



Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship
May 19, 2019

Gathering

Welcome

Sharing Announcements in the Life of the Congregation

Gathering Songs

The love of God
In the bulb there is a flower

STJ 44
HWB 614

Invitation to Worship

Celebrating

Passing the Peace of Christ

Call to Worship

Leader: We believe God still creates—

People: we want to see more clearly.

Leader: We believe God still speaks—

People: we want to listen more carefully.

Leader: We believe God still guides—

People: we want to walk more faithfully.

Leader: We believe God still breathes life into the world—

People: we want to inhale more deeply.

Leader: May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking, breathing.

All: *May this be a time of true worship. Amen.*

Songs

Low in the grave he lay
As I went down to the river

HWB 273
STJ 79

Hearing & Seeing

Gospel Reading

Genesis 2:1-7

Offering of Gifts

Children's Time

Jane Patty

Family Song

We will follow

STS 40

Meditation

Where are you from?

Pastor Renee Kanagy

Responding

Song of Response

How can we be silent

STJ 61

Blessing of High School Seniors

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

Prayers of the Community

Sending

Sending Song

Guide my feet

HWB 546

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)

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, May 19

Christian Formation Classes, final meeting before summer break (9:30am, various locations)
Worship, High School Senior Blessing (10:30am)
Reception (following worship, gathering area).

...This week

Thursday, May 23

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

...Next week

Sunday, May 26

Ben Mumaw's Baptism
Communion

Tuesday, May 28

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

...Coming up

Sunday, June 2

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.

Come celebrate with our graduating seniors! Their parents invite everyone to a reception in the gathering space after worship today.

Minutes were not taken at the March council meeting. The meeting agenda is available on the website in lieu of minutes.

It is time to update the CMF directory again! Please check the draft copy of the directory in the gathering area for accuracy. Please use the red pen provided to make any corrections.

Announcements from the Wider Church

Mennonite Church USA

Meet the MennoCon19 worship speakers through video and hear a bit about what they are preparing for worship at mennoniteusa.org/speaker-videos. **There's still time to register to attend MennoCon19** in Kansas City this summer at convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration.

Mennonite Mission Network

Tomorrow through Friday, the JCS International board of directors and other administrators are gathered for meetings. Pray for safe travel, smooth logistical arrangements, and fruitful discussions so that God will be honored through the ministries that take place in Mongolia. Mennonite Mission Network partners with JCS International.

Central District Conference

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is offering to waive the registration fee for the upcoming MCC Borderlands learning tour for Anabaptist pastors and other church leaders. Participants are still responsible for travel expenses.

This learning tour is designed to bring awareness about the increasing migrant deaths, militarization, environment degradation, effects on habitat and effects on sister communities by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. Borderlands. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues.

Do you or others you work with have interest in joining? If so, please contact Juan Sebastián Pacheco Lozano: JuanPacheco@mcc.org. Spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Notes

Litany for the Blessing of High School Seniors

Leader: Today we celebrate with you and your families the accomplishment of your coming graduations.

People: We give blessings to you for all that you have achieved and for many more achievements yet to come.

Leader: One part of your lives' journeys is complete. You now begin another phase that will take you to places yet unknown.

As you prepare for the next stage of your journeys, we hope that you remember all those who have loved and supported you, who will continue to provide you with strength and encouragement in the years to come.

People: We're grateful for the gifts that you are to us, and give you blessings of goodwill and love in all that lies ahead.

Leader: We pray that God will give you courage and determination to pursue your interests and passions.

People: We pray that you may continue to develop new relationships that will help to sustain and grow your faith.

Leader: We pray that you will make wise decisions, remembering God's Spirit as your faithful guide.

All: *You are blessings to us, and we bless you as pilgrims along life's way.*



Book Club will meet on Sunday, May 26 after church at Ault Park if weather is good; at Jim and Joy Miller's home if weather is bad. The book to be discussed is "Prisoner" by Jason Rezaian. 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.

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.