



University Mennonite Church



*All generations serving God
and the world together*

October 18, 2026, 10 am



Love Your Enemies. <http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=58810>

***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: Todd Davis

Accompanist: Becky Kephart

Song Leader: Ken Litwiller

Prelude

Becky Kephart

Welcome

Todd Davis

Call to worship

Peace Lamp

One: At birth, we enter the world crying and ask for peace.

Many: We still long for peace.

One: We read the stories of Christ our Savior and see he, too, cried out for peace.

Many: Christ is the Prince of Peace

One: We see so much violence in the world. We are touched by it, harmed by it. Wars continue. The very least among us, the dispossessed, are sent away and cast out. The faithful cry out and still there is no peace.

Many: What can we do? Where can we find peace?

All: May we be the peace of Christ to others. May we know the peace that passes understanding.

Singing

led by Ken Litwiller

VT 7 – *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing*

VT 162 – *The Love of God*

Children's Time

Bethany Spicher Schonberg

VT 282 – *Come and See*

Scripture

Todd Davis

Psalm 139:13-16, Mark 12:28-31, Romans 5:8

Sermon

Julie McPherson

Singing

led by Ken Litwiller

insert – *O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus*

Sharing Time

Leah Witzig

Glimpses of the Divine in our lives video

Music: *You're Beautiful* by Phil Wickham

Visitors/birthdays/anniversaries/announcements

Todd Davis

Benediction

Todd Davis

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus 229

Having loved His own . . . He loved them unto the end. John 13:1

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Thomas J. Williams, 1890

S. Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Vast, un - meas-ured, bound-less, free!
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Spread His praise from shore to shore!
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, Love of ev - ery love the best;

Roll - ing as a might - y o - cean In its full - ness o - ver me,
 How He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth, Chang-eth nev - er, nev - er - more;
 'Tis an o - cean vast of bless-ing, 'Tis a ha - ven sweet of rest,

Un - der-neath me, all a - round me, Is the cur - rent of Thy love;
 How He watch - es o'er His loved ones, Died to call them all His own;
 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'Tis a Heav'n of Heav'ns to me;

Lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward To my glo - rious rest a - bove.
 How for them He in - ter - ced - eth, Watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 And it lifts me up to glo - ry, For it lifts me up to Thee. A - men.

This tune in a higher key, No. 463

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THE WORK OF CHRIST

Upcoming Events

Look at the church calendar for all events: universitymennonite.org/calendar/

Sun, Oct 18, 10 am – Sunday Worship

Sun, Oct 18, 1:30 pm – Hike at Musser Gap

Tue, Oct 19, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Thu, Oct 22, 7 am – Men's Breakfast

Announcements

Our often rescheduled attempt to **hike Musser Gap** is going for another attempt, this time matching up with fall colors. Doug Yoder is organizing and will meet, **Sunday the 18th, at 1:30 pm** in the parking lot by the trail. The hike will last for around 2 hours.

This November, *Allegheny Miscellany* will publish its **100th edition**. To celebrate we invite you to submit **100 words or fewer** answering the question: **What does Allegheny Mennonite Conference mean to you?** We hope to feature reflections from across the conference, highlighting the many ways AMC has nurtured faith, fostered relationships, and connected our congregations. Please send your response by **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, to office@alleghenymennoniteconference.org

For **October**, the State College Food Bank is looking for **pancake mixes and other baking mixes**. Please consider donating these or any non-perishable food items. Cash is welcome as well.

The band MercyMe is playing a show at the Bryce Jordan Center on Saturday October 24th at 4:30pm. They are in need of volunteers to run the merchandise table and in return you will be able to attend the show for free. The pool of volunteers will take rotating shifts to enjoy the show. You can sign up directly at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mercy-me-state-college-pa-merchandise-volunteers-tickets-1998554640730?aff=laurie>

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 universitymennonite.org/donate
- Set up an automatic payment with your bank (bill pay service)

Announcements

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.

Mennonite Church USA News

MC USA honors 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients

Mennonite Church USA has named Weldon Nisly and Fernando Daza-Jabian as its 2026 Bring the Peace award recipients. The award honors individuals who embody Christ-centered peacemaking in their communities and beyond. Read the news release here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/2026-peacemakers/

Resolution guidelines for 2027 Delegate Assembly

The MC USA Executive Board has appointed a new Resolutions Committee and published guidelines for developing resolutions ahead of the 2027 Delegate Assembly, to be held July 9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Congregations and area conferences wishing to submit a resolution have until Nov. 11. Read more here:

mennoniteusa.org/news/resolution-guidelines-2027/

Finding courage on the road less traveled

Caleb Stoltzfus shares his grandfather's story as a conscientious objector during the Vietnam War and reflects on the courage it takes to walk a road less traveled — as a conscientious objector or as an LGBTQ+ person finding their place in the church. Stoltzfus will lead a related seminar at MC USA's upcoming Waging Peace Summit. Read the blog here:

mennoniteusa.org/finding-courage/

Announcing our annual Park Forest Preschool - Soup Fundraiser

To place your order, email
PFPreschoolFundRaiser@gmail.com

by Thursday 11/5

(Watch for confirmation email).

Pick up:

Preschool Thursday 11/12 /26 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Park Forest Village United Methodist Church 1833 Park Forest Ave
Pay by cash or check at Pick Up



New option:

make a donation
to buy a quart of
soup for
preschool families
/ staff

\$15 per quart

Italian Wedding Soup
Smoked Tomato (gf)
Chicken Corn Chowder
Roasted Butternut Squash
Chicken Noodle
Vegetarian Vegetable (gf) (v)
Loaf of Italian Bread \$3

Freeze all and keep for a
quick meal during the holidays



CHURCH INFORMATION

1606 Norma St., State College, PA 16801; (814) 234-2039
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Submissions for bulletin: bulletin@universitymennonite.org

Deadline for bulletin inclusion: Thursday end of day

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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 universitymennonite.org/email-sharing-list/

Our church has an online directory with photos and contact information. Find out more and request to join at: universitymennonite.org/directory/

Sign up to receive **UMC's midweek email newsletter** at:
mailchi.mp/universitymennonite/umc-midweek-newsletter

Missed worship? Our church services are being recorded and published at universitymennonite.org/worship-service-recordings/

Church Wi-Fi information

Network name: **umc**

Password: **mennosimons**

