

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



June 3, 2018

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

I Stand Amazed

Welcome

Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STJ #79 *As I went down to the River to Pray
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Nehemiah 9:38, 10:28-29; Acts 2:42-47

Message

Meditations on Membership and Baptism

New Member Reception

Congregational Song

STJ #72 *One is the Body*

Baptism

RESPONDING

Congregational Response

Song of Response

STJ #89 *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #226 *You Are the Salt for the Earth*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Verle Brubaker	Prelude:	Julie Yoder
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider	Greeters:	Leroy & Clara Sommers (Main Doors) Alta Bates (Education Door)
Worship Leader:	Mitch Mann	Nursery:	Charla Sommers & Becky Shrock
Offertory:	Renee Koshmider		

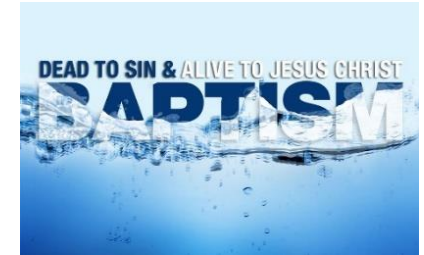
HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)

**Meditations on Membership and Baptism
June 3, 2018**

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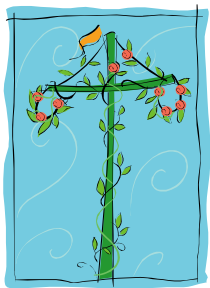
Summary:

Today we welcome eight new members by way of confession of faith and baptize three into the body of Christ expressed here at Maple Grove. It is a time of celebration and reflection for those of us who are presently members. As they make their vows to God and to the church, it is time to renew our own vows and remember why we are a part of this body of Christ.



Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What is your story? What brought you to Christ and to Maple Grove?
2. How are you living out your baptismal promises?
 - a. Are you renouncing the evil powers of this world and turning to Jesus Christ as your savior?
 - b. Are you putting your trust in His grace and love and promise to obey Him as your Lord?
 - c. How are you expressing your belief in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Lord; and in the Holy Spirit, the giver of life?
 - d. What does your acceptance of the Word of God as guide and authority for your life look like?
 - e. Are you willing to give and receive counsel in the congregation? In what ways?
 - f. How are you participating in the mission of the church?



As branches connected to Christ the vine, we are also connected to each other. We welcome the family and friends of Ben Stauffer, Mary Eklich and Michelle Eklich to this service of baptism where they will publicly commit their lives to God and to the ways of His Kingdom. And we rejoice in receiving into membership at Maple Grove Mary Hilmer, Larry & Ruth Hills, Jade, Jill & Grace Liechty, and Howard & Marsha Miller

CHURCH NEWS

Congregational Discernment

What Maple Grove needs and wants in a Lead Pastor

Thank you to all those who participated in the congregational discernments over the past Sundays. We return to the regularly scheduled Sunday School classes next week. If you haven't returned the surveys that were distributed, please fill out and give to Pastor Verle after the service today or put in the mailbox outside the church office.

- Twenty Pastoral Tasks (green form)
- What to Look for in a Pastor (yellow form)
- Survey about women in congregational life (blue form)

Copies of the discernment material are available under the mailboxes.

This morning, blood pressure checks will be taken in the Library after the service. Blood pressure checks are offered on an ongoing basis the first Sunday of each month by Margaret Miller.

You have until the end of July to help raise funds for My Coins Count.

My Coins Count raises money for water projects sponsored by MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world. We are glad to have an offer of matching funds for up to \$20,000 this year! Mark an offering envelope "My Coins Count" or drop it in the wishing well.

Thank you to the Youth Group and Youth Sponsors for serving on the Worship Planning Team over the last four Sundays! If you would like to serve on a Worship Planning Team, please let the Ministry of Worship know – Julie Yoder, Lois Bontrager, or Renee Koshmider

A Note from Ministry of Worship: Announcements will again be included in our Sunday worship services. We ask that you have them written down and give to the worship leader before the service. We would like to keep them to a minimum if possible – perhaps highlight an announcement in the bulletin, or a reminder of upcoming events, etc. But we'd also like to continue to encourage having announcements placed in the bulletin and will be encouraging our worship leaders to remind people to read their bulletins as well. To place an announcement in the bulletin, please contact the church office by Thursday morning. Thank you!

Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the summer quarter. We will be ordering quarterlies for the fall quarter the end of June. If your class does not want quarterlies or would like to adjust the number received, please let Charla Sommers know by June 24th. And if you are currently receiving the daily devotional magazine *Rejoice* and no longer wish to receive it, or you would like to be added to the list to receive it, please let Charla know that as well. Thank you – Ministry of Education

CHURCH EVENTS

Parents and children of all ages are invited to a day at the Akron Zoo on Friday, June 15th (please note the date has changed since last Sunday's bulletin). If you would like to join in, meet at the Akron Zoo at 10:15 a.m. Bring a packed lunch or bring money to buy lunch there. See Ruth Yoder or Stephanie Kress if you have any questions. The Akron Zoo is located at 500 Edgewood Ave, Akron, OH 44307.

Church Social: Akron RubberDucks Game – July 21

Mark your calendars for a RubberDucks game on Saturday, July 21st. A section of seats have been blocked off for a Saturday evening game starting at 7:05 against the Richmond Flying Squirrels with fireworks after! You may go to the following link and purchase your own tickets for the game from the seats blocked off for Maple Grove: <https://groupmatics.events/MapleGrove0721>. *Sign up soon for best seat selection!* If you have any questions or need



**Maple Grove Mennonite Church &
Evermore Community Church
Vacation Bible School
June 25-29
Monday through Friday
9:30-11:30 a.m. @ Evermore**

VBS is fast approaching and the planning process is in full swing!

