GATHERING

Welcome
(Visitors are invited to fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering basket.)

Gathering Hymn
You’ve got a place
STJ 4

Sharing in the Life of the Church*

Invitation to Worship

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call To Worship
Leader: Bread-baking God, you nourish us with the bread of life.
People: Let your Spirit hang an apron around our necks,
Fashioned and patterned
Leader: Like that worn by our Lord-become-friend, Jesus
People: Instruct us, here in the halls of your kitchen-kingdom,
Leader: With the recipes of mercy and forgiveness,
of compassion and redemption.
People: Leaven our lives ‘till they rise in praise:
Leader: Offered, blessed and broken
All: For the healing of the nations.

- Kenneth L. Sehested, In the Land of Living

PRAISING

Hymns of Praise
Firstborn of Mary
STS 37
Will you come and follow me
STS 39

Offering Prayer

Offering

Prayer of commissioning/blessing for youth group

HEARING

Children’s Time
Pastor Renee Kanagy
(Children ages 3 through 7 are excused to Children’s Circle)

Hymn
You are salt for the earth
HWB 226

Reading of the Gospel
Matthew 13:31-33
Sermon  “Sourdough”  Pastor Renee Kanagy

Responding

Hymn of Response  God of our life  HWB 486

Sharing joys and sorrow; introduction of guests

Prayers of the Congregation

Sending

Sending Hymn  God, whose purpose is to kindle  HWB 135

Benediction

*Near the beginning of our worship, we will have a time for sharing events of the life of the church. Bulletin announcements will be highlighted by the Worship Leader, followed by an opportunity to offer additional sharing. Please be mindful of the limited time we have to worship together on Sunday mornings. --Worship Committee

We warmly welcome all who are visiting with us today! We hope you will join us for fellowship time after the service and give us an opportunity to get to know you. Please fill out a visitor card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. **Listening assistance devices are available** through the sound technician at the rear of the sanctuary.

We offer the following activities for children: A supervised nursery for newborns through age 3, located next to the main entrance; Children's Circle for children ages 3 through 7, which meets in the basement during the second half of the worship service. **The Quiet Room, located to the left of the coat rack, is also available for nursing mothers and sleeping babies.** This area is unsupervised, parents will need to remain with their children.

Music Key:  HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book (blue hard cover book)  
STJ = Sing The Journey (green soft cover book)  
STS= Sing The Story (purple soft cover book)
CMF Vision Statement

As a Mennonite community, seeking to follow Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we will be embracing, engaging, growing.

CMF Welcome Statement

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship is a Christ-centered, welcoming and inclusive church community committed to peace and justice. We acknowledge and affirm the image of God in persons of every race, ability, class, gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation. We celebrate an open communion in which all who seek a closer journey with God are welcome to participate. We invite all who covenant with us to join in the full life of the congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send your announcements to the office before 11:00am-THURSDAY to be printed in the bulletin.

.....TODAY

.....THIS WEEK
Workweek change! All printed announcements to the office a day earlier—bulletins will be printed on Thursday. WLG’s will be delivered on Thursday, too. Violet will be in the office Tues and Thurs, 9am-3pm. Renee will be out of office on Friday.

.....NEXT WEEK
Sunday, June 12  Children’s Story Training
(9:15am, see NOTES for details)
Tuesday, June 14  Community Meal (5-7pm) All are welcome!
Tuesday, June 14  Council (6:30pm)
Wednesday, June 15  Eat & Play (6-9pm)—informal gathering /all welcome

.....COMING UP
Thursday-Saturday, June 23-25  CDC Regional Gathering
Check out the EVENTS page on our website for more calendar information.
NOTES

Isaac Villegas, pastor at Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, was asked to resign his position with the Executive of MCUSA and has subsequently had his ministerial credentials suspended by Virginia Mennonite Conference as a consequence of officiating a wedding between two women with the blessing and affirmation of his congregation. Many people have responded to this news by declaring their support for Isaac on social media with the hashtag #WeStandWithIsaac. I would like to request that we, as a welcoming MCUSA congregation, join with many others in publicly declaring our support for Isaac with a photograph that will be posted on Facebook and sent out in the weekly church email. Pastor Renee will also have a card for Isaac and for Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship that everyone is welcome to sign. If you are willing to be a part of the photo affirming Isaac, please gather at the front of the sanctuary after the service. - Scott Troyer

Interested in teaching? CMF has opportunities September-May, including teaching Sunday School for just one quarter (3 months) or simply serving as a possible substitute when a teacher will be out-of-town one Sunday. If you’re feeling even an inkling of “yeah, maybe,” get in touch with Christian Education Committee to share your thoughts. Similarly, if you have an idea for a single session or a multi-week series you would be willing to lead for the adult class next year, contact CE Committee (Suzanne Marie H, Jane P or Kamala R). Thanks!

Sunday School Clean-up
The Christian Education team and our Sunday School teachers will be tidying up the Sunday School rooms on June 15. These rooms have accumulated several items over the years that are no longer needed for our Sunday School classes. We will place all such items in the Children’s Circle corner of the fellowship hall downstairs. These items will be free for the taking from June 16 through June 30. The items will also be made available to folks who come to community meal. All unclaimed items will be hauled away on July 1.

