



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 August 14, 2020

[Maple Grove Reopening Guidelines](#)

Sunday worship service starts at 10:00 a.m. There is no Sunday School or Nursery at this time.

Maple Grove is following the statewide mask mandate, which includes wearing a mask during the church service. Masks are required when in the church building. Disposable masks are available for those who do not have a mask. If you are uncomfortable with following the reopening guidelines, please follow us online until further relaxations are approved. *If you have any questions, please contact a member of the church reopening committee: Howard Miller, Dan Dutcher, Lois Bontrager and Charla Sommers.*

Sunday's Service – August 16, 2020

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



GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song STJ #44 *The Love of God*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise STJ #27 *God of the Bible* (Vs. 1, 3, 4, 5)
HWB #377 *Healer of Our Every Ill* (Vs. 1, 3, 4)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture John 3:1-21
Message **Original Intentions**

RESPONDING

Song of Response *All Are Welcome at the Table*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song STJ #109 *There is More Love Somewhere* (Vs. 1, 5)
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, who have both tested positive for Covid-19. Please pray for strength and comfort during this difficult time.

✝ Pray for healing for those who are recovering from surgeries: Margaret Miller with foot surgery; Howard Miller with hip replacement surgery; Jim Miller with kidney surgery; Lesli Miller with shoulder surgery.



Offering Last Sunday, August 9

Attendance: 54

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| General Fund | \$ | 6,026.00 |
| Education Fund | | 400.00 |
| My Coins Count | | 2,250.00 |
| Migrant Ministries | | 100.00 |
| Total Offering | \$ | <u>8,776.00</u> |

August 16th is Education Sunday;

non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



From Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Thank you to those who participated in the affirmation of new Ministry members. The following have been affirmed with terms beginning September 1, 2020. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve in these ministries.

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| Congregational Chair | Vernon Sommers, Jr. – 1 year |
| Ministry of Administration | John Koshmider – 4 years |
| Ministry of Congregational Care | Ruth Miller – 4 years |
| Ministry of Education | Amy Shelly – 3 years |
| Ministry of Gifts Discernment | Michael Yoder – 4 years |
| Ministry of Outreach | Matthew Manchester – 4 years |
| Ministry of Worship | Emily Manchester – 3 years |

Thank you to the following for accepting the positions listed below which are appointed:

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| Bible Memory Program | Emily Manchester-1 year; Charla Sommers-2 years |
| Jr. Youth Leaders | Jade & Jill Liechty – 2 years |
| Kids' Club Leaders | Adam & Kim Weaver – 2 years |
| Ohio Mennonite Conference Delegates | Howard & Marsha Miller – 2 years |
| Vacation Bible School | Kim Weaver-1 year; Ruth Yoder-2 years |

For those who finish terms the end of August, we would like to thank you for your willingness to serve. 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.



The Annual Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction will be all on-line from September 26 to October 3.

Maple Grove will be collecting for My Coins Count
through the last Sunday in September.

***Mark you offering envelope “My Coins Count” to contribute.
We are pleased to have an offer of matching funds for up to \$20,000!***

Water is life!

- **How Does a Lack of Safe Drinking Water Affect People’s Health?**
 - Over 80% of the disease in developing countries is related to poor drinking water and sanitation.
- **How Many Children Die Every Day Because of Drinking Unsafe Water?**
 - 4,500 children die every day from preventable diseases related to a lack of access to clean water, adequate sanitation and hygiene.

Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!

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

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Terry Shue: Bridge Pastor

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)

Ministry of Congregational Care: Dan Dutcher, Paul Bontrager, Marty Miller, Gary Sommers

Prayer Chain Contacts: Kami Sommers and Jen Geiser

Congregational Care Contacts: Harold Beachy, Dan Dutcher, Matthew Manchester,
Dorothy Shrock, Clara Sommers, Rhoda Sommers



2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction Update

September 26 to October 3

Like many large events, our 55th annual auction/festival was cancelled due to the pandemic. Many of the Relief Sales nationwide have been cancelled, leaving Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in desperate need of funds. Despite the difficulties with Covid, Ohio Relief Sale planners want to continue support of MCC through an online event in 2020. Details are still being ironed out, but all items will be donated and funds raised will be sent to MCC for their disaster relief and community development around the world.

How the Online Auction will work

Both our traditional Quilt and Wood/Tool Auction items will be available to you from the comfort of your own home. Unlike previous live auctions, you won't be missing an item while you're bidding in the other auction! The Online Timed Auction will begin September 26 and close bidding October 3 at noon. You can bid on items throughout the open period only. Handcrafted Quilts, Comforters, Wall Hangings, Wood items, Tools, Silent Auction items, Children's Auction, Blessing Bids, specialty items including an MCC Centennial Commemorative Pitcher, will be available in this auction. We will also be offering the larger ticket items online as well.

How Timed Auctions Work: Buyers place bids during the time of the auction. The highest bid at the specified closing date and time wins the item. However, if a bid is placed within the final minutes of a timed auction, our online bidding system will automatically extend the bidding time frame, ensuring the buyer willing to bid the highest amount will always win. All bids must be submitted online. We are working on shipping details. More info will be coming later!

For questions, please [email Chairperson Brenda Latulippe](mailto:brenda@ohiomccreliefsale.org) or call 330-933-6372.

Buy It Now, September 14 to 24

Like we did last year with the quilts, selected items will be offered for sale (before the auction) at a fixed price for immediate purchase. Once these one-of-a-kind items are purchased, they will no longer be available for the online auction. *Buy It Now* will include select quilts, wood items, tools and Blessing Bids. Any items not purchased during the *Buy It Now* open period will be available for bidding in the *Online Timed Auction*.

New! Ohio Relief Sale Online Store

Apart from *Buy It Now* and the *Online Auction*, these will generally be items of \$25 or less and may be purchased at any time through a new e-commerce store. These items will include hand-crafted centennial coffee mugs, gift certificates, craft and art items, World Crafts, and the popular Quilters' Corner. Most of these items will be one-of-a-kind and once they are sold, they will be gone! So, if you see something you like, don't wait to buy. We plan on adding to this store throughout the year, so please check back periodically to see what's new. Please Note: this new store is currently under construction. More information to come.

Kick-off Weekend: In-person Events

Plans are for abbreviated live events from September 25 to 27. Details are still being worked out, but will include a socially distanced concert, auction preview and drive-through BBQ Chicken Dinner and Pie & Ice Cream. All 2020 preview events are planned to be located at the Sprunger Building at 4885 Kidron Road, Kidron, OH 44636.

About the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale

For 55 years, the Mennonite churches in Northeastern Ohio, particularly Wayne, Stark and Holmes Counties, have worked together to put on a festive event in order to raise funds for Mennonite Central Committee. MCC is the relief and community development arm of the Mennonite Church and works in many countries around the world to send aid when disasters strike, drill wells for clean water, teach people skills to help support themselves and their families and so much more. [Learn more about the work of MCC](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org)

The Relief Sale is supported mainly by the Amish, Apostolic, Brethren, Mennonite and Conservative Mennonite Churches, but [we invite everyone to participate](#). It's a fun way to work together to support world relief and enjoy the fellowship of other Christians.