

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



September 9, 2018

**Large print bulletins are now available in the church lobby.**

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

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Announcements  
Opening Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart*  
Welcome  
Call to Worship/Prayer

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise *We Will Dance  
The River*  
Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time  
Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 17:9-10; James 1:2-8;  
Romans 5:1-4; Galatians 4:19*  
Message ***Renovation of the Heart***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *HWB #514 Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly*  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *STJ #109 There is More Love Somewhere*  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

<b>Message:</b>	Verle Brubaker	<b>Nursery:</b>	Harold & Nancy Beachy
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Mitch Mann	<b>Greeters:</b>	Jim & Marty Miller (Main Doors) Alta Bates (Education Door)
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ruth Yoder		
<b>Children's Time:</b>	Sophia Sommers		

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

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# RENOVATION OF THE HEART

September 9, 2018

**Scriptures:** Jeremiah 17:9-10; James 1:2-8; Romans 5:1-4;  
Galatians 4:19; 5:16-26

**Sermon summary:**

God's goal and purpose for us is that we should develop a character that reflects the glory of God and the likeness of Jesus. This morning we will begin to look at how that happens and what it should look like. This is the beginning of a series on Spiritual Growth and Transformation. Spiritual Growth is one of the ways that we here at Maple Grove say that we reveal God's Kingdom. Let's look at this carefully together.



**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:**

1. Who was your most memorable character? What made him/her memorable?
2. If you could change one thing about your character, what would it be? Why would you want to change it?
3. To what degree does your character measure up to the character of Jesus?
4. What are the implications of Jeremiah 17:9's statement that "the heart is deceitful above all things"? If we cannot see the truth about ourselves and our character, how can we be transformed?

## CHURCH NEWS

**The Bible Memory Program starts today.** Participants may recite their verses on Sunday mornings after the service in Sunday School Classroom 4.

**The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.** Men and women are needed this Thursday at 6 p.m.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### **Church Social Picnic – September 15 – All ages invited!!**

Family Ministry has planned a church social on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, at Paul & Lois Bontrager's home beginning at 4:00 p.m. with a bike ride, followed by a picnic dinner at 6:00 p.m. Yard games will be available for those not on the bike ride. The address is 1859 Cheswold Circle NE, North Canton. Please bring a side dish to share and lawn chairs. Duma dogs, dessert and drinks will be provided.

**Please sign up in the church lobby on the bulletin board and note how many in your family will be attending.** If you have any questions, please see a member of Family Ministry: Lois Bontrager, Emily Manchester, Rachel Miller, or Vee Miller.

- *Looking ahead, save the date for a fall party & campfire night at the church: Saturday – October 13 @ 5:00 p.m.*

Enhancing & Equipping

for  
Worship



### **Calling all those involved in worship and anyone who has an interest!**

On October 5-6, Central Mennonite Church in Archbold is sponsoring "Enhancing and Equipping for Worship," a 1-1/2 day workshop designed to provide the opportunity for us to "receive some practical training, resources, and worship leading guidance." Led by Rachel Miller Jacobs, Assistant Professor of Congregational Formation at AMBS, there will be 8 different presenters, and along with joint sessions, they will

be offering 6 workshops including Worship Leading, Writing Words for Worship, Visual Art in Worship, Hymn Leading, and The Lectionary and Liturgical Calendar.

**The Ministry of Worship invites you to attend and Maple Grove will pay the registration fee and help to arrange reservations for overnight.**

Early registration is September 15 but is not required. We apologize for the quick turn-around but would really love for as many as possible to attend. The registration fee for this event is \$20 per person for those registering by Sept. 15, and \$30 per person for those registering after that date. Brochures are available on the literature table with more information. Please contact Lois Bontrager or the church office if you are interested. *This sounds like an exciting and helpful opportunity!*

### **GriefShare Support Group Meetings start September 11<sup>th</sup>**

GriefShare is a grief support program that offers help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. There is a GriefShare group beginning on Tuesday, September 11, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Evermore Community Church. The group will meet every Tuesday morning from September 11-November 27. If you have any questions, please contact Rhoda Sommers at 330-806-5933.

### **Lake Township FISH Eleventh Annual Benefit Dinner – September 18**

Join FISH on Tuesday, September 18, at the Hartville Kitchen for their annual benefit dinner. Doors will open at 5:30pm with dinner being served at 6pm. Tickets are \$25 each. Entertainment will be provided by the Emmaus group, "In His Name." All proceeds from this dinner go to Lake Township FISH. **Please contact Harold Beachy for tickets at 330-877-3796.**

### **Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Activity – September 23**

The Ministry of Education has started a new club for children Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Michael & Ruth Yoder are the Kids Club Leaders and have planned the first event for Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Parents can drop off their child at Clearwater Park. Each child should bring \$5 for mini golf and ice cream. If you have any questions please see Michael or Ruth.

## OTHER NEWS

### **The Hartville Thrift Shoppe (HTS) is hiring a part-time (20 hours) Volunteer Coordinator and part-time (2-3 days/wk) Material Handler.**

- The Volunteer Coordinator will work with our partnering churches and other community churches and organizations to recruit and coordinate volunteer activity.
- The part-time material handler helps to clear out the donation room, sort housewares and textiles, helps with baling and other work around the Thrift Shoppe. Forklift experience is a plus. A job description is on the bulletin board. If you are interested, please contact Phil Stauffer at 330-877-2041, Ext. 1300.