Fair Trade Rug Event - Ten Thousand Villages
Buying a rug at the Rug Event held at Harper’s Point Ten Thousand Villages, June 1-5 or the O’Bryonville Ten Thousand Villages, June 8-12 is more than just buying a high quality beautiful rug - it’s about supporting over 850 families in Pakistan. Each rug is handknotted by fairly paid adults, working out of their homes. Come show your support for Ten Thousand Villages and these families with a visit to either Rug Event. There will be an Introduction to Oriental Rugs evening at 7 pm June 2 and 9 at the respective stores. It is a great event to learn more about how the rugs are made and the families whose lives are changed.
9:15-10:25am, Sunday, June 12. Mark your calendars!
Worship committee is hosting a children’s story training led by John B
"A great children’s story is fun and meaningful for kids and adults alike! The best part
is, with a few simple tricks, it’s easy to create one. Join John Bromels for an engaging
and informative workshop on how to craft the perfect children’s story. As seen at
Mennonite National Convention, CDC Convention, and in Kokomo, Indiana! (Nope:
that's not a joke)” - John B

Save the Date! Please join us on Sunday, June 26, right after church in the Fellow-
ship Hall, for a cake and punch reception to celebrate the wedding of Neil and Jaimi.

Join us for the 4th Rethinking Racism on Monday June 20th from 6:00-9:00pm at
New Prospect Baptist Church! An Open Space format will be used again as we
continue these important conversations and build relationships. Over 197 unique
and amazing individuals have attended these events - we welcome you to attend again
or for the first time.
Rethinking Racism is a multiracial alliance challenging white individuals and
organizations to acknowledge and end racism. Our movement’s initial effort is
bringing large groups of people together for open exchanges that will encourage
authentic unity, address denial and provide further pathways to justice. We believe the
relationships created will lead us from conversation to actions that will begin
to transform racist structures.
You can access the flyer on the IJPC event page - please share it widely or share the
event with friends on Facebook!
Please RSVP to help us estimate space needs: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/
rethinking-racism-tickets-25402622929

Thank you for everyone who donated both shoes and money to purchase shoes; it
really means a lot to the people receiving them. We had a very successful shoe drive
and we were able to collect 50 shoes and gave away 40 of them. Thanks to all who
were involved, and I had a great time giving them to these people. Everyone was very
appreciative about receiving the shoes. Matthew B

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK — 54
3 Highlights from Brianne B’s junior year, second semester, at Goshen College, a 4-year Mennonite college located in Goshen, Indiana:

1. Being asked by Goshen College, who is sponsoring her, to attend a leadership conference in D.C.

2. Deciding to apply to Public Health master’s programs after graduation next year.

3. Living in a house all year and making really good friends.

One way CMF supports our students who choose to attend Mennonite schools is by contributing toward their tuition. At present, when home congregations give up to $1,000 per student per year, the Mennonite colleges and universities will give a matching amount—in effect, doubling the amount of aid our CMF students receive. This gift is a tangible way to support Mennonite education, which shapes not only our youth but also the wider church as well.

This fall, Brianne will be a senior at Goshen. If you would like to contribute toward her tuition, please make checks payable to CMF with “student mutual aid” written in the memo line. Your designated gift can either be given to Treasurer Steve H or placed in the offering. We have pledged to send our first payment of $500 to Goshen this summer, so if you would like to give, please do so soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Marie H or Bradley K, CMF’s Student Mutual Aid Committee members. Thank you for your continued support!

Learn how to accompany people on their spiritual journeys and guide them to deeper faith in God through the Spiritual Guidance Seminar at AMBS! Offered biennially, this supervised program is for pastors and other leaders who want to become spiritual guides. Meets on campus 5 times August through May.

Instructor: Daniel P. Schrock
Link: www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/spiritual-guidance-seminar.cfm

Want to have full access to online resources at the AMBS library and to the expertise of our librarians? Sign up for the AMBS Research for Ministry Online Seminar. It is an online six month, non-credit course July 1 - December 31. $75 early registration closes June 10. Link: https://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/research-for-ministry.cfm

Interested in learning more about the roots of Anabaptism and its meaning for today? AMBS invites you to join us for the Anabaptist History and Theology short course. This is an online, 6 week, non-credit short course led by Jamie Pitts, assistant professor of Anabaptist Studies and co-editor of Anabaptist Witness. September 14 - October 25

www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Anabaptist-short-courses.cfm
PRAYERS FOR FAITH AND LEARNING
Pray for Bethel College Director of Alumni Relations Dave Linscheid as the annual Alumni Weekend draws to a close and he retires after more than two decades in the position.

PRAYERS FOR THE MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK
Lauren Francisco of Mennonite Mission Network works as an expressive arts counselor at Eastwood Primary School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Pray for her as she listens to stories of victims of neglect and trauma, and empowers them to be creators.

**Book Club** will meet on Sunday, June 5 after church in Ault Park. The book to be discussed is "The Hangman's Daughter" by Oliver Potsch. Please bring a dish to share.

**Journey Groups**
Contact information available through the office for all facilitators.

**Art and Spirituality** : Contact Violet Sears with interest  
**Women's Spiritual Journey** : Contact Facilitator Judy H with interest  
**Women's Corner** : Group Facilitator Kristen L; please contact her to be added to email list or with questions.  
**Men's Group** : Meets every third Saturday of each month—all men are welcome. Coordinator: Jim M. If interested and not on Jim’s email list, please ask to be added. Watch email for location. Jim would appreciate a headcount midweek prior to the Breakfast. Time is 7:30am -??

**Vita Pontis** : Initial contact Scott and Allison T; meeting coordination shared among members

**Youth Group** : coordinators: Scott and Allison T, Heidi S

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Office hours: Tuesday - Friday  
9 to 4 unless something prevents

Violet Sears, Office Administrator, is in the office,  
9am-3pm on Tuesdays and Fridays  
unless something prevents or the work is done

Church office located in Peace House at 3046 Minot Avenue, First Floor  
Services are recorded and available to be checked out;  
Sermons are posted online