



Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship
August 12, 2018
What is an Anabaptist Christian?
Jesus is the Center of our Faith

Prayers of the Community

Sending

Sending Song

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HWB 434

Benediction

Attendance last week: 53

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 from 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.

Services are recorded each week. CDs are available to be checked out, and sermons can also be heard on our website.

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.

Upcoming Events

...Today

Sunday, August 12

Worship (10:30am)
Back-to-School Blessing (during worship)
Potluck (following worship, Schumacher/Hess residence)

...This week

Tuesday, August 14

Community Meal (5pm-7pm, CMF Lower Level)
CMF Council Meeting (6:30pm, Peace House)

...Next week

Sunday, August 19

Communion (during Worship)
Ridge Baby Shower (following worship, CMF Upper Level)

Tuesday, August 21

Ten Thousand Villages Board Meeting (7pm, Peace House)

...Coming up

Sunday, August 26

Safe Sanctuary Training (following worship, CMF)

Check out the "Events" page on our website for more calendar information: <http://www.cincinnati mennonite.org/events/>

Congregational Announcements

Please send your announcements to the office before 11:00am on Friday.

Everyone is invited to our home after the August 12 worship service for a potluck. Please bring food to share, excepting any gluten-full bread products. We will provide some food and drinks. -Christine Schumacher and Hal Hess

Next week, August 19, we will be celebrating communion during worship.

The CMF Social Committee will be hosting a baby shower for Crystal and Guy Ridge on August 19 after worship. They are expecting a baby boy. Light refreshments will be provided. The Ridges are registered at Target.

"Guess WHO is coming to dinner?" Social Com. is looking to organize "Guess WHO is coming to dinner?" meals at 3 -4 homes of our church members' during the month of October. We need hosts to volunteer first, and to share what dates they are available. We would like hosts to be able to handle 10-15 people for the meal. The host will provide the main dish, and coordinate with the guests about what sides/desserts to bring. Guests only know who the host will be, and will find out with whom they are dining once they get there. INTERESTED HOSTS, please contact Annie Lamb or Heidi Simones by August 19. Thanks!

Council is preparing the 2018-2019 Budget. We anticipate the need for a 2.3% increase in pledges this year to balance expenses within our proposed budget. Pledge forms and the proposed budget were sent out over email. Please review these documents and follow the instructions on the form for submitting your pledge. Pledge forms are due to Steve Hitt by Sunday, September 2.

Bulletin Cover Art: Sixth-century mosaic in Ravenna, Italy, depicting Jesus acting out Psalm 91:13—"You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot." Christ is dressed as a soldier, but wields a cross in place of a sword as a reminder that his victory came through his freely given life rather than violent conquest. The book Jesus carries reads "I am the way, truth, and life."

Preparation for offering of letters, September 9, organized by Carol

Monson: Globally, hunger and poverty rates have been cut in half over the past 25 years. But in 2016, for the first time since the turn of the century, the number of people living in hunger increased and now stands at 815 million. *Funding for international hunger programs is under threat.*

Safe Sanctuary

Once again it is time for our annual Safe Sanctuary Training, scheduled for Sunday August 26th after church from 12-1:15pm. Our plan requires that everyone working with children and youth in the church (teachers, mentors, pastor, youth group sponsors, nursery workers, children's circle workers, youth helpers, and parents, plus anyone else interested) participate in yearly safe sanctuary training. As adults in our church, it is our responsibility to protect children from potential abuse and experience a safe place to worship.

This year, we are having David Dale from the Coalition to End Child Sexual Abuse (CECSA) present information from the Stewards for Children curriculum. The module he will be presenting for us is Healthy Touch for Children and Youth. We will learn guidelines for healthy touch and safe, respectful ways to interact with children at home and in youth serving settings. For those interested, more information on the content of this training and opportunities for other offerings of Stewards for Children can be found at <https://www.d21.org/education/additional-training/>.

We only ask that those planning on attending, contact Kristen Lamb by Wednesday August 22nd so we can ensure there are enough training materials, food and child caregivers. If you are in need of child care, if you can provide her with the kids that will be there.

Announcements from the Wider Church

Mennonite Church USA

MC USA invites you to Learn, Pray, Join for Immigration Justice. Register for the webinar on August 13, join in churchwide prayer on September 23 (Peace Sunday) and support work for immigration justice at mennoniteusa.org/IJ.

The installation for Glen Guyton as the incoming executive director of MC USA will take place on Saturday, August 18, 2018, 2-4 p.m. at College Mennonite Church in Goshen, Indiana. All are invited. A livestream will be available for viewing online at <http://collegemennonite.org/watch-online/>

Registration is now open for Women Doing Theology 2018.

Theme: Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation

Date: Nov. 8-10, 2018

Location: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.

For scholarship and registration, male ally application, to submit proposals, and all other details, visit: it Women Doing Theology 2018 website (listed below).

The deadline for paper and workshop submissions for Women Doing Theology 2018 has been extended to August 13. If you missed the initial deadline, but are still interested in presenting, you can submit your proposals from the Women Doing Theology 2018 web page: <http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/peacebuilding/women-in-leadership-project/wdt2018/>.



Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology (noncredit): Sept. 12 – Oct. 23. This online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., covers the birth and development of 16th-century Anabaptist movements and looks at various interpretations of the meaning of “Anabaptism” today. Cost: \$200 before Aug. 22; \$250 after. CEUs available. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Christian Peacemaker Teams

We pray for the lives of the Human Rights Defenders of Northwest Antioquia, Colombia, where armed groups have restarted the cycle of violence. The paramilitaries, the ELN guerrilla group, the military and the police are putting at risk subsistence farmers and miners over control of the territory, which is fertile and rich in resources. The dispute is also directly linked to the extractive industry and connected to the production of coca. In response to the increase of threats against Human Rights Defenders, our partners, CAHUCOPANA, have installed three Humanitarian Safe Houses (Casas de Refugio Humanitario de Paso) in Northwest Antioquia. These homes will welcome and protect any threatened leaders.



Mennonite Mission Network

Praise God for Mennonite Mission Network’s 11-year partnership with Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services (RAICES) in Texas. Pray for Katrina Kniss with Mennonite Voluntary Service who is currently helping the agency provide free legal work to unaccompanied minors and mothers with children.

Notes



Book Club will meet on Sunday, September 16 after church in Ault Park. The book to be discussed is “Priestdaddy” by Patricia Lockwood. 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 us around the round table in the gathering area if interested.



Our Women’s Group facilitator is 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 month. Contact Becca Swartzendruber to be added to our Facebook group for more specific dates & times, at (513) 680-1708 or beccajayne1@gmail.com.

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

The Men’s Group meets every third Saturday of each month for breakfast— all men are welcome. Coordinator: Jim Miller. If interested and not on Jim’s email list, please contact to be added. The location is announced in the email. Jim would appreciate a headcount midweek prior to the Breakfast. The group meets at 7:30am.

Youth Group begins meeting again in the fall.



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The church office is in the Peace House at 3046 Minot Avenue, on the first floor.
 Services are recorded and available to be checked out.
 Sermons are posted online at cincinnati mennonite.org