

CHURCH INFORMATION

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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. Find out more and request to join at:

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

Sign up to receive **UMC's midweek email newsletter** at:

<https://mailchi.mp/universitymennonite/umc-midweek-newsletter>

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 26, 2025, 10 am

RECENT SHIPMENTS	
August 26 th , 2025 San Juan, PUERTO RICO	14,400 cans of Chicken Meat 1,371 Comforters 1,600 Hygiene Kits
September 8 th , 2025 Cienfuegos, CUBA	100 Dignity Kits 1,288 Infant Care Kits 1,596 Relief Kits 1,320 School Kits 90 Sewing Kits 80 Bed Sheets Bath & Laundry Soap
September 17 th , 2025 Zaporizhzhia, UKRAINE	160 Bed Sheets 3,244 Comforters 3,200 Hygiene Kits 223 Infant Care Kits 1,008 Relief Kits 880 School Kits 90 Sewing Kits Bath & Laundry Soap
September 23 rd , 2025 Cienfuegos, CUBA	24,000 cans of Pork
September 26 th , 2025 Bujumbura, BURUNDI	24,000 cans of Chicken Meat
October 3 rd , 2025 Nikopol, UKRAINE	114 Bed Sheets 2,066 Comforters 300 Dignity Kits 4,000 Hygiene Kits 924 Relief Kits 1,364 School Kits 90 Sewing Kits

UMC Heartstrings: MCC's Material Resource Center

***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: Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Micah Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Welcome & prayer – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Call to worship

*Holy God, you call us together
to reflect on your Word
and our life in your world.
Be with us now
as we sing and pray together,
that we may hear your voice
and understand your way.
This we pray
through Jesus, our Christ, Amen.*

Peace Lamp – from John 14:27

Singing –

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing – VT 7

In Christ There Is No East or West – VT 390

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

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – John 1:35-46, from the Anabaptist Community Bible, read by Karl Ahrendsen

The next day, John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along, he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated teacher), where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon, and

said to him, "we have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). He let him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "you are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)."

The next day, Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph son, from Nazareth. Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see."

Sermon – "Come and See"

Carol Zook, from MCC's Material Resource Center

Singing –

For the Healing of the Nations – VT 705

Sharing time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Glimpses of the Divine – *Be Thou My Vision*, by The Petersens

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 26, after worship – conversation with guest speaker, Carol Zook
from MCC Resource Center

Oct 27, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Oct 27, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

Oct 28, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Nov 2, after worship – extended communion and conversation

Second Hour today! Children's Classes will take place downstairs. Adults are welcome to join conversation in the sanctuary with Carol Zook, to learn more about Mennonite Central Committee's work with the Material Resource Center.

Announcements (cont.)

Ten Thousand Villages will be holding a holiday sale at our church on November 14, 15, and 16. The sale will be held in the church foyer outside the sanctuary during the following hours:

- Friday, November 14 – 4 pm to 7 pm
- Saturday, November 15 – 10 am to 7 pm
- Sunday, November 16 – noon to 4 pm (although sale items will be in the foyer on Sunday morning, sales will not be conducted until noon)

In order to make this sale a success, we need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, you can sign up here

- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4AA4AC2AA6FC1-59733438-tenthousand#/>

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/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-56017734-ootc#/>

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.

Mennonite Mission Network invites you on a pilgrimage that explores what God is doing to bring about justice and peace in the world and ways in which we can participate. Join us as we learn together how to walk in solidarity and appreciation of life. Learn more about Peace Pilgrimages - <https://www.mennonitemission.net/serve/just-peace-pilgrimage/#apply-peace>

Announcements (cont.)

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

Dec 14 Christianity in the Qur'an

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/>

Mennonite Church USA News

Stanley W. Green, executive conference minister of Pacific Southwest

Mennonite Conference, shared four realignments to heal and renew the church in his recent article for Leader magazine (reprinted by MC USA, with permission). Read it here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/realigning/>