



Disciples of Jesus, Revealing His Kingdom  
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
and Service Together

Watch Sunday's service live at 10:30 a.m.  
at [www.mgmennonite.org](http://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 November 20, 2020

[Maple Grove Reopening Guidelines](#)

Sunday's Service – November 22, 2020

**Message:** Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Terry Shue  
**Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers



**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song HWB #17 *We Gather Together*  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship/Prayer

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise *Everlasting God  
Blessed Be Your Name*  
 Prayer for Offering

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
 Message *The Right Shepherd*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response HWB #521 *Come, Thou Fount*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *The Blessing*  
 Benediction/Blessing  
 Postlude

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue)    TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)  
 STJ-Sing the Journey (green)        STS-Sing the Story (purple)  
 Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314



- ✝ Pray for Larry Hills who is recovering from pneumonia.
- ✝ Pray for Lesli Miller and her three children, Korey, Emma & Ayden, who are dealing with illnesses.
- ✝ Pray for John Hilmer (Mary Hilmer's son) who was hospitalized with complications from his cancer.
- ✝ Pray for Nelson Schlabach and Henry Sommers, Jr. for health issues.
- ✝ Pray for those who are apart from their families or alone over the Thanksgiving holiday.



<b>Offering Last Sunday, November 15-Education Sunday</b>		<b>Attendance: 79</b>
Education Fund	\$ 1,923.00	
General Fund	3,200.00	
Lake Township FISH	350.00	
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 5,473.00</b>	

The Ministry of Outreach would like to thank you for your donations for FISH over the last 3 Sundays. A total of \$2,200 was collected – God is good!



**Please Note:** The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The newsletter will be printed and distributed on Wednesday, November 25. Please have all items for the newsletter to Cindy by next Tuesday, November 24. *Thank you!*

**Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the winter quarter.**

The order of Sunday School books for the spring quarter is due no later than December 30.

**Please let Heidi Miller know by Sunday, December 27, if you need to make any changes to your order.** Also, if you are currently receiving the daily devotional magazine *Rejoice* and no longer wish to receive it, or you would like to be added to the list to receive it, please let Heidi know that as well. Thank you – Ministry of Education

**REMINDER:** Family Ministry has freezer meals available for those in need in the refrigerator 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. Fruit slush is available for dessert. All are labeled with heating instructions. To take a meal to someone, please let Cindy in the church office 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

# Deck the Halls & Stock the Store



Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse. In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity for a parent to provide for their children.

- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse.
- The purpose is to support and empower neighborhood parents in their roles as provider and caregiver for their children.
- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services.
- Affordable means the gifts will be marked down so that the most the parent pays is 25% of the purchase price. For some of the higher priced gifts, the maximum the parent pays is less than 25%.

**All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED with the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging by Wednesday, December 2. Please tape the tag on the gift.**

Any questions, please contact Holly Miller.



In the craziness of 2020 and through this uncertainty of what our winter will look like, LOC is working to ensure that they can still partner with you and meet the needs of our community.

- This year, we will be offering gift cards at a fraction of the cost to our families in lieu of physical gifts.
- In addition to the gift cards, the LOC Warehouse will be open to shop the clothing closet, and shoppers receive a blanket, toiletries, socks and shoes, books, and games for their children.
- We are confident that this change will ensure that we can continue to provide holiday assistance to families in need in our community. For the future, our hope is that we will be able to return to our original LOC Christmas event in years to come.
- For more information, visit Love Our Community's website [www.loveourcommunity.net](http://www.loveourcommunity.net).

**If you would like to contribute to LOC Christmas event**, you may purchase gift cards and bring to the church – a collection box for the gift cards is on the table at the church. Love Our Community has provided a list of gift card suggestions which is below. You may also make monetary donations through the offering. We will collect through the month of November. If you have any questions, please contact Holly Miller.