**Lake Township FISH will be assisting Hartville Hardware on Saturday, Sept. 15,** as they host the Grill Fest Barbeque Cook-off Competition from 10am-4pm. FISH will be collecting donated cans of food for the food pantry and distributing tickets for a chance to win a Grill!

### **"Reviving Hope" to Focus on Suicide Prevention**

Camp Luz is sponsoring "Reviving Hope," a suicide prevention-training event on Saturday, September 22, at Central Christian School in Kidron from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jay Trainer from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will be the presenter. The registration fee for this event is \$15 per person, which includes refreshments and lunch catered by Panera. To register or for more information, go to [www.campluz.com/reviving-hope.html](http://www.campluz.com/reviving-hope.html). The registration deadline is September 17.

## Library Updates

- *Beacon*, CMC's monthly magazine
- *Everyday Stewardship*, quarterly magazine from Everence
- *The Marketplace*, magazine from MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Assoc.)

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

- Brochures for Worship Workshop – October 5 & 6 @ Central Mennonite Church
- Thank you letter from Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee and picture of Maple Grove's quilt
- Flyer for Everence Medicare/Social Security Seminars – September 10
- *Our Daily Bread* devotionals for Sept.-Nov. are available on literature rack

## Conference Bulletin Board Updates (in hallway)

- MC USA Convention Newsletter – MennoCon19 in Kansas City, July 2-6, 2019
- *Prayer Prompter* – Prayer requests from Ohio Conference for September-October

<u>Offering Last Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>:</u>	<u>Attendance Last Sunday: 74</u>
General Fund	\$4,145.00
Education Fund	17,190.00
Charity Fund	100.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 21,435.00</u>

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

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[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.

Cindy Fleming [Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)..... (330) 877-2400  
Secretary

Ministry of Congregational Care Members:

Phil Stauffer (330)703-4325 Dan Dutcher (330)388-0439

Rhoda Sommers (330) 806-5933 Paul Bontrager (330)957-9925

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

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Curriculum from MennoMedia</u>
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	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

## **A TRANSFORMED CHRISTIAN...**

- 1. Has an undiluted devotion to Jesus.**
- 2. Pursues a biblically informed view of the world.**
- 3. Is intentional and disciplined in seeking God's direction in life.**
- 4. Worships, and has a spirit of continuous repentance**
- 5. Builds healthy, reciprocal human relationships.**
- 6. Knows how to engage the larger world where faith is not necessarily understood.**
- 7. Is aware of personal call and unique competencies.**
- 8. Is merciful and generous.**
- 9. Appreciates that suffering is part of faithfulness to Jesus.**
- 10. Is eager and ready to express the content of his faith.**
- 11. Overflows with thankfulness**
- 12. Has a passion for reconciliation.**

# 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

- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study – John 3:1-16  
**Thursday** - 6:00 p.m. Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers @ Thrift Shoppe  
**Saturday** - Church Social: Picnic @ Paul & Lois Bontrager's
- Bike ride begins @ 4pm – yard games for those not on bike ride
  - Picnic @ 6pm – Bring side dish to share & lawn chairs
  - Sign up on bulletin board!

## LOOKING AHEAD

- September 17 - Ministry of Worship Meeting – 5:00 p.m.  
September 18 - Bulletins printed for Sunday, September 23  
- Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 4:00 p.m.  
- Lake Township FISH Annual Benefit Dinner @ Hartville Kitchen-6pm  
Sept. 19-25 - Cindy Fleming on vacation  
Sept. 21-23 - Pastor Verle & Maralee out of town  
September 23 - Sermon: Ralph Reinford, Ohio Conference Regional Pastor  
- Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) @ Clearwater Park – 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
September 24 - Ministry of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.  
October 7 - World Communion Sunday  
Oct. 10-Nov. 14 - Fall Midweek Program – 6:30 p.m. (We are not having meals during midweek and there will not be children's activities/classes.)  
October 13 - Church Social: Fall Party & Campfire @ the Church – 5:00 p.m.

## YOUTH NEWS

- TODAY - Youth Mentor and Youth Activity–Bonfire & Game Night - 5-8:00 p.m.
- Outside at the church, weather permitting, otherwise inside.
  - Food will be available.
  - Bring lawn chairs and indoor or outdoor games.
- Wed.-Sept. 19 - Bible Study @ Scott & Kami Sommers' house – 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Sun.-Sept. 30 - Progressive Dinner – 4:30-8:15 p.m. (more info to follow)

## 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 Pastor 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.
- Pray for Ben & Robin Frye and their family as they settle into their new home in Clendenin, West Virginia.

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

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

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Dariush, Emily, Cyrus & Parsa. Pray for their ministry.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.

DeShawna Sommers – Sept. 9  
Vernon Sommers, Jr. – Sept. 9  
Barb Dutcher – Sept. 12  
Maralee Brubaker – Sept. 13



Emily Manchester – Sept. 13  
Mike Kress, Jr. – Sept. 15  
Kami Sommers – Sept. 15



Harold & Nancy Beachy – September 9, 1967  
Jim & Marty Miller – September 10, 1965  
Eugene & Ruth Miller – September 12, 1970

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



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

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.