



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

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Weekly Newsletter dated May 1, 2020



As the weeks go by we are all longing for life to get back to normal, whatever that might be! As followers of Jesus, the weekly practice of gathering together for fellowship, worship and spiritual growth is not only important, it is a meaningful part of our lives. We want you to know that the Ministry of Congregational Care is looking into the question of coming back together in our church building. We will get together again responsibly and safely, when the time is right. As we listen to our elected leaders, health experts and local leaders to help guide us in this decision, we invite you to pray for wisdom as we find a way to ease into being together again.

Until then, we are thankful for all those who are finding ways to reach out to our church family and neighbors with words of encouragement and helping hands. Our small acts of kindness literally become the hands, feet of Jesus reminding us all that we are not alone. In fact, to spur us all on to such random acts of kindness, we would like to hear from you! If you have been on the receiving end or participated in a recent act of kindness, tell us; not to brag but to let your light shine, as Jesus talks about in Matthew 5:14-16. Write it up and send it to Cindy at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org or just call her and tell her the story! We will put it in the weekly newsletter you are looking at! We want to share good news!

And finally, a few words from scripture which always strengthen my heart. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

*In Christ,
Terry Shue*

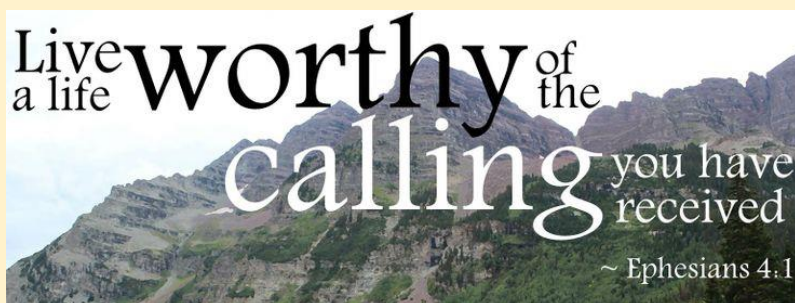
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Sunday's Service: *Live a Life Worthy of Your Calling*
Ephesians 4:1-7

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Matthew Manchester
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

Opening Song – STJ #2 *Come, Walk With Us*
Praise Songs – *Sweet By and By*
– *Hope of the Nations*
Song of Response – STJ #72 *One is the Body*
Sending Song – *God Is Moving Us On*

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STJ-Sing the Journey



Ephesians 4:1-7 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to one hope when you were called-- one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

**Worship
Schedule**

Next Sunday morning, May 10, our morning worship will give a tribute to the role our mothers have played in our lives. Several people will offer gratitude to God and a tribute for their mothers.

OPENING SONG:
Come, Walk With Us

Verse 1

Come walk with us, the journey is long
Come walk with us, the journey is long
Come walk with us, the journey is long
Come walk with us, the journey is long

Chorus

The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long

Verse 2

Share our burden and join in the song
Share our burden and join in the song
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Chorus

The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long
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Verse 3

Come uplift us and bring us new life
Come uplift us and bring us new life
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Chorus

The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long
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Verse 4

Give us peace when the journey is done
Give us peace when the journey is done
Give us peace when the journey is done
Give us peace when the journey is done

Chorus

The journey, the journey the journey is long
The journey, the journey the journey is long
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(REPEAT)

PRAISE SONG:
Sweet By and By

Verse 1

There's a land that is fairer than day
And by faith we can see it afar
For the Father waits over the way
To prepare us a dwelling place there

Chorus

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore

Verse 2

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest
And our spirits shall sorrow no more
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest

Chorus

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore

Verse 3

To our bountiful Father above
We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love
And the blessings that hallow our days

Chorus

In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore
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PRAISE SONG: *Hope of the Nations*

Verse 1

Jesus hope of the nations
Jesus comfort for all who mourn
You are the source of heaven's hope on earth
Jesus light in the darkness
Jesus truth in each circumstance
You are the source of heaven's light on earth

In history You lived and died
You broke the chains, You rose to life

Chorus

You are the hope, living in us
You are the Rock, in whom we trust
You are the light shining for all the world to see
You rose from the dead conquering fear
Our Prince of Peace drawing us near
Jesus our hope living for all who will receive
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(REPEAT)

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RESPONSE SONG:
One is the Body

Verse 1

One is the body and one is the head
One is the Spirit by whom we are led
One God and Father
One faith and one call for all

Verse 2

Christ who ascended to heaven above
Is the same Jesus whose nature is love
Who once descended
To bring to this earth new birth

Verse 3

Gifts have been given well suited to each
Some to be prophets, to pastor or preach
Some through the Gospel
To challenge, convert and teach

Verse 4

Called to His service are women and men
So that His body might ever again
Witness through worship
Through deed and through word
To Christ our Lord

SENDING SONG:
God Is Moving Us On

Verse

God is moving us on
He is leading the way
It's a way that we've never been before
There are mountains to climb
There are valleys to cross
But before us we can see an open door

Chorus

Let's give praise to our God
As we journey through this land
Let's hold fast to the Word of the Lord
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✝ *Pray for Tom Lubbers who is recovering from gall bladder surgery.*



✝ *Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.*

(To have a prayer request in the newsletter, please contact Cindy by Wednesday each week.)



Thank you to my church family for all the many ways you have supported me since Eugene passed away. Your prayers, phone calls, flowers, food and cards have helped bring comfort and peace during this time of loss. A special thank you to Dan Dutcher for helping our family organize the calling hours in a way that kept people safe. Occasionally, the losses I have experienced over the past two months seem overwhelming, but most of the time I am doing well and staying safe and busy at home. I miss Eugene very much but I am glad he doesn't have to go through this Pandemic. God bless, Ruth Miller



2020 Ohio Relief Sale will be Online Only

Due to the uncertainty COVID-19 has brought to our lives, the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board has decided to hold an ONLINE AUCTION ONLY rather than a physical event and auction this year. We feel it is very important to continue to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee, which has already taken a big financial hit from this pandemic. Many of you have said things like "it's my favorite weekend of the year" and "it's the only place I get to see some of my old friends." While we completely understand those sentiments, it just seems safer to not meet together as a group during the 2020 year.

New Dates for the 2020 Relief Sale: September 26 - October 3

To give our quilters, crafters and craftsmen additional time, we have moved back the dates of the event from our traditional first weekend in August. We will have "**Buy It Now**" items available to buy from September 14 to 24, as well as the online auction from September 26 to October 3. Details are still being worked out and will be updated as information is available. For updates, go to our website at www.ohiomccreliefsale.org or our social media pages.

We are thankful that MCC provides relief and resources to people around the world who are going through the same pandemic we're going through. However, the people that Mennonite Central Committee is helping may not have the convenience of a warm, dry home, running water or electricity where they can shelter in place. We look forward to another Relief Sale year, even with the changes. Please pray for guidance as we plan for a new normal. GOD IS GOOD! Thank you for your support through the years, *The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board*

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