
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**



September 14, 2025, 10 am



What are the words we live by? What guides us when we're lost, unsure, in despair?

***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

Accompanist: Joyce Hall Song Leader: Micah Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Joyce Hall

Welcome & prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Peace Lamp

Poem – *The Peace of the Wild Things*, by Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*

Singing –

Let There Be Light – VT 714

Come Now, O Prince of Peace – VT 391

Offering Prayer

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

Children's Time – Marvin Hall

Scripture – Micah 6:6-8

One: With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,

with calves a year old?

**Many: He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?**

One: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

**Many: He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Singing –

What Does the Lord Require of You – VT 207

Sermon – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzel

Glimpses of the Divine – *Mercy, Mercy Me* by Marvin Gaye
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 14, after worship – Fall Sunday School & Potluck (details below)

Sept 15, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Sept 15, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

Sept 16, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Sept 21 – Church Around the Table (details below)

Sept 21 – Celebrate Kate with ice cream and popcorn! (details below)

We hope you join us for a vegetarian potluck fellowship meal following today's service. All are welcome!

Notes

Announcements (cont.)

Celebrate Pastor Kate! - All are invited for a time of fellowship to remember and celebrate Kate's service at UMC on Sunday, September 21 at 5 pm in the church fellowship hall. Join us for ice cream and popcorn and a time to share and thank Kate for being our pastor these last seven years and to wish her well for this next chapter in her life.

Sunday school at UMC this fall 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

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. This coming Sunday, September 21, is our final CATT gathering for the year! Group hosts will be in touch to remind you of this upcoming time together.

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/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-56017734-ootc#/>

STOP LOOKING AWAY! Join a Silent Vigil as part of a statewide day of action Let's Tell Governor Shapiro to end state collaboration with ICE. September 17, 5:00 pm at Allen Street Gates

6th Annual Interfaith Human Services Community Care Auction

Thank you to our sponsors:





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- Tickets

- Experiences

- Outdoor Items

- Apparel

Bid Online September 15-21



<https://www.interfaithhumanservices.org/auction/>

All proceeds benefit residents of Centre County

Out of the Cold's annual fundraising dinner is taking place on Monday October 6, starting at 6pm at Brass 16823 (Titan Park, Axemann Road). A silent auction and light appetizers will take place from 6 - 6:30pm. The dinner will start at 6:30pm. The evening will end at 8pm. The dinner is free to attend but guests are invited to make a financial contribution at the end of the evening. This is OOTC's largest fundraiser of the year and funds donated will be used to sustain and expand OOTC 's operations as the area's only low barrier shelter for the homeless. We really need your support to make this event a success and provide support for those in our community in need of shelter!

The State College Food Bank: For the month of September, bring snack Items (crackers, cookies, chips/pretzels, granola bars, etc.) to help support those in need.

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.

The Centre County Interfaith Coalition for Gun Safety warmly invites UMC to a Prayer Vigil for the International Day of Peace on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 p.m. at University Baptist and Brethren Church. 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.

Mennonite Church USA News

Sixty-one Mennonites from the mid-Atlantic region were arrested Sept. 9 outside Virginia Senator Mark Warner's congressional office in Washington, D.C., for their peaceful refusal to stop singing - <https://anabaptistworld.org/61-arrested-calling-on-senator-to-stop-starving-gaza/>

Nekeisha Alayna Alexis, speaker/consultant for Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, shares her hope and provides an opportunity for others to share that hope amid a world that seems to be full of despair. Read more in her Menno Snapshot's blog here: mennoniteusa.org/opportunity-from-panic

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/>