



*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 September 4, 2020

**THE CHURCH PHONE LINE 877-2400 IS NOT OPERATING CORRECTLY.
PLEASE USE THIS NUMBER WHEN CALLING THE CHURCH: 330-877-2499**

[Maple Grove Reopening Guidelines](#)

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

Sunday School Restart Plans



The Reopening Committee is happy to announce that we will be restarting our adult and children's Sunday School classes on September 13th. Sunday School will be at 9:30 with the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

There are a few procedures we will be doing in order to try and keep everyone safe and healthy. First of all, we will set up Sunday School classes to keep people socially distanced. As has been the case for the past month, we will ask everyone to continue to wear a face covering as well. In all adult and children's classes, we will provide hand sanitizer. We ask that attendees wash hands or use hand sanitizer when entering or leaving class. Additionally, we want to help eliminate crowded hallways. Adults will be dismissed from their Sunday School classes 15 minutes before the worship service so they can be seated in the sanctuary prior to the release of students. Children in grades PK-12 will be dismissed 10 minutes before the service to join their families in the sanctuary. We will continue to monitor the situation throughout the year and make adjustments as needed.

In order to plan for the start of Sunday School, we are asking everyone to please respond whether or not you will be attending by replying to Cindy. You can contact her via email at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org or by calling the church office at 330-877-2499.

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 – September 6, 2020

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder



GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song STJ #18 *Over My Head*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise HWB #352 *Gentle Shepherd
Lord, I Need You*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Matthew 14:22-36
Message ***Get out of the boat!***

RESPONDING

Song of Response STS #49 *I Will Come to You in the Silence*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song STS #40 *We Will Follow*
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	



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- ✝ 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.
 - ✝ Please keep Nathanael & Savanah Hofstetter Ressler in your prayers as they
prepare to move and start ministry here at Maple Grove.
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To Our Church Family: We would like to thank the church for the cards that were sent, for the food that was brought to the house and for all your prayers and concern during Jim's recent surgery. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.
 God Bless, Jim & Marty Miller

From Hartville Migrant Ministry:

Dear Maple Grove Mennonite Church,
 Your support of the Hartville Migrant Ministry is truly appreciated by those who need it most, the migrant families working in our community who otherwise would have found daily life more difficult to navigate had it not been for your generosity. Thanks to you, we have provided nearly 400 families with convenient access to clinic facilities, with educational opportunities designed for everyone from children to adults, and with a place to simply feel safe and welcome in our community while enjoying a variety of recreational and spiritual opportunities. You can be sure your donation of \$920 for school supplies has been a tremendous asset in the fulfillment of this mission. We would love to keep you in the loop via our website where we have posted more pictures that tell the story of the Migrant Center's activities. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hartvillemigrantministry or our website at www.hartvillemigrantministry.org. Again, thank you for helping the Hartville Migrant Ministry provide our families with the best possible experience here. You are a part of their lives too!



Offering Last Sunday, August 30

Attendance: 60

General Fund	\$ 4,794.03
Education Fund	630.67
My Coins Count	500.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,924.70</u>



Bible Memory Program Starts September 13th

The Bible Memory Program is for children Kindergarten to High School and will run from September 2020 through April 2021. Starting September 13th, participants can recite their verses after the morning worship service in classroom 4. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Manchester or Charla Sommers.

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!

Facts About Water:

- A person can live about a month without food, but only about a [week without water.](#)
- If a human does not absorb enough water dehydration is the result.
- If all the world's water were fit into a gallon jug, the fresh water available for us to use would equal only about one tablespoon.

Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!

Lake Township FISH Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction – September 15

Join FISH on Tuesday, September 15, at the Hartville Kitchen for their Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. 100% of the proceeds from the evening go to Lake Township FISH! Due to Covid-19 max capacity guidelines, there will be two banquet times available: 12pm & 6pm. At this time, only dinner tickets are still available. **Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Harold Beachy.** For entertainment this year, FISH is welcoming back Elvis Impersonator, Lonnie Freeman! There is also a virtual option available for \$15 to live stream the dinner-time program. Go to <https://www.laketownshipfish.org/banquet> for this option. FISH is still in need of items for the silent auction. If you would like to donate to this, please contact the FISH director Kelsey Wood at director@laketownshipfish.org.

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Please remember Ohio Conference congregations, pastors and related ministries in your prayers. The September-October 2020 issue of [Prayer Prompter](#) has been compiled by Dan Hooley, prayer coordinator for the Ohio Conference. A copy of the Prayer Prompter is also posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Response to Hurricane Laura

Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura. This storm created widespread damage throughout eastern Texas, western Louisiana and other parts of the South. MDS is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response. If you're interested in volunteering, please fill out the online volunteer registration form at <https://mds.volunteermatrix.com/sys-php/matrix/e.php?ID=40>. MDS is accepting financial donations for Hurricane Laura recovery efforts. You can give online at <https://mds.mennonite.net/donate> or through the mail by sending to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543, with a notation for Hurricane Laura Relief.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will hold an online program, “Open Arms Live Online,” on Saturday, September 19, at 6 p.m. The program will include updates on how Open Arms is working to meet the needs of Hispanics during the time of COVID-19. Speakers will include Open Arms Executive Director Haroldo Nunes and Dan King, who serves as chair of the Open Arms Board. John Schmid will lead music. This live event can be accessed on Open Arms Facebook page. Click [here](#) for more information.

“Immigration Ohio 2020” Virtual Event – September 24

Malone University is co-sponsoring an online event focusing on immigration on Thursday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. “Immigration Ohio 2020: Complex Questions and Solutions with Dignity” will feature keynote speakers Jill Stoltzfus and Ali Noorani. The event will also include panels of Ohio leaders in business, health care and immigration law, as well as pastors and students. Register for this free event at www.malone.edu/immigrationOhio. Please see the [event flier](#) for more information.

Racial Equity as a Christian Commitment — Central Christian School in Kidron is focusing on increasing capacity for racial equity as a Christian community. For several days in the spring of 2021, Central Christian will have a Christian/faith-based educator present on the topic of racial equity and reconciliation. The content and curriculum of the sessions will contain both pre- and post-session reflections and work for deeper transformation. Grant funds will help bring this presenter to Central. More details will be available at a later date.

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

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