
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

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

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

Church Wi-Fi information – Connect to **umc**, password **mennosimons**



January 25, 2026, 10 am



**Anabaptist
World Fellowship
Sunday**

*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: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Meredith Wideman

Welcome – Gloria Horst Rosenberger - *On this Anabaptist World
Fellowship Sunday, we exercise solidarity with our fellow Anabaptists
locally and around the world to build peace and to pursue justice.*

Call to worship – with Micah 6:8 in multiple languages

In Dutch: Nel Kopp

In German: Lily Prins Glenna

In French: Jess McCormick

In Spanish: Jasiel Lira

In Hindi: Pranjal Kawne

In Congolese: Fidele Lumeya

Prayer

Peace Lamp

Singing –

Somlandela/We Will Follow – VT 566

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

Children's Time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Mended, written by Hillary Daecher in celebration of the
75th anniversary of Mennonite Disaster Service

Scripture – Matthew 5:13-16 & John 17:20-23,

read by Esther Prins and Leland Glenna

Sermon – Kevin King, Executive Director of Mennonite Disaster Service

"MDS: A Mennonite Emulsifier"

Singing –

Let Us Build a House – VT 36

Introduction of Visitors

Sharing time

Glimpses of the Divine – *What Is This Place* – VT 22

Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries

Sending hymn

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow – VT 70

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Jan 25, after worship – Christian Education for all ages

Jan 26, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Jan 26, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

Jan 27, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Feb 1, after worship – Extended Communion

Feb 8, 10 am – Joint Worship with Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light Annual Convening, January 25th-29th.

PA IPL invites you to five days of programming later this month! We launch in dialogue with [Valarie Kaur](#) on the theme of revolutionary love on Sunday Jan 25th at 2pm, followed by a panel discussion reflecting on 10 years of Laudato Si at 3pm. On Monday 26th at 7pm, we'll be hearing about all things trees and announcing our new program, Roots, Branches, & Hands. On Tuesday 27th at 7pm, we'll host a community organizing 101 workshop. On Wednesday 28th at 7pm, we'll be talking about pollinators, community resilience, and gardening. On Thursday 29th at 7pm, we'll close out the week with guided meditation focused on love through the works of bell hooks. All sessions will be recorded. Tickets start at \$5. You can register here - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/love-your-neighbor-love-your-world-annual-convening-tickets-1489022770189>

State College Friends Meeting (611 E. Prospect Ave) is hosting a **Mexican Meal Fundraiser (Build-your-own Burrito) for Interfaith Human Services**. This event will take place on Thursday, January 29 from 5:00-6:30pm. Dinner is free, donations go to support the work of Interfaith Human Services.

Announcements (cont.)

Central Pa World Hunger Association

2026 Meat Canning Project

2026 is the 51st year for the Meat Canning Project locally. Did you know that 10% of all of the meat canned, remains local? This year we will be canning 40,000 pounds of chicken!

Dates: February 9 – 12 for canning and February 13 for cleanup

Times:

- Monday – Thursday 6:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Friday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm

Where: Chief Logan Firehouse

1800 Glenwood Ave Lewistown, PA 17044

How you can help: We are looking for volunteers (groups preferred but not required) to help with all steps of the process:

Grinding Meat → Filling Cans → Cleaning Cans → Labeling/Boxing Cans

Volunteers can be scheduled for a little or as much time as you would like.
(1 hour, 2 hours, 4hours, all day)

Who to Contact:

Sylvanus Peachey – Canning Coordinator – Call: 717-935-2511

Jessie Diem – Assistant Coordinator – Call or Text: 717-348-9577

Food Donations:

Call Laura Litwiller 717-543-3419, Sylvia Diem 717-543-8784 or

Elizabeth Peachey 717-935-7433 If you would like to donate food for the canning volunteers.

Unable to donate your time, but looking to help? We are also accepting monetary donations. **Approximate cost for the project this year is \$100,000.**

Send checks to: Central PA World Hunger Association
PO Box 76 Belleville, PA 17004



792,407 Total Cans
with the help of
28,000 Volunteers

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Centre Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM) is one of the organizations regularly supported by University Mennonite Church. The mission of CVIM is to serve and advocate for the medically underserved living or working in Centre County, PA. One of CVIM's fundraising events is coming up next month. The Centre County Cornhole Classic is scheduled for February 7th. For more information or to register, go to <https://www.cvim.net/cornholeclassic>

MLK Jr. Movie Screening

King In The Wilderness

When: Saturday, January 31. Time TBD

Where: HUB-Robeson Center, Freeman Auditorium

The Paul Robeson Cultural Center and Martin Luther King Student Coordinating Committee, invites the State College community to a screening of King in the Wilderness on **Saturday, January 31**. King in the Wilderness chronicles the final chapters of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, offering an intimate portrait of a leader navigating intense criticism from across the political spectrum. As King's steadfast commitment to nonviolence was challenged by both the rising Black Power movement and national political leaders, his moral vision became a profound testing point for a nation on the brink of upheaval. Drawing on reflections from those who knew him best — notably the members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) — the film unpacks the rarely explored final years of Dr. King's life, revealing new perspectives on his leadership, his philosophy of nonviolence, and the internal struggles he faced prior to his assassination in 1968. This screening invites viewers to engage more deeply with Dr. King's legacy by grappling with the complexities, courage, and convictions that defined his final years.

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 year 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.



Demonstrations At Allen Street Gates

Black Lives Matter – Mondays from 4:30 to 5 p.m.
Prayers for Peace – Mondays from 5 to 5:30 p.m.
Supporting Ukraine – Saturdays at 2 p.m.

Mennonite Church USA News

MC USA is launching a new collaborative workshop series to help churches and leaders practice **healthier ways of navigating conflict**. The first training kicks off in Beaverton, Oregon on March 12-14! Register here: https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/conflict_transformation_2026

MC USA Executive Director Glen Guyton outlines a strategic-planning post-mortem of MC USA's Reimagination Process, identifying **10 key pitfalls the church must avoid** to ensure meaningful, Spirit-led denominational renewal. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/post-mortem> Visit the Reimagining MC USA web portal here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/reimagining-mennonite-church-usa/>

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/>

Climate Cafe to Share Eco-Anxiety Change is challenging; talking with others helps.



Feeling climate distressed and wanting to share your concerns with like-minded people?

Please come to this free event co-sponsored by the State College Friends' Climate Justice Working Group and Foxdale's Climate Care committee. Co-Facilitators are: Jackie Bonomo, has led online Climate Cafes for Climate Witness Stewards and practiced peer counseling for 50 years; Andy McKinnon is a licensed social worker, therapist and climate activist and Stacey Budd is the Program Director for Team Development at Shaver's Creek.



This Climate Cafe is organized to be a confidential space to share climate anxiety and grief over loss due to climate chaos. The world as we knew it is changing due to our previous inattention/denial of the consequences of our way of living on our planet. In clearly seeing this reality, many of us are fearful, angry and sad and the sharing of our losses and concerns helps. We want to:

- Reduce feeling overwhelmed
- Face the feelings and keep seeing climate reality
- Stay actively engaged with the climate problem
- Keep functioning well while accepting the reality of climate change, both in our everyday lives, as well as act for change to reduce the threat of climate rupture.

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday, Feb. 12

State College Friends Meeting - 611 E. Prospect Avenue, State College

The event is free, please reserve your space:

<https://forms.gle/7HU8AjWD8wTLyVAf9>