



**May 6, 2018**

**Easter VI**

## 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**                      You've got a place                      STJ 4

### **Invitation to Worship**

## Celebrating

### **Call to worship**

Leader: We come to the welcome table,

**People: Though we are not the ones who set it.**

Leader: We find a place at the welcome table.

**People: We share your blessings and give thanks.**

Leader: Let our gathering be a homecoming.

**People: As you welcome us, let us welcome each other.**

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

**Songs of Celebration**      Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna                      HWB 272  
Will you let me be your servant                      HWB 307

## Hearing & Seeing

**Scripture**                      Philippians 1:1-18a

### **Offering of gifts**

### **Children's Time**

**Song**                      Miren que bueno                      STJ 37

**Proclaiming**                      Sharing in the gospel                      Pastor Renee Kanagy

## Responding

**Song of Response**                      Thou true vine                      HWB 373

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

### **Prayers of the Community**

# Sending

**Sending Song**

Som'landela

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.

**Attendance Last Week:** 73

**Next Week's Scripture:** Philippians 2

**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, May 6

Exploring Mennonite Roots and Edges (9:30am, Peace House)  
Christian Formation Classes (9:30am)  
Worship (10:30am)  
Congregational Meeting (12:00pm, Sanctuary)

**.....THIS WEEK**

Tuesday, May 8

Community Meal (5-7pm, CMF Lower Level)  
Ten Thousand Villages Board Meeting (7pm, Peace House)

**.....NEXT WEEK**

Sunday, May 13

Exploring Mennonite Roots and Edges (9:30am, Peace House)  
High School Senior Blessing for Sydney Renick. (A reception will follow the service in the gathering area)

**.....COMING UP**

Thursday, May 17

CMF Council Meeting (6:30pm, Peace House)

Saturday, May 19

Youth Group Mystery Dinner (6:00pm, Peace House)

Sunday, May 20

Exploring Mennonite Roots and Edges (9:30am, Peace House)

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

## Notes

As summer camp season is quickly approaching, Council would like CMF to be aware that we offer camp scholarships (or camperships) to young people at CMF who request financial assistance to make it possible to attend one of our Mennonite summer camps. For many of us, summer camp experiences were a time of forming important relationships with other people, gaining personal insights, and especially growing our spiritual lives and relationship with God in beautiful natural settings that inspire expansion and growth. We invite anyone who would like to contribute to our Camp Scholarship Fund to place your contribution in the offering, with "Camp Scholarship Fund" clearly marked in the memo line of checks, or on envelopes with cash. Contributions are welcome at any time, and can also be placed in our treasurer Steve Hitt's folder. 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.



### **FAITH TALK**

#### **1 Samuel 25:1-35: "Abigail prevents war"**

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 1 Samuel 25:32-35. What did Abigail do to stop war and violence? (2) Tell one thing you can do to make peace. (3) Listen to the song "Study War No More" / "Down by the Riverside" on YouTube.

**Did you know?** What board game involves apologies? *Sorry*

**Prayer for the week:** *God, there are many people suffering because of war. Help us to do what we can to make peace. Amen.*

### **Christian Peacemaker Teams:**

Pray for the LGBTQ+ community in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region. Pray for the safety of the community while they continue to struggle for their rights. Many LGBTQ+ community members receive death threats and face physical violence that can even result in loss of life. Pray for the transformation of the oppressive and violent situation in which they live.

**Mennonite Men:**

***How Then Shall We Live?*** A week-long immersion in the wild to bring out the deep wisdom, fierce joy and sacred strength of men. Come wade into the wilds of New Mexico! Highlights include homemade meals in an adobe hacienda, visiting Taos Pueblo, plunging into the waters and canyons of the Rio Grande Gorge, wilderness solos, songs and campfires, morning meditations and biblical analysis in wild places—all designed to open radically new possibilities for men seeking a wilder way of fierce love for God, humanity and our precious earth. Guided by Todd Wynward for adventurous men 18+ in Taos, New Mexico, September 8-15, 2018. For registration information on this Mennonite Men experience, visit [www.mennonitemen.org](http://www.mennonitemen.org).

**Mennonite Mission Network:**

Today, “Sent 2018” is concluding a three-day conference in Chicago where church planters worshiped and learned about resources for birthing missional congregations in the peace church tradition. Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for participants as they implement what they learned in their communities.

**Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary:**

**Seeking a Managing Editor.** The Institute of Mennonite Studies (IMS), AMBS’s research agency, is accepting applications for a part-time Managing Editor to start Aug. 1, 2018. The Managing Editor provides day-to-day management of the planning, production, promotion and distribution of IMS print and digital publications. See a full job description: [ambs.edu/jobs](http://ambs.edu/jobs)

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**Mennonite Education Agency:**

Pray for the more than 550 graduates at EMU’s 100th Commencement Ceremony. We give special thanks for the presence of speaker, Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee (’07).

**Central District Conference:**

Registration for the 2018 Central District Conference Annual Meeting is now open! Early registration ends June 11. Visit [mcusacdc.org](http://mcusacdc.org) to register.

**Mennonite Church USA:**

The MC USA Executive Board and Constituency Leaders Council held joint meetings in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, last month. Read updates about Journey Forward, Ervin Stutzman's farewell program and discussions about credentialing and leadership appointments: <http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc-usa-leaders-journey-forward-at-spring-meetings/>.

We invite you, your congregations and conferences to engage in the initiative to "Learn, Pray, Join" for the Korean Peninsula. This includes a **churchwide day of prayer for North and South Korea on Sunday, May 20, 2018**, using MCC's "[A prayer for peace in North Korea](#)." Please share this information widely.

**A hearty thank you to all who completed the pastoral review survey!**

The next step is to attend one (or if you wish, both) of the congregational meetings. The first took place last week, Sunday, the 29th. The second will take place today Sunday, May 6. The meeting will begin at 12 noon and last one hour. While we value having filled out the surveys, it is not a requirement that you must have completed a survey in order to be involved in the rest of the process. The purpose of the congregational meetings is to hear and learn from each other and put into practice what we have completed with our recent decision concerning consensus building.

We will then test for consensus with a sample ballot at the end of each meeting. If someone has attended both meetings, they are to complete only one ballot, unless they have changed their mind. Then they will need to state what has changed so we have an accurate count.

People will also need to sign the covenant (or have signed it last year) to be able then to give their final discernment in June. There will be three Sundays available for signing, May 20, 27 and June 6.

Child care will be provided during today's meeting.

Thank you!

*-Pastor Congregation Relations Committee*



**Book Club** will meet on Sunday, June 17 after church in Ault Park. The book to be discussed is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Please bring a dish to share.



**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. Our play group for babies & preschool-aged kids meets at Jane Patty's house twice a mont. Contact Becca Swartzendruber to be added to our Facebook group for more specific dates & times. 513.680.1708 or beccajayne1@gmail.com.

**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)