
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/>

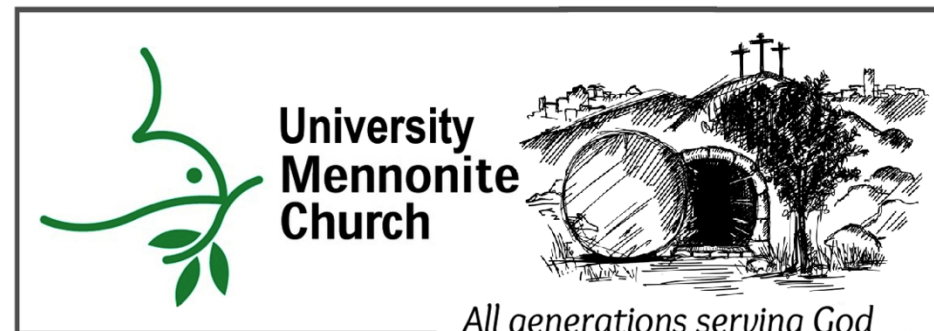
Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information. Find out more and request to join at: <https://universitymennonite.org/directory/>

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

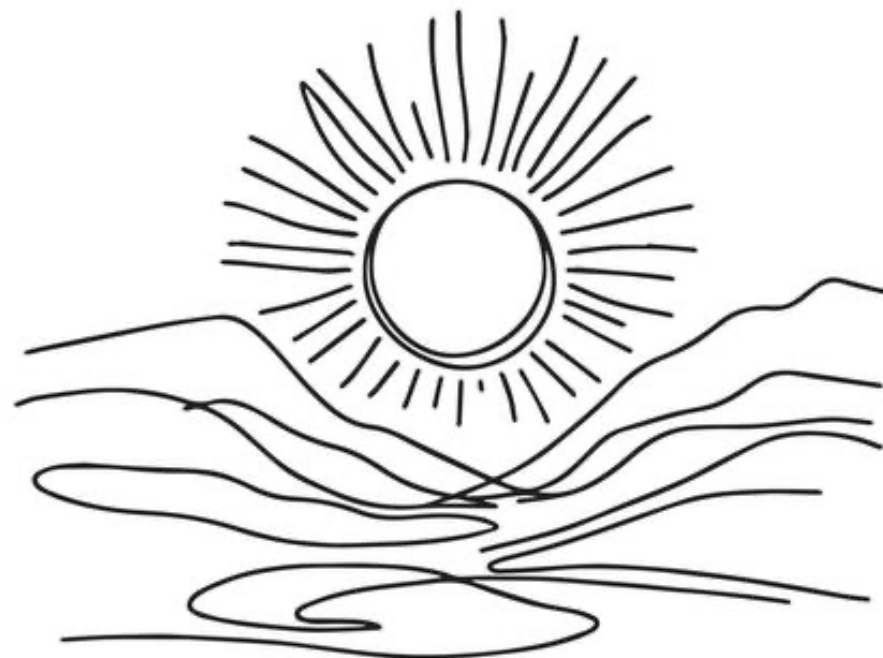
Church calendar <https://universitymennonite.org/calendar/>

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



*All generations serving God
and the world together*

April 5, 2026, 10 am



Easter 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: Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Faith King

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Ross Hardison

Welcome & prayer – Ruth Kitchin Tillman

Call to worship

Christ the Lord is Risen Today – VT 346

Peace lamp

Singing –

Lift Your Glad Voices – VT 340

Christ Who Left His Home in Glory – VT 361

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

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – John 20:1-18, read by Paula Droege

Sermon – Ben Wideman

Confession

*Jesus, you don't always show up where we expect or in the way we
expect. Once again, we feel for Mary, weeping by a tomb. In our grief, we
assume that the lost is lost forever. "Tell me where to go!" we say. Tell
me how I can find that piece of what was to cling to a while longer. And
we don't even realize you are there— that you have been there right in
front of us all along— until you speak our name. As if to say, "I'm here."
As if to say, "I love you" and promise: "This is not the end."*

Communion with *In Christ Alone* – VT 332

Special Music – Jim Pierce

Sharing time – Ken Litwiller

Glimpses of the Divine – *Hosanna* and *For the Bread* by Soil & Seed Proj.
Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/visitors

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Low in the Grave He Lay – VT 333

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Apr 5, after worship – extended communion and conversation

Apr 6, noon – UMC Women's Lunch at Foxdale

Apr 6, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

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

Apr 9, 7 am – Men's Breakfast at the Waffle Shop

Apr 12, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Foxdale's popular spring garage sale will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 am until noon. Use the University Dr entrance next to the Friends' School. Cash or checks only.

