

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



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

March 15, 2020



GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

STJ #27 *God of the Bible* (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*I Will Follow
You Never Let Go*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
Message

Exodus 17:1-7

Wet Rocks

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Pastoral Prayer

TMH #573 *All The Way My Savior Leads Me*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #118 *Praise God From Whom*

Message:	Terry Shue
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty
Song Leader:	Ruth Yoder

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

This notice was sent out to the congregation on Friday, March 13:

Notice to the Maple Grove Mennonite Church,

As a community of faith, we know that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38). We also know from Scripture and experience that it is through difficult times, not the easy times, that we find out who we are and whose we are. Such are the times we find ourselves in today.

We the members of the Ministry of Congregational Care have determined that for at least the next two Sundays (March 15 and 22) we encourage the church to be the church all week, and to worship at home while watching our video feed. There will be no Sunday morning gathering at the Maple Grove church facility, but our live video of our worship will be available [here](#). The recorded video session of Sunday morning will be available on our website to view at any time following the service.

This highly unusual decision to discourage Sunday morning attendance is not made out of fear, but out of responsibility and care for the most vulnerable in our communities. While we suggest refraining from large gatherings of people, we do encourage you to stay in touch with neighbors, family and friends with practical expressions of love and encouragement. During this time of uncertainty, our faith in Christ serves not only as an anchor but the reason for us to live with joy and purpose, even in the face of the uncertainty of the world around us.

With the Peace of Christ,

*Dan Dutcher
Paul Bontrager
Gary Sommers
Marty Miller
Terry Shue*



Today we extend Christian sympathy to the family of Eugene Miller. Eugene passed away on Friday. The calling hours are today from 2-4:00pm and 6-8:00pm. The service is Monday at 10:00am. All arrangements are at Maple Grove.

Our prayer for the family is that they may find comfort and peace through Jesus during this time of loss.

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Hartville Migrant Center's "Welcome Bag" Project

Every year, the migrant farm workers arrive to Ohio to work the growing season with very few possessions. The Migrant Center provides a bag of basic necessities - hygiene items, pillows, sheets, etc., to help them feel at home until they receive their first paychecks, and is asking area churches for assistance with this project. The Ministry of Outreach will be making a monetary donation to the Migrant Center to be used toward purchasing items for the welcome bags. **If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark your giving envelope "Migrant Center." We will be collecting for the month of March.** Thank you - *The Ministry of Outreach: Howard Miller, Dorothy Shrock, Harold Beachy and Holly Miller*

Prayer Chain: The purpose of the Prayer Chain is to bring before God the needs, concerns and praises of our congregation, families and community. **These requests may come from anyone within the congregation, and given to Kami Sommers, Jen Geiser, or Cindy in the church office to be shared.** The Prayer Chain is distributed through an email distribution list and a phone tree message. If you would like to be a part of the Maple Grove Prayer Chain, or to change the way you receive prayer requests, please complete the prayer chain form and return to the church office by Sunday, March 22nd - forms are available on the literature table. **If you are currently on the Prayer Chain, you do not need to fill out this form unless there is a change to your phone number or email, or a change to the way you receive prayer requests.**

Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove - Applications due by 3/31

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, Maple Grove has available a grant program for students enrolling in colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Copies of Maple Grove's policy and the application form are available on the literature rack in the church lobby.

Any interested students should return the application to Maple Grove's Treasurer, John Koshmider, by March 31, 2020.

<u>Offering Last Sunday, March 8th:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u> 89
General Fund	\$ 4,144.75
Education Fund	900.00
Charity Fund	100.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,144.75</u>

Church Information:2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632

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Terry Shue Bridge Pastor

Day in the office: Tuesday

Cindy Fleming Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org

Days in the office: Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday 8am-1pm

Ministry of Congregational Care Members:

Dan Dutcher Gary Sommers

Paul Bontrager Marty Miller

Prayer Chain Contacts: Kami Sommers and Jen Geiser

Congregational Care Contacts:

Clara Sommers Harold Beachy

Dan Dutcher Matthew Manchester

Dorothy Shrock Rhoda Sommers

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – CHILDREN & YOUTH

	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
PreK-Kindergarten	Rooms 1-2	Becky Shrock & Jill Liechty
Grades 1-4	Rooms 3-4	Sheryl Weaver
Jr. Youth (Gr. 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Matthew Manchester
Youth (Gr. 9-12)	Basement	Kami Sommers & Michael Yoder

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
Sr. Men's	- Room 10	

REFRIGERATOR NEWS

Cindy Fleming (church secretary) will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week.

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday - 8:15 a.m. Ministry of Administration Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

March 22 - Live video of our worship will be available on the website
March 30 - Ministry of Education Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
April 5 - Palm Sunday
April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m.
April 12 - Easter Sunday: Breakfast – 8:30 a.m. / Worship – 10:00 a.m.
(There will not be Sunday School or Bible Memory.)
April 26 - Last Sunday to recite verses for Bible Memory
May 17 - Bible Memory Recognition & Graduation Sunday
July 6-10 - Combined VBS – Maple Grove and Evermore Community Church @ Evermore – 9:00-11:30 a.m.

YOUTH NEWS

Sun.-March 15 - Game Night @ Steve & Holly Miller's – 6:00 p.m.
Sun.-April 5 - Dress-up Mall Search – 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Wed.-April 15 - Bible Study @ Scott & Kami Sommers' house – 7-8:30 p.m.
Sun.-April 26 - Lunch and activity – 12:00-3:00 p.m.

Berkley Rhodes – March 16
Nora Shelly – March 16
Elijah Manchester – March 17



Perry Miller – March 18
Mary Beth Stauffer – March 20



Adam & Kim Weaver – March 20, 2004

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- Pray for Jim Miller; Henry Sommers, Jr.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Ryder Brown (grandson of Julie Yoder's friends); Olive Sommers (Marv & Rhoda Sommers' granddaughter); John Weaver (Rachel Weaver's son).

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

- The "Love Our Community" Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for April 11 has been canceled.
- Open Arms Hispanic Ministry has had to cancel its fundraising banquet, scheduled for March 19, due to the COVID-19 virus and concern for the safety of many at-risk elderly who attend this event.
- Central Christian's Annual Auction has changed to a one-week online auction event to be held Saturday, March 14 through Saturday, March 21. Central made this critical adjustment to reduce the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to protect the most vulnerable people in this community. Online bidding can happen at any time from 7 am on Saturday, March 14 until Saturday, March 21 at noon. Go to <https://www.ccscomets.org/support/annualauction.cfm> for additional information including how to register for online bidding, a catalog of items, and pick up dates and times for items purchased. If you are not comfortable going online to bid, you may call 330.857.7311 or email Christina Lowe at ChristinaL@CentralChristianSchool.org to pick up a paper copy of the list and bidding form for CCS to place a maximum bid on items for you.