
CHURCH INFORMATION

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Submissions for bulletin: bulletin@universitymennonite.org

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

Staff and volunteer leadership

We have affirmed Ben Wideman as our next pastor! Start date TBD...

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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-service-recordings/>

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

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



*All generations serving God
and the world together*

May 17, 2026, 10 am



*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: Matt Rooke

Accompanist: Joyce Hall Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Joyce Hall

Welcome & prayer – Matt Rooke

Call to worship – from John 14:1-3 (NLT)

*One: Jesus's words to his disciples on the night he was betrayed and right
after he predicted Peter's denial...*

All: Don't let your hearts be troubled.

One: Trust in God, and trust also in me.

All: There is more than enough room in my Father's home.

*One: If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare
a place for you?*

**All: When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will
always be with me where I am.**

Peace lamp

Singing –

There's a Wild Hope in the Wind - VT 828

I Know That My Redeemer Lives - VT 347

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

Children's Time – Jess McCormick

Scripture – Matthew 25:1-13, & Acts 1:6-11 (NLT), read by Mark Minnich

Sermon – Scott Stilson

Singing –

My Hope is Built – VT 621

Sharing time – Gloria Horst Rosenberger

Glimpses of the Divine – *Be On The Lookout* by Caroline Cobb

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 17, after worship – Intergenerational Art Gallery!

May 18, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

May 19, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online (details below)

May 24, after worship – Christian Education for All Ages

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) 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.

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 our next congregational meeting.

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



STATE COLLEGE FRIENDS MEETING

MIDDLE EASTERN
DINNER

FUNDRAISER FOR
ONE HAND FOUNDATION



One Hand
BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Thursday, May 21, 2026
At 05:00PM - 06:30PM

DINNER IS FREE
ALL CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO
ONE HAND FOUNDATION

611 EAST PROSPECT AVE, SC

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.

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

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/>

Mennonite Church USA News

Registration is now open for this year's **Allegheny Mennonite Conference Celebration Weekend at Laurelville**, July 31–August 2, 2026! Visit the Events section of our website - <https://www.alleghenymennoniteconference.org/>

Are you between the ages of 18 and 30? During a time in our country where there is increasing division and violence, how should we faithfully respond? Join Mennonite Central Committee in partnership with Mennonite Action, September 3-7 in the Chicago area to dive deeper into Anabaptist traditions of nonviolent resistance and to learn how to embody these practices in our current social context. Apply by June 21 - <https://mcc.org/events/faith-action-peace-camp>

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/ywuy7dd>

Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MC USA's denominational minister of Peace and Justice, shares five practical ways congregations can practice faithful environmental stewardship and respond to climate change with hope and action. Read her Menno Snapshots blog here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/cultivating-hope/>