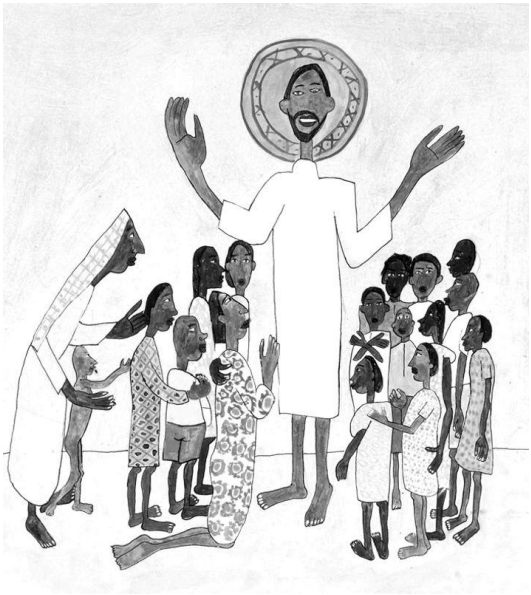
University Mennonite Church



All generations serving God and the world together

October 25, 2026, 10 am



William H. Johnson, Come Unto Me, Little Children.
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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: Sally Minnich Song Leader: Jim Rosenberger

Prelude Timo and Micah Schonberg

Welcome Carmen Groff

Call to worship

One: Sing a new song!
All: Make a joyful noise!
One: Let the sea roar,
All: And let the sky shimmer
One: Let the earth be glad,
All: And let the children run and roll
One: Let the old laugh with deep wisdom.
All: Let the young listen, wide-eyed and wondering.
One: And let us worship God.

Peace Lamp

Singing led by Jim Rosenberger

VT 25 – *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*
VT 509 – *See the Children Here before us*

Children's Time Ben Wideman

VT 282 – *Come and See*

Dedication of Addie Pakhtigian (VT 970)

Singing led by Jim Rosenberger

VT 414 – *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside*

Scripture Gloria Rosenberger

Mark 10:13-16 and Matthew 18:1-5

Sermon Ben Wideman

Singing hymn of response led by Jim Rosenberger

VT 518 – *Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us*

Sharing Time Ben Wideman

Glimpses of the Divine in our lives video

Music: *Wonder* by Katy Perry

Visitors/birthdays/anniversaries/announcements Ben Wideman

Benediction Ben Wideman

Upcoming Events

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

Sun, Oct 25, 10 am – Sunday Worship
Mon, Oct 26, 7 pm --Shape Note Singing
Tue, Oct 27, noon – Lectio Divina, Scripture & Study online

Announcements

Next Sunday, Nov. 1st, Hal Kunkel, will be leading leading three **Shape Note Singing Sessions for the public at the Palmer Museum of Art.** There is no requirement for vocal quality, and many who believe they cannot sing come to join in and are swept up in this distinctly American musical tradition. Music will be provided, so **all you need to bring is yourself.** Singers and listeners are welcome. Come for one or stay for all!

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@alleghenymenniteconference.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.

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: 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)

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.

1. What is an activity or moment that brings you delight and wonder (past or present)?

2. Where in your everyday life do you feel the strongest sense of awe or joy (e.g., nature, art, laughter, music)?

3. Society often measures our value by accomplishments, status, 3and busyness. What makes it difficult for you to slow down and simply play or rest without feeling guilty?

4. What is one small, playful action or posture of wonder you can incorporate into your routine this week to move through the world with a new perspective?

Sketch or doodle something in the space below that brought you playful joy or wonder this past week:

Doodle space:

Mennonite Church USA News

Special Offering for MC USA Historical Archives

This October, we give thanks for the stories that connect us to those who came before us and help shape our faith today. **The Mennonite Church USA Historical Archives preserves photographs, manuscripts and audiovisual records that tell the story of Mennonites following Jesus**, witnessing to God's peace and living out their faith. **Your gift helps keep these stories accessible for generations to come.** Please prayerfully consider supporting the MC USA Historical Archives by mailing a check to MC USA (noting "EB 265" in the memo line), 718 N. Main St., Newton, KS 67114 or donating through our secure online portal: MennoniteUSA.org/give.

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

The Park Forest Preschool

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

BROWN DOG CATERING



CHURCH INFORMATION

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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**