



Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship
March 10, 2019

Gathering

Welcome

Sharing Announcements in the Life of the Congregation

Gathering Song Holy God, we praise thy name HWB 121

Invitation to Worship

Passing the Peace of Christ

Celebrating

Call to Worship

Leader: O Holy One,

All: we hear and say so many words,

Leader: yet yours is the word we need.

Speak now,

All: and help us listen;

Leader: and, if what we hear is silence,

Right: let it quiet us,

Center: let it disturb us,

Left: let it touch our need,

Right: let it break our pride,

Center: let it shrink our certainties,

Left: let it enlarge our wonder.

All: Amen.

Songs of Celebration Be thou my vision HWB 545
I will come to you in the silence STS 49

Offering of Gifts

Hearing

Children's Time Jane Patty

Family Song In your sickness HWB 585

Gospel Reading Mathew 18:15-35

Confession Be Still and Know I am God

Sermon Pastor Renee Kanagy

Responding

Song of Response

God of the Bible

STJ 27

Sharing of Joys, Sorrows, Service Response, and Introduction of Guests

Prayers of the Community

Sending

Sending Song

Move in our midst

HWB 418

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)

Attendance Last Week: 63 with 2 visitors

Next week's scripture: Matthew 18:15-35

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

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, March 10

Daylight Saving Time Begins
Christian Formation Classes (9:30am, various locations)
Worship (10:30am)
Congregational Meeting (following worship, CMF Upper Level)

...**This week**

Tuesday, March 12
Thursday, March 14

Community Meal (5pm-7pm, CMF Lower Level)
Worship Committee Meeting (7pm, Peace House)

...**Next week**

Sunday, March 17

Tuesday, March 19

Wednesday, March 20
Saturday, March 23

Guest Speaker Doug Luginbill, Central District Conference Minister (during worship)
Office Assistant out of office.
Community Meal Meeting (7:15pm, Peace House)
CMF Council Meeting (6:30pm, Peace House)
Enneagram Group (9am, Peace House)

...**Coming up**

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

Congregational Announcements

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

Adult Forum will consider the Narrative Lectionary texts from Matthew during the six Sundays of Lent. This Sunday's reading is Matthew 18: 15-35. If you want to do a daily reading from Matthew, find a suggested list at "Narrative Lectionary daily readings for 2018-19". We'll reference Meghan Good's book *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today* as we look at some of the challenging, off-putting texts in Matthew.

Thanks to all who participated in the PJOS Plant-Rich Potluck! We enjoyed the variety of colorful and flavorful dishes, and had good conversations about food and environment that we hope will continue. Below are some questions to help keep the discussion going. If you didn't get a chance to share your plant-rich recipe from the potluck, please send it to Allison to be compiled and sent out soon. Thank you!

- 1.) What are your favorite foods or comfort foods? How many of these dishes contain meat or other animal products? How could you change these dishes to eliminate or decrease the amount of meat and make them more plant-rich?
- 2.) How are our food choices connected to our ecosystem? Theology? Identities? What else is connected to our food choices?
- 3.) What is your reaction to foods labeled meatless, vegetarian, vegan, or plant-rich? What do you know or assume about plant-rich diets? What questions do you have about plant-rich diets?
- 4.) What seems difficult about choosing a plant-rich diet? What seems compelling about choosing a plant-rich diet?



The youth group coffee sale is back next week! Stock up on delicious Menno's Best Coffee (in dark and medium roasts or decaf). The cost is \$15 per bag, and \$6 will come back to the CMF Youth Group to raise funds for Convention expenses. Another \$1 goes to MCUSA's peace and justice efforts. Please bring cash or check. Orders placed this Sunday should be delivered within 2 weeks. Thanks for your support!

In December, we made a plan for **Community Meal** to continue through April. The commitment was to meet in March to assess how the plan is going. The meeting agenda will be this assessment. How is it going? Are the resources in place to continue? What is needed to continue with Community Meal? To that end, **there will be an opening meeting for all investing in Community Meal 7:15pm, Tuesday, March 19th at the Peace house.**

This year's Lenten theme is be still and know. The invitation is to notice in the stillness what to shed and what to hold dear. Noticing what is blocking life and what we claim as life-giving are both kinds of confession. How do we notice what to shed and what to hold dear? We notice by putting down: the long list of tasks, the identities we wear, and the responsibilities we carry. We choose silence as a regular element in worship. Silence of 2-3 minutes will be balm for some, awkward for others and irritating for a few. There will be guidance and structure each week with the silence. In the silence, we tune our attention to God's ever-present presence, to the Spirit always enfolding and the Christ persistently hosting us. The silence is the place we notice what to shed and what to hold dear. This Lent, be still and know, I am God. Psalm 46:10.

Announcements from the Wider Church

Mennonite Church USA

Join the Peace Church Planting webinar where church planters will share from their experience, and Mennonite Mission Network staff will introduce The Sent Network, a new online platform to support church planters. The webinar will take place on **Wednesday, March 13, 6-7:15 p.m. EDT/ 5-6:15 p.m. Central /3-4:15 p.m. Pacific**, and all are invited to attend. Visit mennoniteusa.org/churchplanting to register.

Be one of the first 2,000 people to register for MennoCon19 and receive a new Voices Together hymnal when it's available. Registration is open now at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration!

Mennonite Central Committee

Peace Camp: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering a week-long Peace Camp for young adults ages 18-22 who are interested in learning about a Biblical approach to peace and justice. During Peace Camp, young adults will explore the theme of "Responding to Violence" through hands-on learning. The week includes a trip to Chicago with MCC partners working with gun violence prevention. Other focus topics include conflict transformation, anti-racism, bystander training and restorative justice. The base participant fee is \$300, and scholarships are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information and registration, see mcc.org/gl_peace_camp or contact either Jes Stoltzfus Buller (MCC Peace Education Coordinator) at jessicabuller@mcc.org or Juan Pacheco (MCC Great Lakes Peace and Justice Coordinator) at juanpacheco@mcc.org.

Notes



Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 17 after church at Dusmesh Indian Restaurant, 944 Ludlow Ave., in Clifton. The book to be discussed is "Someone Knows My Name" by Lawrence Hill.



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.

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 coordinators are Crystal and Guy Ridge.

A high priority for me as pastor is to be accessible to those in the fellowship and extended community. I spend time in study, writing, praying, doing administrative tasks, meeting with people in pastoral care and collaborating in planning. I spend time at the CMF office and I meet with people in their homes and out in the community. My cell phone and the laptop mean I can be reached by phone and email wherever I am. Call, text, email, stop by the office, I am glad to hear from you! ~Pastor Renee



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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
This bulletin is printed on 100% recycled paper.