

8:30 - 9:15—Informal Fellowship  
9:30 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Corporate Worship



October 21, 2018

***Disciples of Jesus, Revealing His Kingdom through  
Love, Spiritual Growth, and Service Together***

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Announcements

Opening Song

STS #34 *You are Holy*

Welcome

Call to Worship/Prayer

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise

*Creations King  
King of My Heart*

Offering – *Education Fund*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2, Psalms 19:1-6; Romans 1:18-21

Message ***Seeing God Through His Creation***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response HWB #89 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song

*This is the Day*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

<b>Message:</b> Verle Brubaker	<b>Nursery:</b> Sylvia Miller & Cierra Miller
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Gary Sommers	<b>Greeters:</b> Arrie Ledsome (Education Door)
<b>Song Leader:</b> Renee Koshmider	Scott & Kami Sommers & Family (Main)

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)  
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)  
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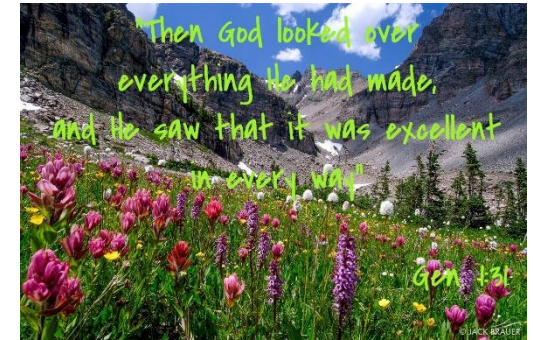
***Large print bulletins are available in the church lobby.***

**SEEING GOD IN HIS CREATION**

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-2; Psalms 19:1-6; Mark 6:45-52;  
Psalm 104:1-4; Romans 1:18-21

**Summary:**

We are looking at the ways that God has designed us to receive His Revelation. Each of us is different and together we get a more complete understanding of who God is and what He wants for us. This week we are exploring how God communicates and we respond through Creation. God, as any artist, reveals Himself in the works of His hands. What can we learn about God as we participate in creation?



**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. What experiences with material have you had that lead you deeper into relationship with God?
2. To what degree do you find spiritual connection in creating things?
3. To what degree do you discover spiritual connection in study and reasoning?

## THE 3 COLORS OF YOUR SPIRITUALITY

By Christian Schwarz

Why are so many people leaving their churches?

Too often, people do not feel like they are spiritually connecting with God. They look to their church for help, but end up feeling like it is nothing but a series of empty exercises with little or no meaning.

The author argues that too many churches do not encourage congregants to discover their spiritual style, that is, how do they best relate to God. To explore this topic further, Schwarz sought out mentors from various spiritual traditions to learn how different people seek and experience God. As a result, he has identified nine different styles:

### GREEN

1. Sensory -- Enjoying the works of God
2. Rational -- Understanding the nature of God
3. **Doctrinal -- Thinking correctly about God**

### RED

4. Scripture-driven -- Applying the Word of God
5. Sharing -- Passing on the grace of God

6. **Ascetic -- Developing discipline for God**

### BLUE

7. Enthusiastic -- Celebrating the power of God
8. Mystical -- Resting in the presence of God
9. **Sacramental -- Expressing the incarnation of God**

**This book includes a self-test to help participants identify their spiritual style.**

The first step to increasing one's spiritual passion is simply identifying your style and cultivating it. Step 2 is to venture outside of your comfort zone and try to experience God in one of the other styles. Some will be closely related to your native style (and therefore easy to experience), others will be out of your comfort zone. While you may never be totally comfortable in the opposite spiritual style, you may find your appreciation growing for those who do find God in that style.

To start your exploration of your own spiritual style, go to <https://ncd-canada.com/spiritualstylestest>

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month



*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.* Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### Fall Midweek Book Study – Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

The Midweek book study on *Renovation of the Heart – Putting on the Character of Christ* is this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to read ahead before the class, read pages 127-149.

### Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Activity – TODAY from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Kids Club meets today at 4:00 p.m. at Kingsway Pumpkin Farm (1555 Andrews Street NE in Hartville). The cost is \$5.00 which includes the farm and playground activities, and wagon ride. Children in grades K-2 may bring an additional dollar to ride the train. Snacks will be provided. Parents can pick up their child at 6:00 p.m. at the Farm. If you have any questions please see Michael or Ruth Yoder.

### Youth Group Harvest Party – TODAY from 4:30-8:00 p.m.

The Youth Group is having a Harvest Party today from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at the Miller Gym - 13792 Gardenia Avenue.

Today is Education Sunday; non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

If you received a letter from Ministry of Congregational Care in regards to the Child Abuse Awareness policy, please return your signed form confirming you have read and understand Maple Grove's policy to the church office. Thank you!

Acme Community Cash Back Program: Lake Township FISH can benefit from your shopping at Acme. Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. The program will run through December 18, 2018. A collection box is available under the mailboxes for your receipts. Thanks for your support of this project!

## OTHER EVENTS

### MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering – November 2 @ Maple Grove

As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends Gathering at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 2, at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Refreshments will be available and special guest speakers will be Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine, MCC Area Directors for Central Southern and Northeast Asia, who will share about breaking down walls and working across divides to build peace in Asia.

### Healthy Conversations Workshop – November 9-10 @ Sonnenberg

We are immersed in a culture that is more polarized every day, and we are told that the best way out of conflict is to fight (and win). There is another option, though. Join Sonnenberg Mennonite in Kidron for a weekend workshop on November 9-10 learning about and practicing healthy dialogue. The workshop will be led by Jes Stoltzfus Buller, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Education Coordinator. For more information or to RSVP for this free event, call 330-857-8222 or [sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com](mailto:sonnenbergmc@embarqmail.com), or go to: <https://mcc.org/get-involved/events/healthy-conversations-workshop>. Registration is due by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 22-24

Each year through MCC's mobile meat canning operation, more than half a million cans of meat are prepared by thousands of volunteers across the US to feed to hungry people around the world. This year, relief canning will take place Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, October 22, 23 & 24, from 6:00am-4:00pm at the Gerber Building in Kidron (behind Central Christian School at 3970 Kidron Road). Everyone is welcome. Duties include grinding, weighing, transporting meat, labeling and boxing cans. White coats and hairnets are provided – snacks and meals are available. Manna for Many will have the soup bagging project open to all volunteers that are not needed to run the meat canning lines. For more information, go to [www.reliefcanningkidron.org](http://www.reliefcanningkidron.org) or call Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191.

### Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Ryan Miller at (330) 323-3451. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General offering with the exception of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education fund. **For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds.**

### Library Updates

- *The Mennonite* magazine for October
- *Mennonite World Review* newspaper – October 8, 2018 issue

### Literature Table & Back Bulletin Board Updates (in church lobby)

- *A Common Place*, MCC's monthly magazine (copies available to take)

<b>Offering Last Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>:</b>		<b>Attendance Last Sunday: 115</b>
General Fund	\$ 3,864.29	
Education Fund	250.00	
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,114.29</u>	

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Interim Pastor Verle Brubaker ..... (267) 374-5806  
[pastor@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:pastor@maplegrovemennonite.org) . Days in the office are Monday-Thursday

If you want to reach Verle via email on Friday or Saturday, please use [pastorverle@justswamp.com](mailto:pastorverle@justswamp.com) instead of his Maple Grove email address - and you are always welcome to call him on his cell phone.

