
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 24, 2026, 10 am



Pentecost 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: Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Accompanist: Meredith Wideman Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude – Ben Schonberg

Welcome & prayer – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Call to worship

Peace lamp – prayers for UMC's global ministries

Alternating congregational responses:

Left: We offer our prayer for peace and wholeness.

Right: We offer our prayer for shalom.

At the end:

***Lord Jesus, may your peaceable kingdom come, and your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. And may we be participants of your
peaceable kingdom!***

Singing –

There Are Many Gifts - VT 374

The Wind Who Makes All Winds - VT 372

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

Children's Time – Bethany Spicher Schonberg

Scripture – Acts 2:1-18

Lomie Spicher Lee, Korean - vs. 1-2

Nel Kopp, Dutch - vs. 3-4

Jess McCormick, French - vs. 5-8

Jon Brockopp, Arabic - vs. 9-11

Jasiel Lira, Spanish - vs. 12-13

Fidele Lumeya, Kikongo - vs. 14-15

Lily Glenna, German - vs. 16-17

Micah Spicher Schonberg, Greek - v. 18

Sermon – Carmen Groff & Micah Schonberg

Singing –

Loving Spirit – VT 697

Mission Moment – Joel Weidner

Sharing time – Doug Miller

Glimpses of the Divine – *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* by Ordinary Time, and
You Give Us More Grace by The Soil & the Seed Project

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 24, after worship – Christian Education for All Ages

May 25, 5 pm – Lights and Prayers for Peace

May 25, 7 pm – Sacred Harp Singing

May 26, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online (details below)

May 28, 7 am – UMC Men's Breakfast at The Waffle Shop

May 31, after worship – Congregational Meeting to affirm volunteers

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) 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>

Announcements (cont.)

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 congregational meeting on May 31.


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

Can Christianity Save Democracy?

When: May 27, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Social and discussion to follow at 7:30 p.m., with book raffle).

Where: University Baptist & Brethren Church

Admission: Free and open to the public



Jonathan Rauch Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute. Author, *Constitution of Knowledge*, *Cross purposes*, and other books, and appearing in *The Atlantic*.

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Loneliness and isolation are up; church attendance is down. America is becoming a post-Christian nation, while politics becomes ever more divided and vitriolic. What if these trends are related—and what do they portend? In this groundbreaking, richly illustrated lecture, journalist, author, and lifelong atheist Jonathan Rauch explains why Christianity's contemporary crisis is making America ungovernable. Drawing on philosophy, history, scripture, and today's headlines, his inspirational talk reveals what Jesus and James Madison have in common and how, together, their teachings can help to heal our politics—and maybe Christianity, too.

Following Mr. Rauch's presentation there will be an accompanying panel discussion on the topic of Christianity and Democracy. Panelists will include:

Rev. Renee Ford - Albright-Bethune United Methodist Church
Rev. Ben Wideman - University Mennonite Church
Rev. Sarah Malone - University Baptist and Brethren Church
Rev. Jeremy Richards - University Baptist and Brethren Church

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/ywuyyu7dd>

Save the date for **MC USA's Militarism Summit**: Nov. 6-7, 2026, in Akron, Pennsylvania. The summit will explore the impact of militarism and will include time to reflect, learn and engage in thoughtful dialogue on waging peace in meaningful ways. Sign up here to receive updates about registration and the summit as they become available.

- https://mcusa.formstack.com/forms/militarism_summit

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/>