
CHURCH INFORMATION

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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. 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**



November 2, 2025, 10 am



Creation and Thanksgiving

*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: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Welcome & prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Peace Lamp

Singing –

O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above – VT 74

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – VT 126

This I Believe – with Jasiel Lira

“I believe in embracing uncertainty”

Scripture – 1 Timothy 4:1-10, read by Ben Schonberg

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will renounce the faith by paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the hypocrisy of liars whose consciences are seared with a hot iron. They forbid marriage and abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving, for it is sanctified by God’s word and by prayer.

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane and foolish tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and suffer reproach, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe.

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Confession – VT 936

Communion – with special music from Evelyn Bartsch, Becky Kephart, Bethany Spicher Schonberg, Edna Troyer, and Laurie Troyer

Sharing time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

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

Children’s Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

All Saints - Time of Remembrance

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/introduction of visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Nov 2, after worship – extended communion and conversation

Nov 3, noon – UMC Women’s Lunch (Foxdale Café)

Nov 3, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Nov 4, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Nov 9, after worship – Encountering the Qur'an (details below)

The upcoming congregational meeting which was originally scheduled for November 9th has been postponed to November 23rd, to be held during the Sunday school/second hour.

Ten Thousand Villages is holding a fair-trade holiday sale at our church on November 14, 15, and 16. Hours for the sale are 4 pm – 7 pm Friday, 10 am – 7 pm Saturday, and noon to 4 pm on Sunday. The sale will be in the church foyer. Come out and support fair trade and get started on holiday gift shopping. You can also help us with spreading the word to friends and family. Flyers are available in the church foyer.

Silver & Savvy

Bringing AI to Seniors




One Hand FOUNDATION

This Workshop

Helps older adults learn how to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) with confidence in their everyday lives.

By Mai Atta, PhD

What AI IS and What it's NOT

Using short talks, real-life examples, and fun hands-on activities. Participants will :

- **LEARN** how AI shows up in things like voice assistants, smart devices, and other tools that make life easier
- **STAY** safe online and avoid scams that use AI.
- **EXPLORE** different AI tools in an interactive showcase and try them out for themselves.
- **FEELS** more comfortable and confident using new technology in daily life.

Wednesday, Nov 12 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

<https://qr.codes/asrnl0>



Workshop Enrollment








www.onehandfoundation.org

ONE HAND FOUNDATION

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-ooc#/>

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

Dec 14 Christianity in the Qur'an

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>

Mennonite Church USA News

The latest issue of *Equipping*, MC USA's quarterly resource newsletter created for pastors and leaders, is now live. This issue brings fresh tools, inspiration and opportunities to deepen your leadership, enrich your ministry and build resilient congregational life. Read and subscribe here: <https://bit.ly/4qsyGLr>

Mennonite Church USA is seeking an Administrative Assistant for Church Vitality/Special Events Coordinator to provide administrative, logistical, and operational support with focus on church vitality and execution of special events—including the biennial convention. Experience in event planning, nonprofit administration or similar roles is preferred. Must have strong organizational skills, ability to multi-task, and problem-solving capabilities. FTE: 1.0; Location: Elkhart, IN. View the job description [here](#). MC USA is committed to diversity among staff and welcome people of diverse backgrounds and abilities to apply. To request an application form, contact HR@MennoniteUSA.org or call (574)523-3027. The application deadline is November 21, 2025.

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/>



Sunday, December 7, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

411 South Burrowes St., State College

Support more than 30 charities!

Fun, Food, Fellowship and Philanthropy

See you at the Fair!



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

**INCARCERATION AND REENTRY IN STATE COLLEGE:
A NATIONAL ISSUE VIEWED THROUGH A LOCAL LENS**

 **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19**

 **6 P.M. TO 8 P.M.**

 **THE STATE THEATRE**

PRESENTED BY
THE BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
COMMUNITY
CONFERENCING

