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

Watch Sunday's service live at 10:00 a.m. at www.mgmennonite.org

Weekly Newsletter dated July 24, 2020

Maple Grove Reopening Guidelines

Sunday worship service starts at 10:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School or Nursery at this time. If you are uncomfortable with following the reopening guidelines, please follow us online until further relaxations are approved.

Maple Grove will be following the statewide mask mandate which includes wearing a mask during the church service. Masks will be required when in the church building. Disposable masks will be available for those who do not have a mask. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the church reopening committee: Howard Miller, Dan Dutcher, Lois Bontrager and Charla Sommers.

Statewide Mask Mandate

Governor DeWine announced that beginning on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m., a statewide mask mandate will go into effect for citizens living in all 88 Ohio counties.

> *"Our preliminary data indicate that the rate of increase in new cases has slowed in the high-risk counties where masks are already mandated, so we are cautiously optimistic that things are heading in the right direction," said Governor DeWine. "We believe that requiring masks statewide will make a significant difference and will be key to making sure other counties do not progress to a higher level of increased spread."*

All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when:

- *At an indoor location that is not a residence*
- *Outdoors, but unable to maintain six-foot social distance from people who are not household members*
- *Waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, such as a taxi, a car service, or a private car used for ride-sharing.*

The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask. Additional exclusions include:

- *Those with a medical condition or a disability or those communicating with someone with a disability;*
- *Those who are actively exercising or playing sports;*
- *Those who are officiants at religious services;*
- *Those who are actively involved in public safety; or*
- *Those who are actively eating or drinking.*

For more information on the statewide mask mandate, click here to go to the Governor's website.

Sunday's Service – July 26, 2020

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Matthew Manchester
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song — STS #113 *I Will Stand in the Congregation*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise — STJ #27 *God of the Bible*
We Have an Anchor

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture — Matthew 7:24-29
Message — ***Bed Rock***

RESPONDING

Song of Response — HWB #343 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song — STS #116 *I Saw a Tree by the Riverside*
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book *TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal*
STJ-Sing the Journey *STS-Sing the Story*
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

✞ *Pray for our friends in Nicaragua, Moises and Anna Arauz. They have both tested positive for Covid-19. Moises has been hospitalized with double pneumonia, and it has affected his heart and has no strength. Anna has had a mild case and is caring for the family. Please pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Offering July 19 (Education Sunday): **Attendance:** 47

Education Fund	$	175.00
General Fund		4,344.75
FISH		130.00
My Coins Count		50.00
Migrant Ministry		20.00
Total Offering	$	4,719.75

A total of $700 was collected for Lake Township FISH the last two Sundays.

The Ministry of Outreach would like to thank you for your generosity.
What a blessing for FISH!

Nominees for Maple Grove Mennonite Church Ministries

Ballots have been emailed out to Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1st. For those who do not use email, a ballot has been mailed to your home. Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Sunday, August 9th. There is a box available in the church lobby under the mailboxes to collect the ballots or you may return them to the church office. Any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Harold Beachy, Holly Miller, Betty Miller, Ryan Miller

Bible Memory Program Sign-ups – Please sign up by August 23rd

The Bible Memory Program is for children Kindergarten to High School and will run from September 2020 through April 2021. If your child would like to participate, please register them by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby, or by contacting Emily Manchester or Charla Sommers. Starting September 13th, participants can recite their verses after the morning worship service in classroom 4. Please see Emily or Charla if you have any questions.

With your support, MCC works with local partners to make sure people have access to **clean water** closer to their homes, both today and in the future. Building irrigation systems, wells and piped water systems, bringing clean water to communities around the world.

You can share the life-giving resource of water today.

- $35 – rainwater storage tank
- $50 – pipe spring water to a village
- $100 – help dig a well

We are pleased to have an offer of matching funds for up to $20,000!
Mark you offering envelope "My Coins Count" to contribute – thank you!

Back-to School Supplies for Hartville Migrant Ministry Students
Collecting July 19, 26 & August 2

The Ministry of Outreach is participating in sponsoring children at the Hartville Migrant Ministry with back-to-school supplies for almost 70 of their students, supplies that are beneficial and necessary to promoting learning and keeping kids in school. They have typically been able to provide the supplies through grants, but since they did not receive those grants this year, they are asking for help. There are two ways to give. You may sponsor a student online at the following link (the supply lists are broken down by grade, student and school). https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094ca9a62aa7fb6-10th1

You may give also give through the offering by marking your giving envelope "Migrant Ministry School Supplies." We are collecting on 3 Sundays: July 19 & 26 and August 2. The cost to sponsor a child is approximately $50, but any amount that you are able to donate will be helpful to go towards Walmart gift cards for purchasing the supplies. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Ministry of Outreach. Thank you for your help with this service project!
Howard Miller, Dorothy Shrock, Harold Beachy and Holly Miller

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It's time to celebrate 100 years! Join us (virtually) for an MCC Centennial Celebration this Sunday, July 26. This year marks the 100th anniversary of MCC! It is not the centennial year we anticipated. Still, we invite you to join us (virtually) on Sunday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m. (EDT), as we offer thanks to God and pray for the future of MCC's ministry of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ. We'll be broadcasting live from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, site of an important first meeting in the formation of MCC when representatives of various Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren groups met in July 1920. We had hoped to worship together in person, but we're grateful for the livestream option that will enable more MCC supporters and partners to join us. The livestream will begin at 6:15 with gathering music and will feature a combination of live and pre-recorded speakers and music. Please invite your friends and family by sharing the link: mcc.org/gl-centennial-livestream.

The July-August issue of the *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* is now available from Ohio Mennonite Conference. Click here to read the latest issue. Paper copies are available at the mailboxes.

**If you would like to include something in the newsletter,
please contact Cindy by noon on Wednesday – thank you!**

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