
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 19, 2026, 10 am



**Welcome
Holy Spirit**

*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: Doug Yoder

Accompanist: Krista Weidner Song Leader: Mark Minnich

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Krista Weidner

Welcome & prayer – Doug Yoder

Call to worship – from HWB 762

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.

Left: Come as Holy Fire and burn in us.

Right: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us within.

Left: Come as Holy Light and lead us in our darkness.

Right: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance.

Left: Come as Holy Power and overcome our weakness.

Right: Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.

**ALL: Send us, abide with us, use us, that the Creator may be glorified
and our joy be made full. AMEN**

Peace lamp

Singing –

Holy Spirit, Come With Power – VT 57

God is Here Among Us – VT 62

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

Children's Time – Meredith and Ben Wideman

Scripture – 2 Timothy 3:1-9, read by Doug Yoder

Sermon – Doug McPherson

Singing –

Healer of Our Every Ill – VT 644

Sharing time – Ken Litwiller

Glimpses of the Divine – *Spirit, Working in Creation* – VT 50

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

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/visitors

Benediction – from Numbers 6:24-26

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon
you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen*

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

Apr 19, after worship – Intergenerational Sunday school

Apr 20, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

Apr 21, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Apr 23, 7 am – UMC Men's Breakfast at The Waffle Shop

Apr 26 - Pastoral Candidate Sunday (details below)

Ten Thousand Villages will be holding a spring sale on Friday and Saturday,
May 1 & 2 at in our church foyer. Hours are: Friday, May 1, 4-7 pm & Saturday,
May 2, 10 am to 5 pm

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.

Announcements (cont.)

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.**



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.

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)

Pastoral Candidate Announcement

The pastoral search committee is excited to unanimously present Ben Wideman as the candidate for the full-time pastoral position at our church.

A document that summarizes Ben's resume and experience and includes some insights from the search committee's interview with Ben was sent out via email. Additional copies are available in the foyer.

The schedule of events for congregational discernment is below.

Activities and Calendar

Sunday, April 26, Ben will deliver the morning sermon (topic of his choosing). During the second hour he will share his personal faith story and his vision for UMC as pastor.

Monday, April 27, 10:15 am - Leadership team meeting with Ben

Two small group meetings will be made available for folks to meet with Ben for dialogue. Sign up online at <https://forms.gle/Kkfzt9TcqagSDHz8A> or contact Joel Weidner (joelpsu82@outlook.com). A member of the search committee will attend each small group meeting.

Wednesday, April 29, 10 am - Small group meeting # 1 –at the church (front of sanctuary)

Thursday, April 30, 7:30 pm - Small group meeting # 2 –at the church (fellowship hall)

Saturday, 5/2, 6:30 pm - Light refreshments will be offered in the fellowship hall, followed by a time for dialog and question-and-answer in sanctuary at 7 pm. Individuals are asked to submit questions ahead of time to Rick Stehouwer (rcs15@psu.edu) by Friday, May 1. Rick will moderate the session, and questions will be provided to Ben prior to the meeting.

Sunday, 5/3, after worship – Part of the congregational meeting already scheduled for this time will be used for open discussion without Ben and Meredith present. The meeting will allow time for discussion around Ben's candidacy and the process for voting. We will postpone the filling of positions to a new meeting in June (date TBD).

Voting will begin at the conclusion of the meeting and conclude on Saturday, May 9 (7 days) and the results will be shared on Sunday May 10.

We hope that you can engage with us in this important process. Although our by-laws require membership for voting, it is important for all voices to be heard as part of the discernment process.

Joel Weidner & Rick Stehouwer, for the leadership team and Search Committee

Join the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests (BMC) for a gathering rooted in sacred story and joyful revelry, as we mark our 50th Anniversary on May 29-31 in Minneapolis! This festive weekend will include storytelling, singing, ritual/worship, workshops, artmaking, games, connecting over shared meals, and honoring this incredible 50-year legacy of LGBTQIA+ Anabaptist resistance and resilience. Find event details, safety/accessibility info, and registration on our 50th webpage - www.bmclgbt.org/50th

Registration is open for summer camp at Laurelville! Sign up now for a week of fun, friends, and exploring faith in community with others. Camp will give you memories that last a lifetime and won't leave you the same. Weeklong camps are offered for youth ages 8 through 17. A shorter two-night option is available for youth ages 6 to 10 and is a great way to give overnight camp a try. Reserve your spot today! www.laurelville.org

Laurelville Retreat Center is looking to hire a Recreation Director for the summer. This is a leadership role that plans, organizes, and facilitates games/activities for all our campers. Additionally, male camp counselors are needed to make the summer successful. Junior counselors can start at age 16. Know someone who might be a good fit? Contact leah@laurelville.org or call 724-423-2429

Mennonite Church USA joined hundreds of faith leaders to sign letter rejecting demonization of migrants, erosion of human and Constitutional rights. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/call-to-christians/>

In **"Widen the circle of our heart and our awareness,"** Mennonite Church USA's Glen Guyton reflects on his trip to Minneapolis and challenges the church to expand its compassion, deepen its cultural humility and actively embody Christ-centered love in a divided world. Read his Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/widen-the-circle/>

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/>

**PINE HALL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS**

**GOSPEL
NIGHT 2026**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3
7:00 PM**

**1760 WEST COLLEGE AVE, STATE COLLEGE
www.pinehall.org**

FEATURING

- The Penns Valley Men's Chorus
- Tuesday Night Bluegrass Jammers
- Pine Hall Church Choir
- Some old hymns & favorite sing-alongs
- A free-will offering will be taken to benefit Interfaith Human Services
- Refreshments to Follow

