

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**



November 16, 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: Cathy Bresee
Accompanist: Hal Kunkel Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Evelyn Bartsch

Welcome & prayer – Cathy Bresee

Call to worship

Peace Lamp – from VT 1038

One: Peace is not the product
of terror or fear.

**All: Peace is not the silence
of cemeteries.**

One: Peace is not the silent result
of violent repression.

**All: Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution
of all to the good of all.**

One: Peace is dynamic.

Peace is generous,
a right and a duty,

**All: each one feeling in the right place
as part of this beautiful family.**

Singing –

At the Dawn of Your Creation – VT 179

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens – VT 529

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

Children's Time – Meredith Wideman

Scripture – Psalm 139:1-12; Luke 12:22-32, read by Doug McPherson

Sermon – Doug Miller, "Be Present at the End of Deep Time"

Singing –

In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting – VT 619

Sharing time – Tim Groff

Glimpses of the Divine – *God, Be the Love* – VT 43

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/>

Nov 16, after worship – intergenerational Sunday school with Ruth KT (below)

Nov 16, noon – final day of Ten Thousand Villages sale at UMC

Nov 17, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Nov 18, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Nov 23, after worship – Congregational Meeting

Nov 27, 1:30 pm – Annual UMC Thanksgiving Meal (details below)

Second Hour today! What have you mended? Whether you've patched jeans, a bicycle tire, or a relationship, we all perform small acts of repair. Ruth Kitchin Tillman will be leading an Intergenerational Sunday School hour sharing stories of mending, looking at some of the ways clothing and textiles can be mended, and reflecting on the reasons we mend things.

The Thanksgiving potluck meal is again happening this year on Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving Day. We will eat at 2:00 and you may arrive at 1:30 or a little earlier if you wish. AA uses the fellowship hall until 1:00. There is a sign-up sheet with options for what foods to bring in the church foyer. Bring friends or extended family members and come share the food and fellowship! This will take the place of the regular fellowship meal for November. See you there! Fellowship Committee.

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, 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!



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.

Join Centre LGBT+ at noon on Thursday, November 20th, in front of the Allen Street Gates in Downtown State College for an afternoon of mourning, remembrance, community, and strength as we join together for Transgender Day of Remembrance.

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 Church USA News

Learn how rest strengthens our capacity to resist oppression, inequity and despair in this Menno Snapshots blog by Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister for Peace & Justice, featuring reflections from attendees of the Women's Summit in Greensboro, North Carolina. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reflections-womens-summit/>

Big changes are coming to the health coverage market in 2026. Are you ready? Watch MC USA's recorded webinar, "Navigating Change: Health Coverage in 2026," about what's ahead and how it could affect your premiums. The first half is a broad overview of market shifts in 2026 and the second half focuses on The Corinthian Plan, MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers. View it here: <http://bit.ly/4qv8jV5>

Announcements (cont.)

Since 2022, Church World Service - Harrisburg has welcomed over 1,200 refugees from countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, the DRC, Syria and Guatemala to Pennsylvania. Our church has partnered with CWS-H by bringing refugees to the State College area and in directly supporting the work they do in Harrisburg with volunteers and household good donations.

Beginning last January, CWS-H has had to cut their staff by 80%. Even so, they continue to provide essential programs, such as food pantry, job search and legal support, and case management, to 500 refugees who arrived within the past year. Currently, CWS-H is in critical need of funds to keep operating in 2026. They have put out a broad appeal to raise the \$400,000 needed to continue their refugee program.

The UMC leadership team discussed this request and has decided to do a one-time fund-raising effort. If you want to support this cause, you can put a check in offering basket or send one to Jim Rosenberger, designating CWS-H in the memo line. We will collect donations until the first week in December, when a check will be sent from UMC.

Announcements (cont.)

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/>



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**

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THE BOROUGH OF STATE COLLEGE
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
COMMUNITY
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FREE GIVING THANKS Dinner

A celebration of community and togetherness

NOVEMBER | 5:30 PM

16 | State College
Presbyterian
132 W Beaver Ave

We look forward to celebrating and share this special day with you!

If you are able to contribute please sign up: <https://bit.ly/4qFHOpj>

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