



*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 June 12, 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.

**Sunday's Service - June 14, 2020**

**Message:** Terry Shue  
**Worship Leader:** Matthew Manchester  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider



**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song STJ #3 *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him* (Vs. 1-3)  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship/Prayer

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise  
*Cornerstone*  
*Lord I Need You*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading Mark 9:2-9  
Message *Mountain and Valleys*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response HWB #383 *God, Whose Giving*  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song HWB #395 *Here I am, Lord*  
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 Lois Bontrager who is recovering from hip replacement surgery.
  - ✝ Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.
  - ✝ Pray for Freeman Miller, father to neighbors of Jr. Sommers/Eugene Miller's cabin in Carrollton, who has been hospitalized with Covid-19 and not doing well.
  - ✝ Pray for Jan Anderson, Cindy Fleming's mother, who is struggling with several health issues.
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*Thank you Maple Grove family for the comforter you gave me for graduation. I am thankful for the support you all have given me over the years. I appreciate your prayers as I attend Indiana Wesleyan University this fall. Blake Sommers*

*The Ministry of Congregational Care would like to thank Shannon Shrock for organizing the work day at the church and for all his work on the grounds at the church. We would also like to thank AJ Geiser for mowing the yard at the church. Everything looks well kept and nice to see after being gone from the church for so many weeks. We are grateful for everything you both do at the church!*

*To Maple Grove Church Family: Thank you so much for your support of Love Our Community! Your generosity allows us to care for so many. Just recently, we were able to purchase a new bedroom set for an individual in need. It takes us all to care. We appreciate you! With gratitude, Kelli Viscounte & the LOC Team*

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### This year, Vacation Bible School will a bit different.



Philippians 1:6

*"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

In order to keep each person safe and to prevent further spread of the virus, VBS will not gather together as in past years. However, the VBS Committee is putting together backpacks for each child in preschool though children just completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Each VBS At Home backpack will include 6 days of fun activities: a Bible story, game, craft and a verse to learn for the week. These will be distributed during church on Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. If your child will not be in church on July 5<sup>th</sup>, please contact Kim Weaver or Ruth Yoder and we will make other arrangements.



## Ministry of Outreach kicks off “My Coins Count”

My Coins Count raises money for water projects sponsored by MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world. My Coins Count offering is donated at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction, which this year is an online event September 26-October 3.

The friendly competition between Maple Grove and Evermore is on again this year to see which church can raise the most money. Let’s get the pump back at Maple Grove!

To donate, mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count.”

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

*The poor and needy search for water,  
but there is none;  
their tongues are parched with thirst.*

*But I the Lord will answer them;  
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. (Isaiah 41:17 NIV)*

### We are glad to have an offer of matching funds for up to \$20,000 again this year!

For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000. So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we’ll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale.



### REMINDER: Red Cross Blood Drive in Hartville (Lake YMCA) - June 25<sup>th</sup>

Saving lives during this pandemic is vitally important. Do you know you can personally help save a life? It’s true, the American Red Cross could use your help and it only takes about 30 minutes!!

**Here’s how** – On Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, between 11am and 5pm the Lake Community YMCA will host a blood drive by the Red Cross. Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and read the **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**. Next, select **DONATE BLOOD**, review details on completing your **RAPIDPASS**, review all precautionary steps the Red Cross takes for COVID-19 issues, and select **Find A Blood Drive**. You can put in zip-code 44685 or 44632, or the Sponsor Code "**LakeYMCA**". Finally, make sure you go to the June 25<sup>th</sup> event at Lake Community YMCA and select a convenient appointment time 11am to 5pm. We cannot accommodate walk-ins during this time of COVID-19 environment.

“Every day, blood donors help patients of all ages: accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer. In fact, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. There’s no substitute for blood. When a patient receives blood, it was given in advance by a generous donor. (Red Cross)”

Finally, **THANK YOU** for consideration of this life-giving help to others! You make a tremendous difference!! Ronald C. Bensinger, Director of Business Development  
Mercy Medical Center – (330)588-4592

## **Hartville Thrift Shoppe Update**

We reopened the week May 11<sup>th</sup> after being closed for eight weeks. We have made a number of changes to our hours and processes to protect our volunteers, staff, donors and customers. We've temporarily reduced our donation (and retail) hours but we're drowning in donations. This is due to a number of factors including:

- Reduced retail hours
- Most of our volunteers are in the COVID-19 vulnerable category and many are not volunteering at this time, (we are averaging 40.5 volunteer hours a day compared to an average of 120 volunteer hours a day before the shut-down).

Contributions from the MCC Thrift Shops in the US and Canada make up roughly 19% of MCC's annual income. The temporary closure of the shops for eight weeks or more, along with the slower re-opening and lower sales numbers, will likely reduce the amount each shop can contribute to MCC this year by 20% or higher. This, coupled with the number of relief sales that have been cancelled and other factors, will make it more difficult for MCC to carry out their worldwide mission this year.

### **WE NEED HELP to fulfill our mission of supporting MCC:**

**Volunteers:** We especially need help in Textile Hang and Tag area; this can be a couple hours a week for the summer, if you have commitments during the school year. (All volunteers do need to wear a mask and follow our other safety guidelines.) Please talk to other volunteers from your church or text Brenda @ 330-933-6372 if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

### **Hiring:**

- **Temporary Part-Time Processors**  
Backroom processors assist our volunteers in production of textiles and housewares.
- **Full or Part-time Donation Assistant**  
The donation attendant works with a team of people who are responsible for receiving and processing donations. This job involves lifting heavy furniture, moving it to the sales floor and loading it into customers' cars. The work is physical and fast paced working to facilitate the work of our many volunteers.

Please send your resume or any questions to [pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org](mailto:pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org).

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

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