



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

Watch Sunday's service live at 10:30 a.m.
at www.mgmennonite.org

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:20am Adult classes dismissed for worship
- 10:25am Children & youth classes dismissed for worship
- 10:30am Corporate Worship

Weekly Newsletter dated September 25, 2020

[Maple Grove Reopening Guidelines](#)

Starting this Sunday, the Reopening Committee has decided to allow congregational singing with masks. If you have any questions or comments, please contact a member of the Church Reopening Committee: Howard Miller, Dan Dutcher, Lois Bontrager and Charla Sommers.

Sunday's Service – September 27, 2020

“What I learned about ministry from my first congregation.”

Stories & nuggets of learning from three pastors from their early years of ministry.

- Message:** Terry Shue, Myron Weaver
& Ralph Reinford (Ohio Conference Pastor)
- Moderator:** Scott Sommers
- Worship Leader:** Gary Sommers
- Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers



GATHERING

- Prelude
- Opening Song HWB #71 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

- Songs of Praise *He Who Began a Good Work in You
More About Jesus*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

- Scripture Philippians 1:3-11
- Message

RESPONDING

- Song of Response *Jesus Take All of Me*
- Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

- Sending Song HWB #416 *For Christ and the Church*
- 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	



Next Sunday, October 4th, is World Communion Sunday when we will join together with believers from around the world in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and gift of Salvation. As we take communion together on October 4th, some of us will be at the church while others will be at home. In order for us to enter into this time together, we invite those at home to have bread and juice nearby so we can share communion as one. In preparation for this service, I invite you to read and pray through I Corinthians 12 as we consider the church as the body of Christ. When we come to the time of communion, we will lead the congregation through communion for those physically at the church as well as those participating at home. All who believe and want to draw closer to Jesus are invited to participate. We encourage you to take this week to prepare your hearts for this time.



- ✝ Pray for healing for those who are recovering from surgeries: Margaret Miller, Howard Miller, and Jim Miller.
- ✝ Pray for Henry Sommers, Jr. for health issues.
- ✝ Pray for Moises Arauz who is recovering from complications with Covid.
- ✝ Pray for Nathanael & Savanah Hofstetter Ressler as they prepare to move and start ministry here at Maple Grove.



Offering Last Sunday, September 20 (Education Sunday) Attendance: 70

Education Fund	\$ 1,921.25
General Fund	6,753.60
My Coins Count	500.00
Lake Township FISH	100.00
Moises & Anna Arauz	<u>2,103.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 11,377.85</u>



Newsletter Update: Please note that Cindy will be out of the office Thursday and Friday next week and the newsletter will be finalized and mailed out on Wednesday. Please have items for the newsletter to Cindy by Tuesday next week – thank you!

Collection for our friends in Nicaragua, Moises and Anna Arauz – this Sunday

Moises and Anna both tested positive for Covid-19 earlier this summer. Moises was hospitalized with double pneumonia and it affected his heart. Moises continues to make improvements in his recovery. Please continue to pray for healing and clarity with his heart issues.

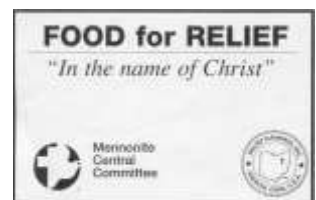
- Moises has been dealing with this for over 2 months and unable to work. Maple Grove would like to help them and bless them with a financial gift. If you would like to contribute financially, please place your donation in the offering basket marked for Moises and Anna. Donations are being collected September 20th & 27th. If you have any questions, please contact Perry Miller. Thank you!

Kids Club Activity – October 11

The Kids Club is for kids in grades 1-4. Kids Club will meet at Kingsway Farm in Hartville on Sunday, October 11th, from 2-4pm. Admissions will be taken care of; however, if the kids want a snack please have them bring money for that. Any questions, please contact the Kids Club Leaders – Adam & Kim Weaver or AJ & Jen Geiser.

The Ministry of Outreach would like to share with you that MCC Canning for Relief in Kidron will start Saturday, October 10. Changes have been made to operational procedures, times and the food canteen to accommodate COVID health guidelines.

