



April 1, 2018

Easter





**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.

**CMF Vision Statement**

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

**Announcements**

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

**.....TODAY**

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday  
Annual Easter Brunch (9am, CMF Lower Level)  
No Christian Formation Classes  
Worship (10:30am, CMF Upper Level)

**.....THIS WEEK**

**.....NEXT WEEK**

Tuesday, April 10

Community Meal (5-7pm, CMF Lower Level)

**.....COMING UP**

Sunday, April 29

Mentor Group Meeting (9:30am, Peace House)  
Congregational Meeting (12pm, CMF Upper Level)

Sunday, May 6

Congregational Meeting (12pm, CMF Upper Level)

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost

*Check out the **EVENTS** page on our website for more calendar information.*

## Notes

### **Mennonite Mission Network:**

On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a Mennonite Mission Network SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with [Jesus], but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him."

### **Mennonite Disaster Service:**

MDS has many urgent volunteer needs and several job opportunities. Please pray for those considering service with MDS and for the volunteers as they travel to and from locations, handle tools, repair and build homes and bring hope to disaster survivors.

### **Mennonite Church USA:**

**The Gathering Live**, the annual gathering of youth ministry leaders in Mennonite Church USA, will take place on May 4-6, 2018, in Kansas City with the theme "Encountering God." Sessions will be based on Kenda Creasy Dean's *Almost Christian*, emphasizing the importance of experiencing God for growth in genuine faith. The weekend will include MennoCon19 information and plenty of time for conversation and networking. [Registration is open now!](#)



### **FAITH TALK**

#### **John 20:1-18: "Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene"**

Here are some ways to nurture faith at home based on this week's story. For preschool children, use the "For families" page in the Early Childhood leaflet. (1) Read John 20:11-17. Who spoke Mary's name? (2) Tell about a time you had a really wonderful surprise. (3) Peter and another disciples ran to the tomb. Have a race to see who can reach a designated spot first.

**Did you know?** Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. On the calendar we use (Gregorian), what are the earliest and latest possible dates for Easter? (*March 22 and April 25.*)

**Prayer for the week:** *God, we thank you for miracles, big and small. Amen.*

**From the CMF Council:**

Introducing the Pastor Congregations Relations Committee. Please see the attached committee description. The committee cares for both the pastor and the congregation. It will provide on-going feedback, encouragement, caring accountability to the Pastor. And, it provides a vehicle for the congregation to express affirmations and concerns of the congregation and/or the pastor.

Committee members Crystal Ridge, Greta Holt, Jim Miler and Nathan Swartzendruber, and Council representative, Christine Schumacher, will conduct the pastoral review.

**Timeline for the Pastor Review**

**April 8** the survey tool and the pastor's job description will be in each person's mail folder. Anyone who is not present will have the survey sent to their home address. The surveys are to be signed and returned in a sealed envelope by April 22 to the Church Council Folder or sent to Christine's home address.

**April 29** the results will be distributed in a congregational meeting that will begin at 12 noon. No individuals will be named, only collective responses will be given. After a time to read through the responses, there will be a time to respectfully listen and hear each other.

We are involved together as a congregation in evaluating a pastor's ministry, rather than individually doing evaluations apart from the discernment of the community.

We have spent significant time on a consensus plan that is constructive and useful in good decision making. This is continuing to build on that effort.

The second congregational meeting will be **May 6**. This will provide an opportunity for those who could not attend the previous week, but also give those who wish to continue the conversation, the opportunity to listen and hear each other.

Renee will be kept informed, seeing the survey and giving feedback before it is presented to the congregation, hearing the responses of the surveys and of the congregational meetings in which she will not be present. No names will be given, collective responses will be shared.

**May 20** is Pentecost at which time the CMF covenant will be signed by all who wish to participate in the Fellowship. Signing will continue on **May 27, and June 3**.

**June 3** we will vote whether or not to retain Renee as our pastor. Adults and high school youth who have completed the survey and signed the covenant will be able to vote. If persons need an absentee ballot, that will be made available. Details will be provided later. Questions, please refer to Christine Schumacher, or members of the PCRC committee.

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**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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*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 at [cincinnatiannonite.org](http://cincinnatiannonite.org)