
CHURCH INFORMATION

1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039

www.universitymennonite.org

Submissions for bulletin: bulletin@universitymennonite.org

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

Staff and volunteer leadership

Pastoral search process is underway! Hold our search committee in prayer.

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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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Sign up to receive **UMC'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**



October 5, 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: Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Evelyn Bartsch

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome & prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Peace Lamp

Singing –

What is this Place – VT 22

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You – VT 39

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

Children's Time – Jim Pierce

This I Believe – Doug McPherson

"I believe in inclusion"

Scripture - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Sermon – Ben Wideman, *"I believe that 'The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice.'"*

Confession – VT 937

Communion

Singing –

Put Peace into Each Other's Hands – VT 485

Sharing time – Doug Miller

Glimpses of the Divine – *A Place at the Table*, arranged by Becky Messer

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/>

Oct 5, after worship – extended communion and conversation

Oct 6, noon – UMC Women's Lunch at Foxdale Cafe

Oct 6, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Oct 7, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Oct 9, 7 am – UMC Men's Breakfast

Oct 12, after worship – Fall Sunday School followed by a potluck

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.

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

Nov 9 The Qur'an and Islamic law

TBD Christianity in the Qur'an

Announcements (cont.)

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Join Sustainable State College and State College Bicycle Ambassadors for a FREE “Biking in the Borough” educational class. Meet other bike enthusiasts and leave the class feeling empowered on your biking journey! Tuesday, October 14 from 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 pm at State College Borough Municipal Building, Room 241. Registration is required - <https://pa-statecollege.form.transform.civicplus.com/52627>

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Announcements (cont.)

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Irish poet, theologian, podcast host



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