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## CHURCH INFORMATION

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**Submissions for bulletin:** [bulletin@universitymennonite.org](mailto: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 10, 2026, 10 am**



***I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate,  
to be with you forever.***

*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: Carmen Groff

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Faith King

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** – Meredith Wideman

**Welcome & prayer** – Carmen Groff

**Call to worship – based on themes from Psalm 139**

*We gather together to worship  
our loving, nurturing God,  
who, like a mother,  
knows us intimately,  
loves us unconditionally,  
teaches us the way we should go,  
and comforts us in times of need.*

***Praise God,  
the Source and Sustainer of life!***

**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** – Karl Ahrendsen

**Scripture** – John 14:15-21

**Sermon** – Ben Wideman

**Singing** –

*Loving Spirit* – VT 697

**Sharing time** – Doug Miller

**Transfer of Membership** – for Edna Troyer

**Glimpses of the Divine** – *Come Holy Ghost* by Luke Spehar

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

**Announcements/birthdays/anniversaries/visitors**

**Benediction**

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## Announcements

**Coming up** – Check out the church calendar for more details

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

May 10, after worship – Christian education, followed by Mother's Day potluck

May 11, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

May 11, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

May 12, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online (details below)

May 14, 7 am – UMC Men's Breakfast at the Waffle Shop

May 17, after worship – Intergenerational Art Gallery (details below)

**State College Food Bank requests** are applesauce, canned pineapples, baked beans during the month of May

**Support our LGBTQ community members** by representing UMC in this year's Pride Parade at 10 am on June 13. You can read more about the day's activities at <https://www.centrelgbtplus.org/pride-festival>. All walkers in the group must be registered to participate. Let Joel Weidner ([joelpsu82@outlook.com](mailto:joelpsu82@outlook.com)) know by May 31 if you would like to walk with our group from UMC and he will register the group.

As Centre County's largest LGBTQ+ public celebration, **State College Pride on Saturday, June 13** is expected to draw a small group of anti-LGBT+ demonstrators, who often bring signs and other materials with hateful anti-LGBT+ language. Volunteers who volunteer to serve as part of a "Wall of Love" play an important role in minimizing the impact and disruption caused by anti-LGBT+ demonstrators. Sign up here - <https://forms.gle/EkJbeM9ZuNxx1qoM9>

**Every Tuesday we gather to prayerfully meditate on Sunday's scripture passage.** Lectio divina, which simply means "divine reading," is an ancient practice that involves slowing down and reading the chosen text repeatedly, usually three times in total. With each reading comes a different emphasis. The readings are interspersed with moments of silence, as well as opportunities to reflect on the reading with the rest of the group. All are welcome – Tuesdays at noon on Zoom.

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**We will have an Art Gallery for Intergenerational Sunday School after worship on May 17.** Bring your personal art projects to share with everyone! It can be a painting, drawing, ceramics, pottery, a photo, fabric art or needlepoint, a poem, a short story, a wood project, sculpture, flower arrangement, or even a decorated cake! Please bring your work to the church by noon on Friday, May 15 so the curators can assemble the gallery. We will then have an “Art Gallery” in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday the 17th immediately after the church service.

**Sustainable State College and the Borough of State College Bicycle Ambassadors will host a 6.7-mile slow-paced family-friendly community bike ride.** Participants will gather at the Orchard Park Pavilion by the parking lot at 9:45 am and the ride will be from 10 to 11:30 am. Participants will ride on designated shared-use paths, bike lanes, and bike routes in the Centre Region. All ages and abilities are welcome. Registration for the bike ride is required, and can be completed up until 9:45 am on Saturday, May 16. Register here - <https://pa-statecollege.form.transform.civicplus.com/64683>

**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](mailto: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.

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## Mennonite Church USA News

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**Mennonite Action is holding a 4-week online organizing training series during the month of June called Solidarity Coalitions.** This training series navigates how we show up in coalition, and how we build our collective power alongside others. Use this form to register as a group or individual - <https://tinyurl.com/ywuyy7dd>

**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://climatejustice.mennoniteusa.org/green-energy-grants/>

**"What is the most important skill of a competent pastor?"** That's the question MC USA's Michael Danner and Rachel Ringenberg Miller are asking pastors across MC USA in “The Competent Pastor” podcast. All new episodes are released each month. Listen on Apple, Spotify or online here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/the-competent-pastor/>

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## Announcements (cont.)

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**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/>

**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.