



April 22, 2018

Easter IV

## 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**

### **Invitation to Worship**

## Celebrating

### **Call to worship**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sets us free.

**People: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.**

Leader: Sing hymns of praise.

**People: In the depths of darkness we will sing.**

Leader: The prison doors are open. Our chains are broken.

**People: We are captives no more.**

Leader: The creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption.

**People: All creation waits with eager longing.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who sets us free,

**People: Christ has led us out. Hallelujah.**

### **Passing the Peace of Christ**

<b>Songs of Celebration</b>	I sing the mighty power of God God, who stretched	HWB 46 HWB 414
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## Hearing & Seeing

<b>Scripture</b>	Acts 16:16-34
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<b>Song</b>	Still, I search for my God	HWB 88
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### **Offering of gifts**

### **Children's Time**

<b>Song</b>	Lord, speak to me	HWB 499
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<b>Sermon</b>	Let me get this straight.	Renee Kanagy
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## Responding

### **Song of Response**

### **Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Sermon Response, and Introduction of Guests**

**Prayers of the Community**

## Sending

**Sending Song**

We will follow

STS 40

**Benediction**

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**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 17:16-31

**Attendance Last Week:** 68 with 2 visitors



## Notes

### **A Card Shower for Julia Hitt!**

Because Julia continues to have significant pain associated with a concussion she suffered more than a year ago, she will be entering the FIRST program at Children's Hospital (functional independence restoration program), beginning April 30, and likely staying two to five weeks. This is an explanation of the program from the hospital website: "Our program involves intensive, inpatient rehabilitation for children and adolescents, 10-18 years of age, who are experiencing chronic pain syndromes and pain associated disability. Some patients experience significant pain relief as a result of the program, but the ultimate goal is to help them become more independent and resourceful so that they can manage their pain effectively and regain a typical life at home, at school and in their community." To show your support of Julia, you are encouraged to send a card to arrive any time between April 30 and May 11. You can mail it to her at her home address, and her family will be sure to deliver cards during their visits. Thank you .

**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. Tickets are free, but need to be reserved. See the Tuesday Tidings email or the Facebook event for this show for a link to reserve your tickets.

**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. *Today is the last day the directory will be out in the gathering area.* Thank you! *Scott, CMF Office Assistant*

### **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.

### **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](http://www.ambs.edu/journey) or contact your pastor, or Doug Luginbill at [confmin@mcusacdc.org](mailto:confmin@mcusacdc.org) or at [574-534-1485](tel:574-534-1485).



### **FAITH TALK**

#### **Genesis 26:12-33: "Isaac and the wells"**

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 Genesis 26:19-22. Why did these people have trouble getting along? (2) The people quarreled about wells. Look for an object your family might quarrel about, such as a computer or toy. How can you solve an argument about that object? (3) Say "Go in peace" instead of "goodbye."

**Did you know?** What are the three types of water wells? *Dug, driven, and drilled wells*

**Prayer for the week:** *God, guide our actions and teach us the ways of peace. Amen.*

### **Mennonite Mission Network:**

For the past four decades, Janie and Neal Blough of Mennonite Mission Network have planted Anabaptist seeds through their teaching and lecturing

from their base at the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for good fruit to continue to grow from their ministry in Europe and throughout the French-speaking world.

**Mennonite Central Committee**

**MCC’s SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) home repair program has summer positions open in both West Virginia and Kentucky.** The assignments run from May 30 - approximately August 11. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but positions are not limited to young adults. More information about SWAP and an application are available at [swap.mcc.org](http://swap.mcc.org) or by calling 606-633-5065. In both positions, an exceptional 18-year-old might be considered. A stipend, room and board and travel expenses are provided.

**Job Site Coordinators** - Will be the liaison between homeowners and volunteers. Carpentry skills are helpful but not required. Must be willing to learn, follow instruction and work well with others, both homeowners and volunteers, youth and adults.

**Meals Coordinators** – Will assist the Location Coordinator with menu planning, meal preparation, kitchen duties and other. Should be able to work well with staff and volunteers, both youth and adults.

**Mennonite Church USA:**

Hope for the Future 2018 participants have released [an open letter to Mennonite Church USA](#). “We realize the challenges that lie ahead,” the letter reads. “And so in the spirit of love, we offer these words of challenge and hope for the future.”

**Budget Update - March 2018**

	<u>March</u>	<u>FYTD 2018</u>	<u>FY Budget</u>
Income:			
Pledges	\$11,729	\$76,253	\$145,860
Offerings	\$56	\$4,375	\$9,046
Rent	\$525	\$8,650	\$16,800
Total	\$12,310	\$89,278	\$171,706
Expenses	\$14,760	\$85,951	\$171,706
Income - Expense	(\$2,450)	\$3,327	

The church continues to be in good financial health this fiscal year. In March, income from pledges, offerings, and rental activities were less than expenses by \$2,450. Over the first half of the fiscal year, income has exceeded expenses by around \$3,300. In general, expenses are in line with expectations for the first 6 months of the fiscal year.

Please contact Steve Hitt (Church Treasurer) if you have any questions.



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