

Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship
April 28, 2019
Easter 2

Gathering

Welcome

Sharing Announcements in the Life of the Congregation

Gathering Song

Will you come and follow me

STS 39

Invitation to Worship

Celebrating

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We have been blessed by God!

Leader: We gather together to give thanks,
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

People: We are being blessed by God!

Leader: We gather together to open our eyes,
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

People: We will continue to be blessed by God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings
and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

People: Let us give thanks to God!

Let us proclaim our faith in God!

Let us worship God!!

~adapted from Sarah E. Weaver (2014)

Songs

Here I am, Lord
How can we be silent

HWB 395

STJ 61

Hearing & Seeing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Offering of Gifts

Children's Time

Family Song

We will follow

STS 40

Sermon

Pastor Renee Kanagy

Responding

Song of Response

What is this place

HWB 1

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

Moment in Mission

Peace, Justice, Outreach
and Service Committee

Prayers of the Community

Sending

Sending Song

I love to tell the story

HWB 398

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: 97 with 13 visitors

Scripture Next Week: Matthew 9:36-37

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.

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, April 28

Christian Formation Classes (9:30am, various locations)
Worship (10:30am)

...This week

...Next week

Sunday, May 5

Brene Brown Power of Vulnerability Group (12pm, CMF)

...Coming up

Tuesday, May 14

Sunday, May 19

Sunday, May 26

Tuesday, May 28

Sunday, June 2

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

High School Senior Blessing

Ben Mumaw Baptism

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

Pastor Renee's Farewell Celebration (9:30am, CMF Upper Level)

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

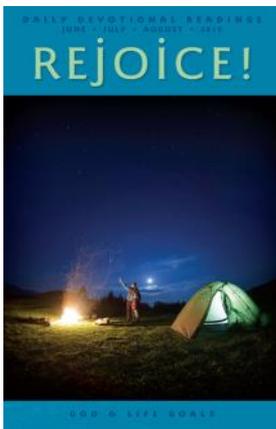
Congregational Announcements

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

In my remaining six weeks as pastor at CMF, I anticipate blessing the four graduating high school seniors May 19, celebrating the baptism of Ben Mumaw May 26, and offering blessing to CMF in my leaving June 2. I will be organizing, sorting and packing as well as saying goodbyes. I have had dozens of conversations in the last six weeks since announcing my resignations. I continue to be open to conversation. If you would like to visit, call or email to arrange a time to meet. Three months is a long time to be in this space of leaving. The gift in this timeframe is that it allows time for unwinding in love.

My final Sunday at CMF will be June 2. A farewell celebration of donuts, coffee and fruit will be held prior to worship from 9:30-10:25 am. Following the service, I will be in the entry way to shake hands, giving and receiving the blessings of goodbyes. ~Pastor Renee

Meet with an Everence Financial Advisor Sunday May 5th. Sam Schultz, an Everence financial advisor and former pastor, will be at CMF on May 5th to give the sermon. He has also offered to meet with individuals, in his financial planning capacity, while he is here. Please sign up for an appointment time on Sign Up Genius (link available via the Tuesday Tidings or by searching for office@cincinnati mennonite.org on the Sign Up Genius website). Please remember to bring any financial documents or statements related to the questions you may have during your 30-minute appointment. Appointments will take place at the Peace House.



The Summer 2019 edition of the Rejoice! daily devotional is now available in the gathering area. The summer theme is *God & Life Goals*. From the editor: "With readers and writers of many different ages, this publication [Rejoice!] offers a vital conversation within and between people of all ages...I noticed that writers [for this issue] lean either toward themes of future aspirations and promises or toward ideas about being secure and faithful in the present...As citizens of a kingdom that is both present *now* and *not yet* in its fullness, we need to value who are are this very moment while also appreciating who we are still in the process of becoming."

A prayer vigil, Prayers in the Face of Violence Against Christian Congregations in Louisiana and Sri Lanka, will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00pm. I will be participating in the vigil on behalf of CMF All are welcome! Spread the word! ~Pastor Renee

Recently, three historically African-American church buildings were burned in Louisiana. On Easter Sunday, three churches and congregations were bombed in Sri Lanka. Such violence against people of faith is always horrific and wrong.

People of Clifton United Methodist Church (Ayesha and David Casie Chetty) and neighbors in our community, in the health organizations near us, and at the University of Cincinnati have been directly affected. Furthermore, many more have been impacted by the anxiety that such violence creates, are grieved by the losses of lives and sacred space, and are heart-sick by the suffering caused to those injured and those left to pick-up the pieces.

Join others for an interfaith prayer vigil on Tuesday, April 30th from 7-8 pm at the Clifton United Methodist Church led by members of the Sri Lankan community, African-American United Methodists, and interfaith partners. Please share the with others to join the community in prayer.

Announcements from the Wider Church

Mennonite Mission Network

Matthew and Toni Krabill are preparing for ministry through Mennonite Mission Network where they will work alongside Janie and Neal Blough at the Paris Mennonite Center. Pray for the Krabills as they raise support for a life of faithful discipleship in France.

Notes



Book Club will meet on Sunday, April 28 after church at China Foods Restaurant, 410 W. McMillan, in Clifton Heights. The book to be discussed is "Here comes the Sun" by Nicole Dennis-Benn.



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 & Guy Ridge and Jaimi & Neil Widmer.

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.