- Covid-19 guidelines will be followed with temperature checks, sign-ins, masks, hair/beard nets, white coats and gloves!
- Outside food and beverage prohibited.
- Staggered canning hours each day are set because of Covid-19.
- The hours of canning each day are 5am-10am and 3:30pm-10pm on Saturday, October 10, and Monday-Wednesday, October 12-14.



Please call or text Trent (330-465-4191) to schedule a safe and rewarding time to participate. Go to www.reliefcanningkidron.org for more information on relief canning. Thank you!

This is the last Sunday to collect for My Coins Count.

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

*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)*





Kick-off Weekend: Sept. 25-26 **Carry-out Meal on Saturday, Sept 26** **Online Auction Bidding – Sept. 26-Oct. 3**

www.ohiomccreliefsale.org

Kick-off Weekend: In-person Events

Friday, September 25

- 6:30-8:30: Outdoor Open Air Concert. In-person, socially distanced (also Facebook live) concert with [Honeytown](#) and [A Girl Named Tom](#).

Saturday, September 26

- If you pre-ordered BBQ Chicken Dinners for this weekend, please plan to pick it up on Saturday September 26 from 11am to 2pm. Location is at the Sprunger Building at the Kidron Auction. If you didn't get it pre-ordered, don't worry, we're ordering extra chicken. We'll have extra! Please don't stay away if you haven't pre-ordered! Homemade Pie and Ice Cream will also be available. Cost for both chicken dinners and pie & ice cream is by donation. Please give generously! For questions, please call Sandy Miller at 330-464-8867.
- Also, a live preview of auction items will be available on Saturday from 9am to 3pm. The online auction begins September 26 and runs through October 3.
- A special Relief Sale Concert by John Schmid on Facebook Live is scheduled for 4pm on Sunday, September 27. Find the concert [HERE](#).

Online Auction Bidding

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

The Camp Luz Fall Fest Fundraiser: Things will look a bit different this year due to COVID-19. Instead of a live auction, we are moving our (mostly) Pie Auction online. Bidding will open at noon on Monday, September 28, and end at noon on Saturday, October 3. Winning bidders will be able pick up their items between 3pm and 7pm on October 3. The link for the auction will be available on the Camp's Facebook page and www.campluz.com. The in-person portion of Fall Fest will begin at Camp Luz at 3pm on October 3, with a variety of outdoor activities. A hot dog dinner will be available between 5pm and 6:45pm by donation. At 7pm we will show a family friendly movie outside on the lawn. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy some popcorn. All activities are outdoors and guests are expected to practice social distancing and wear a mask at times when distancing may be difficult to maintain. Restrooms will be available and sanitized periodically throughout the event.

Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) Prayer Request

Planning has begun for Ohio Conference's Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly on March 4-6, 2021. There is an additional level of preparation this year as this year's events will be virtual. Please pray for wisdom, creativity and peace as the planners work to coordinate the events' many details.

Below is the link to the October issue of Prayers for Mennonite Education, a monthly prayer list prepared by Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. These prayer requests were gathered from across Mennonite education, from early childhood – grade 12, undergraduate schools, graduate schools and seminaries and MEA's Hispanic Ministries Education programs. By partnering with these schools and helping them flourish, MEA works to ***strengthen the church through education***. Thank you for joining us in prayer for our schools. [Prayers for Mennonite Education - October 2020](#). A copy of this is posted on the conference bulletin board in the hallway 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 October issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is available at this link and also posted on the MMN mission bulletin board at the church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – adult classes dismissed 10 minutes before worship / children & youth 5 minutes before

Women's Class in Sewing Room-Education Side Sr. Women's Class in Room 9
Mixed Intergenerational Class in Adult SS Room-Education Side Sr. Men's Class in Room 10
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's Class in Basement

Children's Sunday School Classes with rooms and teachers:

PreK-1st grade in Rms. 1-2 Ruth Yoder 5th-8th grade in Rms. 5-6 Matthew Manchester
2nd-4th grade in Rms. 3-4 Sheryl Weaver/Lesli Miller Youth in Basement Michael Yoder/Myron Weaver