
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*

May 3, 2026, 10 am



Tend my sheep

*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: Ben Wideman

Accompanist: Becky Kephart Song Leader: Micah Spicher Schonberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Becky Kephart

Welcome & prayer – Ben Wideman

Call to worship –

Left: We are a covenant people,
called to God by God,
generation through generation.

Right: *We are a covenant people,
called to Jesus by Jesus,
losing our life to gain our life.*

**Together: We are a covenant people,
called to church by the church,
weaving together the strong and the weak,
the stranger and the friend.**

Left: Renamed.

Right: *Reborn.*

Together: Renewed.

We gather ourselves in the community of believers.

We gather ourselves unto you.

Peace lamp

Singing –

I Bind My Heart This Tide - VT 556

Beloved, God's Chosen - VT 164

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

Children's Time – Meredith Wideman

Scripture – John 21:15-19

Sermon – Pastor Phoebe Quaynor, Maple Grove Mennonite Church

Confession – from VT 938

Communion

Singing –

Love, I Will Love You Lord – VT 131

Sharing time – Leah Witzig

Glimpses of the Divine – *Down to the River to Pray* by Southern Raised
Moments where we have seen glimpses of the divine in our lives

Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/visitors

Benediction

Announcements

Coming up – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

May 3, after worship – Congregational Meeting

May 4, noon – UMC Women's Lunch at Foxdale

May 4, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

May 5, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

May 8, 6:30 pm – Shabbat Meal with Jewish Community at UMC (details below)

May 10, after worship – Christian education for all ages

Mark your calendars to share a Shabbat meal with the new Jewish minion

who have been meeting in our building! We will meet together on Friday, May 8, at 6:30 pm. Please sign up for a vegan or vegetarian dish (or wine, Challah, drinks, etc.) - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bQ9u-TrfKy7XzziZCBmuqB-LefxLAtH_7oTvoTz_dEU/edit?usp=sharing

State College Friends Meeting invites you to the Allen St Gates on Saturdays, April 25 & May 16, 12-1:00 pm for Quaker public worship to bear witness and show resistance to the authoritarian actions of our country. Quakers worship in silence, where anyone who is deeply led may share a message out of it. Signs are welcome that, consistent with our values, highlight harms of authoritarianism or share love and support for communities who are suffering.

Pine Hall Lutheran Church presents Gospel Night 2026, Sunday May 3 at 7pm.

This event will take place at 1760 West College Avenue and features performances from several local artists

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 a future 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.

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.

Sunday, May 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 Stehower, for the leadership team and Search Committee

Mennonite Church USA News

The updated Pastor Salary Guidelines for 2026-27 are now available on the MC USA website. The Pastor Salary Guidelines are updated annually by MC USA's Church Vitality team and Everence. They are the best starting point for negotiating compensation for congregational pastors. Learn more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/pastor-salary-guidelines>

"If the church can learn to stand in solidarity with communities in their most vulnerable places, not as saviors, but as siblings, then there is hope," wrote Pedro A. Ramos-Goycolea, pastor of Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson, Arizona, reflecting on his experience at MC USA's 2026 Hope for the Future gathering. Read his Menno Snapshots blog, "[Faith that multiplies](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/faith-that-multiplies/)," here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/faith-that-multiplies/>

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/>



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.