Looking for a simple way to make a difference? **Volunteer at Out of the Cold as a dinner provider, breakfast provider, or evening host.** Provide a meal for our guests, help serve and clean up, or spend time creating a warm and welcoming environment. Your support helps us offer not just shelter, but community and care - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A9AD2BA5FA7-62589519-april/23021322#/>

Centre LGBT+ is inviting volunteers to participate in the "Wall of Love," a peaceful yet assertive response to any anti-GBT+ protestors during the Pride Parade and Festival.

If you are interested in helping, please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/mXrHepRsKFxTBKWUZ>

To help volunteers feel prepared, Silent Peacekeepers from Harrisburg will be offering a Zoom training on May 16 at 10:00 am. The training will also be recorded for those who cannot attend live.

The State College Food Bank is looking for Tomato Products: diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, tomato paste, stewed tomatoes, pasta sauce. Thanks for contributing 110 lbs. of mayo, condiments, and cash last month!

Two upcoming ways to support the Food Bank:

- 2nd Anniversary Open House, April 21, 2026, 11 am to 1 pm.
- Empty Bowls, State High cafeteria, Thursday, April 23, 2026, 5-7 pm. Tickets \$20 and \$40. (details on community bulletin board)

St. Paul's United Methodist Church is offering Life After Loss (LAL), an educational support group designed for persons grieving the loss of a loved one through death. The six-week LAL group is being held on Sundays, beginning on April 12, at St. Paul's. The participants will meet from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM in the Asbury Room/Library on the third floor of the church building (enter via Calder Way - elevator available). Free parking is available. Each session will begin with a light lunch.

The program is based on Hospice materials developed to assist those experiencing the grieving process due to a significant loss. Participants are encouraged to attend all six sessions to receive the greatest benefit. Lunch and all materials are provided at no cost.

Please RSVP by April 6. To register for LAL and/or to ask questions, please contact Renae Schunk: (814) 237-2163 ext. or 152 rschunk@stpaulsc.org

Mennonite Church USA News

Mennonite Church USA is accepting applications for its annual [Pam De Young Net Zero Energy Fund](#) grants, from now through June 30. The grants assist MC USA congregations committed to renewable energy by defraying the cost of hardware purchases to install solar panels, car charging stations or other renewable energy projects. Learn more and apply here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/2026-renewable-energy-grants/>

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA denominational minister for Peace and Justice, prays for lasting peace in response to the **U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran** that started Feb. 28, 2026, and Iran's retaliation that have led to the loss of hundreds of lives. Read her prayer here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/response-to-the-iran-war/>

University Mennonite Church is a highly participatory community that requires a lot of volunteers with a variety of gifts to carry out the work of the church. It's time to consider how your gifts might be used in our new church year that begins on September 1 and runs through the following August. We'll affirm volunteers at the May 3 congregational meeting.

During our pastoral search, when we are operating without a pastor, sharing your gifts as a volunteer is more important than ever.

Volunteer by any of the methods below:

1. Complete the online form at <https://forms.gle/NMovXH6Bc35zj44h9>
2. Send an email to Joel (joelpsu82@outlook.com) just listing the positions you are volunteering for.
3. Fill out a paper form (available in the foyer) and place in the Weidner's church mailbox.

Descriptions of all the volunteer positions at UMC on the forms in the foyer and the online form at <https://forms.gle/NMovXH6Bc35zj44h9>.

Some positions are standing positions (operate throughout the year) while others create a pool of volunteers that may be called on from time-to-time to help with scheduled duties like leading worship, leading singing, helping with children's time etc. **Responses should be submitted by Sunday, April 26.**

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/>



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.



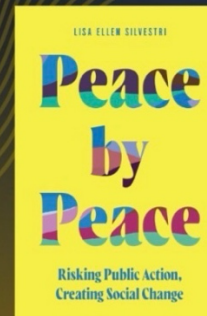
PennState
College of the Liberal Arts

Humanities Institute

The HI Collaborative Colloquia Series Presents: Reading New Books

Date: Wednesday, April 15
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Location: 102 Ihlseng Cottage

*Peace by Peace:
Risking Public Action,
Creating Social Change*



When you want to effect positive change against structural and systemic problems, where do you begin? In *Peace by Peace* Lisa Silvestri uses interview-based storytelling to explore the catalytic moments that led ordinary people to address social, political, and economic issues in their communities ranging from the West Bank to West Baltimore. The source of their audacity is practical wisdom, an Ancient Greek virtue that Silvestri revives for twenty-first century application.



Lisa Silvestri
Associate Teaching Professor
of Communication Arts & Sciences

[Click here](#) or scan the QR
Code to register.

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