Many of you have been involved in VBS previously and understand that it takes many helpers to make it successful. Please consider how you may be able to help this year.

We are in need of Tribe Leaders. The responsibilities of the tribe leaders will be to lead "tribe time" at the beginning and end of each session. Activities and talking points will be given to each leader but you will want to look over the material before each session. Tribe leaders will also see to it that the tribe rotates through the different stations. We are hopeful that each tribe will also have a youth or junior youth helper to assist with running errands, taking children to the restroom or help in other ways as needed. Slightly different this year as compared to previous years, tribes will be multi-age so you will have some older children that will be able to help with the younger ones. Tribe leaders will have a meeting prior to VBS so all leaders will feel comfortable with their responsibilities. **If you can help one, two or all five days as a tribe leader that would be awesome! Please let the committee know as soon as possible.**

We are also in need of donations of the following items. There is a box in the foyer for collecting these items.

- Newspaper
- Empty toilet paper rolls
- Empty paper towel rolls
- Shoeboxes



VBS is for children ages 4 years to have completed 5th grade. To register online go to: <https://vbspro.events/p/eccmg2018>

*Thank you for helping to make VBS a great experience for our children!
VBS Committee – Heidi Miller and Stephanie Kress*

Library Updates

- Mennonite World Review – May 21, 2018 issue

Literature Rack & Bulletin Board Updates (in church lobby)

- Our Daily Bread devotionals are available on literature rack – help yourself!
- Flyer for Everence Medicare & Social Security Seminars – June 11

Offering Last Sunday, May 27th:

General Fund	\$ 2,316.00
Education Fund	683.75
Total Offering	<u>\$ 2,999.75</u>

Attendance Last Sunday: 98

Make sure to find us and like us on Facebook! @MapleGroveMC

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Website: www.mgmennonite.org Voicemail: Verle-102; Cindy-100
Facebook @MapleGroveMC

Interim Pastor Verle Brubaker (267) 374-5806
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 instead of his Maple Grove email address - and you are always welcome to call him on his cell phone.

Cindy Fleming Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org (330) 877-2400
Secretary

Ministry of Congregational Care Members:

Ruth Miller (330)877-2571 Rhoda Sommers (330) 806-5933
Phil Stauffer (330)703-4325 Dan Dutcher (330)388-0439

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN

	Location	Teacher(s)	Curriculum from MennoMedia
Preschool	Room 1	Amy Shelly & Becky Shrock	Wee Wonder
K-Grade 1	Room 2	Carol Sommers	Shine-Primary
Grades 2-4	Rooms 3-4	Jill Liechty	Shine-Middler
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Matthew Manchester	Shine-Jr. Youth
Youth (Grades 9-12)	Basement	Michael Yoder & Kami Sommers	Generation Why

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.

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Sunday** - Baptismal Sunday/New Member Reception
- Blood Pressure Checks taken after Church in the Library
- Monday** - 6:00 p.m. Ministry of Administration Meeting
- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study
- Wednesday** -- Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
7:00 p.m. Ministry of Education Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Sunday we return to the regularly scheduled Sunday School classes.

- June 10 - Return forms (pink) for Pastor Search Committee suggestions
- June 10 & 17 - Direct-trade coffee orders taken from Hemisphere Coffee Roasters
- June 14 - Maple Grove's turn to volunteer @ Hartville Thrift Shoppe-6:00 p.m.
- June 15 - Day @ the Akron Zoo – meet at the Zoo 10:15 a.m.
- June 17 - Consent forms for Youth Summer Trip due to the church office
- June 18 - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- June 24 - Communion Sunday
- June 25-29 - Vacation Bible School – 9:30-11:30am at Evermore Community Church
- June 29-July 2 - Summer Youth Trip
- July 21 - Church Social: Akron RubberDucks Game – 7:05 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

- TODAY - Mini golfing & ice cream @ Rolling Green – 6:00 p.m.
Bring money for golf (\$7) and ice cream.
- Wed.-June 13 - Bible lesson and bonfire @ Steve & Holly Miller's house
– 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Sun.-June 17 - Return consent forms for youth trip to the church office
- Sun.-June 24 - Meet @ the Church for "Bigger or Better" night – 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- June 29-July 2 - Summer Youth Trip

Consent forms for the youth trip have been put in the mailboxes for the youth that are going on the summer trip. Parents, please return the completed forms to the church office by Sunday, June 17. Any questions please see Emily Manchester. Thank you!

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 Verle as he walks with Maple Grove through this time of transition.



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:

- Sarah Miller, Eileen Yoder, Eugene & Ruth Miller, Joe & Juanita Weaver, Rachel Weaver, Amanda Sommers, Barb Volk's brother Dan, Susie Sommers, Terry Lattavo (friend of Harold & Nancy Beachy), Ryder Brown (grandson of Julie Yoder's friends).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for those being baptized and/or received into membership today: Mary Eklich, Michelle Eklich, Ben Stauffer, Mary Hilmer, Larry & Ruth Hills, Grace Liechty, Jade & Jill Liechty, and Howard & Marsha Miller.



Matthew Manchester

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



Nursery Attendants Today:

Charla Sommers & Becky Shrock

Nursery Attendants Next Sunday:

Miriam Miller & Pauline Webb

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.