



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](http://www.mgmennonite.org)

Weekly Newsletter dated August 28, 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 30, 2020**

**Message:** Terry Shue  
**Worship Leader:** Matthew Manchester  
**Song Leader:** Emily Manchester



**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song STJ #9 *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship/Prayer

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise STS #31 *Jesus, Be the Center  
Standing on the Promises*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Joshua 4 1-9  
Message ***Remembering and Envisioning***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response HWB #545 *Be Thou My Vision*  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song HWB #478 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
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 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 23**

**Attendance: 86**

General Fund	\$ 2,040.00
Education Fund	9,771.00
My Coins Count	600.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 12,411.00</u>



**Freezer Meals Available for those in need.**

Family Ministry organized a day of preparing freezer meals again and the frozen meals are in the freezer at the church. These can be taken to someone in need, whether it's someone in the church, or a neighbor or a friend coming home from the hospital, or a situation where someone could just use some help. The meals are ham & scalloped potatoes and rigatoni, and fruit slush is available for dessert. All are labeled with heating instructions. To take a meal to someone, please sign out the meal in the church office and let Cindy know what meal you are taking and who it is going to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry – Sheryl Weaver, Charla Sommers, Kathy Cartner, Marsha Miller



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

From [mcc.org](http://mcc.org) *Intersections* Winter 2019 newsletter:

- "Access to safe water and sanitation and sound management of freshwater ecosystems are essential to human health and to environmental sustainability and economic prosperity" (UN, 2017).
- Water is a basic human need. Both during emergency responses and in longer-term development efforts, securing access to safe water and improving sanitation for vulnerable populations are top priorities.
- Communities affected by emergencies and poverty are generally more susceptible to disease and illness than other populations. Much of this increased vulnerability can be attributed to lack of access to safe water for drinking, cooking and washing, which contributes to poor sanitation and hygiene.

***Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!***



**Please see the recent Ohio Conference newsletter by clicking on this link:**  
[Ohio Conference Newsletter – August 2020](#). Copies of this newsletter are available at the mailboxes at the church.

**Prayer Vine**, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The September issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available. A copy is also posted on the bulletin board at church.

**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Summer Update from Ohio E – NW PA Unit**

Click [here](#) for the recent update from the Ohio East – Northwest Pennsylvania unit of the Mennonite Disaster Service with an update on the Alternative Housing Project that began July 11 in Strasburg. Copies of this newsletter are available at the mailboxes at the church.

**Join MCC and Great Lakes BIC for a free webinar: Police, Fairness & Security.**

Framed with a time of biblical reflection, Bishop Lynn Thrush will facilitate a panel discussion with people who have interacted with the police at varying levels including Ohio State Senator Cecil Thomas who served as a police officer in Cincinnati, OH. The free webinar will take place on Thursday, September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. (EST). Participants will come away with a better understanding of the narrative of racial difference and how this is related to policing. Please register by August 31 at [mcc.org/gl-webinar-police](http://mcc.org/gl-webinar-police) to receive the webinar link.



In this season of COVID-19 we have had to pivot with much of our programming here at Camp Luz. We are pleased to share that the Women's Retreat is happening, but with another significant pivot. This 1-night retreat will utilize a silence and solitude based personal retreat format. Each woman will have her own room or cabin, be provided with a devotional (or use your own) to help focus your time, and have access to several prayer stations as well as the lake, trails, and grounds of the camp. Meals will be provided in a socially distanced setting.



## 2020 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale

### Kickoff Event -- September 25 to 27

#### – Friday, Sept. 25 starting at 6:30 –

**Everence** is sponsoring an outdoor in-person concert on the grounds of the Sprunger Building at the Kidron Auction, on Friday evening, September 25. **Honeytown** and **A Girl named Tom** will perform. The performances will be outdoors, under a tent. Donations will be accepted that night. Bring your own chairs, and we encourage you to wear masks and honor social distancing. The Sprunger Building will be open to preview Relief Sale Online Auction items.

#### – Saturday, Sept. 26 –

The Sprunger Building will be open for Quilt and Wood Preview Day from 10am-2pm. Plans are to have a drive-through BBQ Chicken Dinner. You will need to reserve your Chicken Dinners by signing up before the 26th. (Information will be coming on signup.) Donations for the chicken dinner will be made when you pick up your dinners. Accepting cash, check or Paypal.

- There will also be whole pies and ice cream to pick up until 2pm. You will NOT need to reserve those ahead of time. While supplies last!
- There will also be a book sale and we will be available to help assist bidders to sign up for online bidding.
- We plan to limit the number of customers in the building at one time; masks will be required as well as social distancing.

#### – Sunday, Sept. 27 –

**John Schmid of Common Grounds Ministries** will be holding a remote concert on Facebook in the late afternoon/early evening. More information is coming regarding this concert.

## Looking for Large Item Requests

If you are looking to make a sizeable purchase in the near future, please let us know. We may be able to have the item donated and you can buy it at the Relief Sale! Depending on the item, you may be able to purchase it tax free. Please contact Large Item Coordinator, Paul Bontrager at 330-957-9925 if you have a request OR if you would like to help donate large items.

## Large Item Ideas

Below are items donated in previous years. These items have NOT been donated yet. Requests are not limited to the items below.



Battery Bikes



Vehicles



Lawn Mowers/Tractors



Chicken Houses



UTV/ATVs



Kitchen Appliances



Vacation Packages



## Donating to the Quilt and Wood/Tool Auctions

The Quilt Committee has already completed their photography and cataloging. Please contact Susan Hofstetter at 330-465-5815 if you have a quilt, comforter or wallhanging to donate.

Wood/Tool Auction donations can be dropped off at the Sprunger Building in Kidron AFTER September 24. We don't have a place to store these items before the sale. If you have a donation, please take your own photos of the item for the Online Auction. Please send them to Jade Liechty at [jliechty@hartvillehardware.com](mailto:jliechty@hartvillehardware.com). You can also call Jade at 330-322-3432 if you have questions.

For small items such as Artisans Marketplace (formerly Needlework), please contact Sandy Miller at 330-464-8867 for drop off info.

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

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