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Prayer Chain Contacts: Ruth Miller (330)877-2571 and Kami Sommers (330)904-7614

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN

	Location	Teacher(s)	Curriculum from MennoMedia
PreK-Kindergarten	Rm 1	Becky Shrock & Stephanie Kress	Shine-Early Childhood
Grades 1 & 2	Rm 2	Betty Miller & Amy Shelly	Shine-Primary
Grades 3 & 4	Rm 3-4	Jill Liechty	Shine-Middler
Jr. Youth (Gr. 5-8)	Rm 5-6	Matthew Manchester & Gary Sommers	Shine-Jr. Youth
Youth (Gr. 9-12)	Basement	Michael Yoder & Kami Sommers	MC USA Bible Studies

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULTS

Women's Class - Sewing Room	Mixed Post-High/20's-40's Class - Basement
Sr. Women's - Room 9	Mixed Intergenerational - Education Side
Men's Class - Room 10	

# REFRIGERATOR NEWS

## OFFICE WORK SCHEDULE FOR CINDY FLEMING, CHURCH SECRETARY

Cindy will be out of the office on Tuesday this week. Cindy will be having shoulder surgery on November 5<sup>th</sup> and will be out of the office approximately 6 weeks.

## THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Sunday** - 4:00-6:00 p.m. Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) @ Kingsway Pumpkin Farm  
**Monday** - 7:00 p.m. Ministry of Education Meeting  
**Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study – John 5:24-47  
**Wednesday** - 6:30 p.m. Midweek Book Study  
**Thursday** - 5:00 p.m. Ministry of Outreach Meeting

## LOOKING AHEAD

- October 31 - Fall Midweek Book Study – 6:30 p.m. (through November 14)  
November 2 - "Friends of MCC" Gathering @ Maple Grove – 7:00 p.m.  
November 4 - Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back!)  
November 5 - Ministry of Worship Meeting – 9:15 a.m.  
- Ministry of Administration Meeting – 6:00 p.m.  
November 7 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting  
November 8 - Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers @ Hartville Thrift Shoppe – 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 11 & 18 - Collection of dressing for Lake Township FISH for Thanksgiving Community food drive (Need 200 boxes/bags of dressing – also collecting \$10.00 gift cards to local stores to be used for turkeys.)  
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day (The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.)  
December 1 - Family Ministry's Cookie Exchange & Fellowship Time – 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

- TODAY - Youth Social – Harvest Party – 4:30-8:00 p.m. @ Miller Gym  
Thurs.-Nov. 1 - Service night @ the Hartville Thrift Shoppe
  - Meet @ the Thrift Shoppe – 6:30 p.m.
  - Pick up at Dairy Queen – 8:30 p.m.

## Bread Ministries provides Maple Grove with free bread each week.

Please help yourself to the bread in the Fellowship Hall.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- Pray for the Sunday School teachers of our children.
- Pray for our children as they learn about God's word.
- Pray for the relationships in our families and marriages.
- Pray for Dariush, Emily, Cyrus & Parsa. Pray for their ministry.
- Pray for Pastor Verle as he walks with Maple Grove through this time of transition.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.



### PRAY FOR THE BROADER CHURCH:

- Pray for peace in the world, in our country, and in our community.
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters all around the world.

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Eileen Yoder, Rachel Weaver, Amanda Sommers, Eugene & Ruth Miller, Barb Volk and her brother Dan, Nancy Beachy's sister Alta, Norman Slabaugh, Susie Sommers, Leslie, Korey, Emma & Ayden Miller, and Ryder Brown (grandson of Julie Yoder's friends).

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Paige Sommers – October 21  
Holly Miller – October 25



Mike Sommers – October 25  
Marty Miller – October 27



Dariush & Emily Meraj – October 22, 2011  
Sam & Vee Miller – October 25, 1974

### The Nursery is available for 0-3 years old during the worship service.



**Nursery Attendants Today:** Sylvia Miller & Cierra Miller  
**Nursery Attendants Next Sunday:** Harold & Nancy Beachy

A children's activity bin is available at the back of the sanctuary for the children to use during the service. Please return the items to the bins after the service each week.