Blacksmithing event (details below)

Aug 4, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Aug 5, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Aug 10 worship – Guest speaker Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary, speaking on white nationalism

We're thrilled to welcome RAWTools back to State College for their unique blacksmithing, transforming things that hurt into things that help us grow. After author and pastor Hannah Martin brings our morning sermon today, we will have a Q&A time following worship, and then invite any interested folks to India Pavilion for the lunch buffet and continued conversation. We then have the opportunity to connect with our community from 2pm to 4pm in the parking lot behind St. Paul's UMC/Abba Java Coffee House. There will be kids art and crafts, a blacksmithing demonstration, and info to learn more about local efforts to end violence in our community.

Bobby Jo Valentine will be performing at University Mennonite Church on Thursday September 4, doors open at 6:30, music starts at 7:00. Bobby Jo is a faith-based singer focusing on songs that discuss the big questions, challenges the easy answers and inspires people to move closer to love. Donations accepted at the door.

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. 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

Announcements (cont.)

As we support our neighbors near and far in preparing for a new school year, there are two ways to get involved:

School kits are Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) most requested item. Last year MCC shipped 52,481 school kits to Ukraine, Burundi, Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Zambia, and United States. On Sundays, August 10 & 24 : Please bring your donated items into the sanctuary with you. After the Children's Time the children will wheel a wagon through the main aisle to collect the supplies. At that time, please pass your items down your row to the person sitting at the center aisle. That person will give the items to the children to put in the wagon. Thank you for helping our children learn about children their ages who are in need.

*4 spiral, one subject, notebook. (8.5" x 10.5", 70 sheets each.)

*8 new un sharpened pencils

*1 flat ruler that includes CM

*12 colored pencils in its packaging

*1 large ruler

*4 black or blue ballpoint pens

*1 small, all metal pencil sharpener

Joining hands with Philipsburg Osceola families is being hosted by the State College Faith Leaders Network. Donations of pencils, crayons, glue sticks, pencil boxes, notebooks, folders and water bottles (new) or cash/checks to purchase supplies can be made. See the Midweek News for ways to purchase supplies online. Donations for this August 9 event need to be delivered to Kate by August 7.

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!!

Announcements (cont.)

Would you be interested in possibly volunteering for a week with Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) next January? Let Marvin Hall know. Currently looking at an MDS project in North Carolina but will need to wait until fall to see if the NC project is still an option for January.

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/>