



April 15, 2018

Easter III

Gathering

Welcome

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

Sharing Announcements in the Life of the Congregation

Gathering Song We sing to you, O God STJ 1

Invitation to Worship

Celebrating

Call to worship

Leader: Lord, speak to me

People: That I may speak in living echoes of your tone.

Leader: As you have sought,

People: So let me seek your erring children, lost and lone.

Leader: O lead me, Lord,

People: That I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.

Leader: O feed me, Lord,

People: That I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

Leader: O use me, Lord,

All: *Lord, use even me.*

Passing the Peace of Christ

Song of Celebration O sing to the Lord STJ 12

Hearing & Seeing

Scripture Acts 9:1-9

Telling the Story: Local Interfaith Hospitality Network

Offering of gifts

Children's Time

Telling the Story: Local Interfaith Hospitality Network

Song Lord, speak to me HWB 499

Scripture Acts 9:10-19a

Telling the Story: Global

Responding

Blessing of Call

Song of Response Will you come and follow me STS 39
Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Sermon Response, and Introduction of Guests

Prayers of the Community

Sending

Sending Song We will follow STS 40

Benediction

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)

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.

Children are welcome in worship and community life. We also offer the following activities for children during worship: **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.

Next Week's Scripture: Acts 16:16-34
Attendance Last Week: 59 with 4 visitors

Notes

Pastoral review surveys were distributed through CMF mail folders and sent through the mail. **Please return your completed pastoral review survey to either the church council mail folder or Christine Schumacher's home address by April 22.**



People Working Cooperatively's Repair Affair is coming up on Saturday, May 12. People Working Cooperatively is a nonprofit agency which helps low income disabled and elderly homeowners with repairs and modifications to allow people to safely stay in their homes. They have a work day every May and ask volunteers to help their clients with some basic repairs. CMF has participated in the event since moving to Oakley. Let Bob Wells or Jean Swartley know if you can help this year.

Ted & Co. TheaterWorks is coming to nearby Springfield, OH on May 4!

The show "Laughter is a Sacred Space" explores Ted's relationship with his friend and business partner Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. Ted explores the paradox of working with a comedic partner struggling with bipolar disorder, as well as the challenge of writing and performing stories about God while experiencing the absence of God after Lee's death.

Exploring Mennonite Roots and Edges:

Every year on Pentecost Sunday we celebrate our annual covenant signing. Since the congregation's beginnings, the signing of the covenant has been the way that we offer and renew our commitments to God and to each other as a faith community.

In preparation for this annual act of commitment, we'll explore our own Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship's roots, current practices, and growing edges, as well as those of Mennonite Church USA. If you are newer to CMF and/or have a desire to explore Mennonite faith and experience, you are welcome. Adults of all ages are welcome.

We will meet from 9:30-10:25 on May 6, 13, 20 at the Peace House (3064 Minot Ave., First Floor, two doors down from the church building).

We will be in conversation with Palmer Becker's pamphlet *What is an Anabaptist Christian* found here: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/Downloads/DL.MissioDei18.E.pdf>. Expanded readings will be offered for those interested in diving in deeper.

It's time to update the CMF directory! Please check your contact information in the directory sitting on the round table in the gathering area. If your information is up to date, please use the purple pen to write a checkmark by your name. If your contact information is incorrect, please use the purple pen to write in corrections. Thank you! *Scott, CMF Office Assistant*

Check out the latest Spotlight on the CMF website!
www.cincinnatiannite.org

JustLOVE, a multifaith movement provoking love and action in Cincinnati, is hosting a gathering at The Monastery (766 William Howard Taft Road) from 6:30-8:30pm on Friday, April 20. This gathering will celebrate courage through live music, inspiring conversation, and meaningful connections. Visit the JustLOVE:Bravery Facebook event for more details.



The Intercommunity Justice and Peace Center and Rethinking Racism are presenting an event called Disappearing Communities of Color on Monday, April 16 from 6:30-8:30pm at St. Joseph Church (745 Ezzard Charles Dr. The event is a panel discussion featuring Dr. Carl Wesmoreland, MarkCurnutte, and Yvette Simpson. Visit IJPCincinnati.org for more information.



Mennonite Mission Network:

Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network ask for prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. They write: "We feel safe, but are aware that periodic violence has become part of life. We try to be prepared for the unexpected." Pray for the witness of Mennonite churches as they follow the Prince of Peace.

Central District Conference:

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Central District Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The deadline to apply for fall 2018 is July 17. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey or contact your pastor, or Doug Luginbill at confmin@mcusacdc.org or at [574-534-1485](tel:574-534-1485).

Mennonite Church USA:

Pray for Sue Park-Hur as she begins her new role as denominational minister for Leadership Development. She joined the Mennonite Church USA Executive Board staff on March 19, 2018.



FAITH TALK

Genesis 4:1-16: "Jealousy between brothers"

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story.* (1) Read Genesis 4:9. How can we be our brother's and sister's keeper? (2) Draw a picture or tell about something that makes you angry. (3) List three peaceful things to do when you feel angry.

*Preschool children have a "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet for the story "Jesus appears to Thomas."

Did you know? The title of John Steinbeck's novel *East of Eden* refers to the exile of Cain.

Prayer for the week: *God, it can be difficult to love others when we feel angry. Show us how to respond with love instead of hate. Amen.*



Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 29 after church at China Foods, 410 W McMilan, in Clifton Hts. The book to be discussed is “Evicted” by Matthew Desmond.



Join the Lunch Bunch to extend the conversation and fellowship after service each week. Sometimes we visit a local restaurant, sometimes we pack a lunch and dine here. Meet around the round table in the gathering area if interested



Journey Groups

Contact information available through the office for all facilitators.

Women’s Spiritual Journey: Contact Facilitator Eleanor Bowman with interest

Women’s Group: Group Facilitator Ann Schrock; please contact her to be added to email list or with questions. Playdates Coordinator: Becca Swartzendruber—we have a regular play group for babies & preschool-aged kids that meets at Jane Patty’s house on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 9am - 11:30am. Questions? Contact Becca at 513.680.1708 or Jane at 513.238.3857.

Men’s Group: Meets every third Saturday of each month--all men are welcome. Coordinator: Jim Miller. 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 -???

Youth Group: coordinators: Scott and Allison Troyer



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Services are recorded and available to be checked out;
Sermons are posted online at cincinnatiannonite.org