
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 31, 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: Kate Heinzl
Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Welcome & prayer – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Call to worship – from VT #866

Peace Lamp

Singing –

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant – VT 778

Teach Me Thy Truth – VT 776

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

Children's Time & Backpack Blessing – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Sermon – Ben Wideman

with "Stuck" by Oliver Jeffers, read by Lara Rooke

Singing -

Jesus Help Us Live in Peace – VT 719

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Glimpses of the Divine – *Stuck in a Moment* acoustic rendition by U2

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/>

Sept 1, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Sept 2, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Sept 4, 5-8 pm – LION Bash (details below)

Sept 4, 7 pm – Bobby Jo Valentine at UMC (details below)

Sept 7, after worship – Fall Sunday school begins!

Sept 8, noon – Women's Lunch at Foxdale Cafe

UMC will be set up again this year at LION Bash on September 4th from 5pm-8pm. For those who aren't familiar, LION (Living In One Neighborhood) Bash is the annual block party that strives to create a community for both long-term and short-term residents in the Borough of State College. This event provides an educational opportunity for new and returning Penn State students along with current Borough residents. There will be food, music, and fun for residents of all ages. We will once again be having a peace-themed painting activity, similar to a few years ago. If you are able to help out, please contact Ben Wideman.

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.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES THIS FALL

Encountering the Qur'an led by Jon Brockopp

In this series of four discussions, we will explore one of the world's great religious texts, considering it from Muslim, historical, and Christian perspectives. The goal is understanding, but as with all inter-religious encounters, uncomfortable questions may arise. All are welcome to any session, but the four will build on one another.

Sept 14 Reading someone else's religious text and hearing the Qur'an

Oct 12 Historical context of the revelations to Muhammad

Oct 26 The Qur'an and Islamic law

Nov 9 Christianity in the Qur'an

6th Annual Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction



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All proceeds benefit residents of Centre County

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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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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.

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.

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#/>

Mennonite Church USA News

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

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/>