

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.

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<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 28, 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: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Micah Schonberg

Welcome & prayer – Ben Wideman

Call to worship

One: As we move about this world, God calls us to seek what is pure,
what is lovely, and what is admirable.

**All: We strive for what is true, what is noble, and what is right. If
anything is excellent or praiseworthy, we will think about such things.**

One: Whatever you have learned, received, or heard from God—put it
into practice.

All: We will put into practice what we have learned, received, or heard.

One: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such
things.

All: And the God of peace will be with us. Amen.

Peace Lamp

Poem – *Golden*, by Todd Davis (see insert)

Singing –

What is this Place – VT 22

Summoned by the God Who Made Us – VT 1

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

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Sermon and Scripture – Pastor Kate Heinzl, Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever
is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if
there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and
heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Singing –

My Life Flows On – VT 605

Sharing time – Pastor Kate Heinzl

Sending Blessing for Pastor Kate – Amy Yoder McGloughlin,
Allegheny Mennonite Conference Minister

Singing –

When Peace Like A River – VT 617

Glimpses of the Divine – *Blessing/Holden Farewell*, Micah and Bethany
Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction Blessing

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Sept 28, after worship – Fall Sunday School (details below)

Sept 29, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Sept 30, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Oct 5, after worship – extended communion and conversation

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.

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.

Announcements (cont.)

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES THIS FALL

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Nov 9 The Qur'an and Islamic law

TBD Christianity in the Qur'an

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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.

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.

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Golden, by Todd Davis

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but like goldenrod
at the end of August,
skin on the shoulder
in summer, the air
just before dark,
part of it yellowing
with age, drawn down
to the river plain
where the garden returns
year after year.
It's the soil
and what we give
back to the earth
that makes us grow,
the way flesh falls
together as we sleep.
Or perhaps it's more
like singing, each note
joining with another,
a song that merges
and shimmers
along the water's surface,
and the water itself,
from which we all drink,
and in sharing this cup
cannot imagine
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