
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**



August 24, 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: Leah Witzig

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome, scripture, & prayer – Leah Witzig,

Genesis 1:27 read by Nel Kopp

Humankind was created as God's reflection: in the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them.

Call to worship - Excerpts from Proverbs 8:1-30

One: Does not Wisdom call, and does not Understanding raise her voice?

ALL: "In the beginning God brought me forth, as the first act of creation.

One: When the foundation of the earth was laid out, I was the skilled artisan beside the Almighty.

ALL: I was God's delight day after day, always laughing with joy in God's presence."

Scripture – 1 John 4:8, read by Leland Glenna

God is love.

Peace Lamp

Scripture – Book of Wisdom 10:17, read by Leland Glenna

She led them by a marvelous road. She herself was their shelter by day and their starlight through the night.

Singing –

We Sing to You, O God – VT 80

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – VT 426

Offering Prayer

Scripture – Isaiah 66:13, read by Ruth Kitchin Tillman

For thus says the Holy One: As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

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

Children's Time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Singing -

Wisdom From On High is Dawning – VT 238

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *Image of God* by We Are Messengers

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 24 after worship – Summer Sunday school (details below)

Aug 25, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Aug 25, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

Aug 26, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Aug 28, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Aug 31 during worship – Back to school Backpack Blessing

Adult Sunday school will take place after our service today. Focus on your passions, skill set, resources and needs to allow us to stand up for our freedom and the freedom of others. Childcare is provided by Laura Litwiller.

Sunday school at UMC this fall begins on September 7th and will include a mix of intergenerational gatherings and traditional age-divided class. On first Sundays, communion is extended into the foyer after the service with snacks and discussion questions for all - an opportunity for conversation with a variety of ages. On second, fourth and fifth Sundays, adults meet in the sanctuary, and there are classes for children through middle school age. On third Sundays, all are invited to the basement for an intergenerational class led by Carmen Groff. Sunday school will continue through the end of May and begin again in September.

Notes

Announcements (cont.)

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 (and his music was used today during Glimpses of the Divine!). Donations accepted at the door.

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.

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!!

The State College Food Bank: Cereal, including oatmeal, is being collected through August. Pick up an extra box next time you're at the grocery store and help feed a local family.

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.

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#

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE PRAYER VIGIL

University Baptist & Brethren Church

Sunday, Sept 21st @ 3:00 pm

411 South Burrowes Street, State College, PA 16801

We invite congregations and community members to gather in prayerful solidarity, affirming our shared commitment to peace, unity, and a world free from gun violence and all forms of violence. Please also join us in creating pinwheels with messages of peace as part of the international Pinwheels for Peace project. We'll plant them at UBBC as a symbol of hope and solidarity.



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The Racial Equity Advisory Commission will host its annual March on Washington Commemoration on Thursday, August 28, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza on the 200 block of South Fraser Street. This year's event will feature a mix of musical and artistic performances, along with presentations from community organizations and a keynote address by Talea Drummer-Ferrell, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Penn State.

Mennonite Church USA News

"Uniting to Sing" written by our own Emma Nord. Check it out here - <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/uniting-to-sing/>

MC USA's 2025 convention in Greensboro, North Carolina, July 8–12, set records for attendance and racial diversity. Of the 1,640 registrants — the highest turnout in three conventions — a record 17.2 percent (282 attendees) identified as Black, Indigenous or people of color. More importantly, BIPOC voices filled prominent leadership roles at the national convention. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/intentionality-drives-belonging)

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/>