



**Celebration of Baptism  
Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship  
May 26, 2019**

# Gathering

Welcome

Sharing Announcements in the Life of the Congregation

Gathering Song

God is here among us

HWB 16

Invitation to Worship

## Celebrating

Passing the Peace of Christ

**Water Prayer**

Leader: God of grace, Creator of waters,  
your Spirit hovered over the deep.

**People: We remember that you separated the land from the waters  
and provided rain to freshen the ground.**

Leader: We remember that you flooded the earth  
and held creatures and people above the waters.

**People: We remember that you parted the waters  
as your people fled from slavery in Egypt.**

Leader: We remember Jesus your Son,  
who, like all of us, arrived in the waters of childbirth.

**People: We remember John baptizing in the waters of the Jordan  
and the Spirit descending like a dove.**

Leader: We remember that Jesus shared our thirst  
and a Samaritan woman shared water from a well.

**All: *Living Water,  
pour your Spirit upon us.  
Wash us and free us from sin,  
make us fruitful in every way,  
and renew your world with showers of blessing.***

*-The Leader, Mennonite Worship and Song Committee, Summer 2019*

Songs

All hail the power of Jesus name  
In the rifted rock I'm resting

HWB 285  
HWB 526

## Hearing & Seeing

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Offering of Gifts

Children's Time

Family Song

We will follow

STS 40

Meditation

Let the waters flow

Pastor Renee Kanagy

# Responding

Song of Response

Water has held us

STJ 82

Celebration of Baptism

Testimony

Baptism

**Invitation to Communion**

Leader: This is the Welcome Table of our Redeemer,  
and you are invited.

**People: Make no excuses, saying you cannot attend;  
simply come.**

Leader: Come not because you have to,

**People: but because you need to.**

Leader: Come not to prove you are saved,

**People: but to seek the courage to follow wherever Christ leads.**

Leader: come not to speak but to listen,  
not to hear what's expected,

**People: but to be open to the ways the Spirit move among you.**

Leader: Be joyful,

for this is the feast of the reign of God,

**People: where the broken are molded into a Beloved Community.**

*All: and where the celebration over evil's defeat has already begun.*

Leader: You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.

**People: Welcome into the body of Christ!**

Communion

Eat this bread

HWB 471

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

Prayers of the Community

# Sending

Sending Song

Praise God from whom

HWB 118

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)

## 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 26

Christian Formation Classes are on Summer Break  
Worship, Baptism, Communion (10:30am)  
Reception following worship

### ...**This week**

Tuesday, May 28

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

### ...**Next week**

Sunday, June 2

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

Thursday, June 6

PJOS meeting (7pm, Peace House)

### ...**Coming up**

Tuesday, June 11

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

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

**Attendance Last Week:** 72 with 3 visitors  
**Next Week's Scripture:** Psalm 119; Acts 17:28

**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.

## Congregational Announcements

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

**Kroger Rewards** - Thank you to the 16 families from CMF who have signed up to have a portion of each of their purchases donated to our Youth Group. For this last quarter, Feb 1 - April 30, 2019, a total of \$62.55 has been donated to the youth group! If you haven't signed up for Kroger Rewards and you would like to, it's not too late! There are forms on the table in the foyer. If you have questions and need help, please contact Heidi Simones. Thanks for your continued support!

**Coins for Clean Water!** Please continue to bring in your loose change to add to our water bottle in the foyer. One of the Ohio Relief Sales is the first weekend in August, and our goal is to fill up the jug!

**Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in old markers and their used dental products.** They will continue to be collected over the summer to reduce what goes into our local landfills. Feel free to share this recycle opportunity with friends and neighbors!

**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**

Read Ruben Chupp's reflections on "Seeking Silence" this month on the Menno Snapshots blog at [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-silence) and subscribe to receive MC USA e-publications in your inbox at [mennoniteusa.org/publications](http://mennoniteusa.org/publications).

### **Mennonite Mission Network**

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the people of Venezuela. Pray for peace and that God would pour out abundant blessings as Mennonite congregations share what little they have with their neighbors.

### **Christian Peacemaker Teams**

Pray for the No More Deaths volunteers along the U.S./ Mexico Border who have been convicted and are still facing charges because they left water for migrants who crossed through the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Refuge. Pray for humanitarians all over the world who are having their kindness criminalized by their governments as they try to help migrants. Christian Peacemaker Teams Reservist John Heid, who has joined public witnesses during these trials, reported in an email:

"The recent water trials are really challenging the status of "civil" in the term of U.S. civil society. The manager of Cabeza Prieta NWR testified in federal court yesterday that he did not know and couldn't even guess how many people have perished on the Refuge this year, or any, but he knew the number of Bighorn Sheep hunting permits issued last year and the size of the Sonoran Pronghorn population. It's less a personal indictment than a lens into the culture of death here. The culture of deliberate unknowing. It's racism. It's pervasive, tho' hidden in plain sight. It's beyond denial. The dead and disappeared are as desconocido/a [unknown] as national conscience."

## **Central District Conference**

The Central District Conference Annual Meeting is less than a month away (June 20-22)! The Meeting will take place at Milwaukee (WI) Mennonite Church. Take advantage of early registration through June 10. Find out more at [mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting/](http://mcusacdc.org/annual-meeting/).

As part of the conference membership process, Americus Mennonite Fellowship, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, and Jubilee Mennonite Church were introduced to delegates at the 2018 annual meeting. When we welcome new congregations into membership at CDC, our practice has been to give each new congregation a blessing cup filled with written blessings from our congregations. Blessings should be submitted to the CDC office by June 1.

## **Notes**



**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.*  
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