GIFT CARD AMOUNTS:	STORES/RESTAURANT IDEAS:
	Burger King, Dairy Queen, Dominoes, Dunkin' Donuts, Front Porch Cafe, McDonald's, Peace, Love & Little Donuts, Pizza BOGO, Pizza Hut, Romeo's Pizza, Starbucks, Subway, Taco Bell/KFC, Wendy's, other local restaurants, etc.
	Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Front Porch Cafe, Hartville Hardware, Kohl's, Peace, Love & Little Donuts, Sheetz, Starbucks, Target, The Shops at Hartville Kitchen, Ulta, Walmart, other local stores & restaurants, etc.
	Amazon, Baby Sweet Pea's, Beatty's Sports, Best Bib & Tucker, Best Buy, Big Lots, Dick's Sporting Goods, Hallstar Sports, Hartville Hardware, Ritchies Sporting Goods, Kohl's, Target, The Shops at Hartville Kitchen, Two E's In a Pod, Ulta, Walmart, other local stores, etc.
	Amazon, Best Bib & Tucker, Best Buy, Big Lots, Dick's Sporting Goods, Hartville Hardware, Kohl's, Target, The Shops at Hartville Kitchen, Ulta, Walmart, other local stores, etc.



**Don't forget to save your Acme receipts to benefit Lake Township FISH!** A

collection box for the receipts is under the mailboxes at the church. A percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt will be donated to FISH.

Thank you – Ministry of Outreach

**Newsletter & Literature Rack Updates – newsletters are posted on bulletin board at the church:**

- Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Newsletter & letter from Pastor Haroldo on bulletin board
- The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In their current issue, you can read why they are suspending projects because of COVID spikes in local communities, learn how MDS volunteers are helping to save a Colorado forest, and an MDS volunteer and author offers a unique approach to support MDS. Click on this link to read more: [On the Level](#)
- From Mennonite Mission Network: Your support on Giving Tuesday mobilizes Mission Network to continue vigorously partnering in God's mission in the world and innovating the future of mission. Click [here](#) for more information.
- Click [here](#) to get more information on Advent-At-Home devotionals and a free download of the devotional. Copies of the devotional are on the literature rack at the church.
- *Our Daily Bread* devotionals for December-February are available on the literature rack



### **MCC asks for support for Central American Hurricane Recovery**

Not one hurricane, but two hurricanes within two weeks have caused extensive flooding in Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Hurricanes Eta and Iota have destroyed crops and forced people from their homes. MCC is working with churches and community organizations to provide emergency food, hygiene supplies and cleanup support. Join us as we help these communities recover. You can donate online at [mcc.org/eta-iota-relief](http://mcc.org/eta-iota-relief), by phone at (888)563-4676, or by mail at MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501.

### **Join MCC for a series of “MCC and me” webinars to hear more about service opportunities.**

Are you ready to step out and into service? To gain new skills and experiences while working for relief, development and peace in the name of Christ? MCC is working to adapt our programming as the situation with COVID-19 develops. All sessions relate to anticipated service needs, though timing and some other details may be subject to change.

- December 9 at 7 p.m. EST: Serving and Learning Together (SALT)
- January 13 at 3 p.m. EST: Summer Service leadership program
- February 25 at 10 a.m. EST: Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) summer staff
- February 25 at 8 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March 6 at 12 p.m. EST: International service worker
- March TBD: Mobile Meat Canner

For more information and to register: [mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities](http://mcc.org/mcc-me-webinar-series-service-opportunities)

### **Ohio Mennonite Conference: Developing Leaders in the Congregation**

When God calls someone to ministry, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is for pastors and other congregational leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The early application deadline for Winter 2021 is Dec. 15. For more information visit [www.ambs.edu/journey](http://www.ambs.edu/journey) or contact Conference Minister Dick Barrett at [ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com](mailto:ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com) or at 937-935-2549.



**Online Wrap Up Meeting - November 23 @ 7 PM via Zoom Meeting**  
[ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org)

What a year! If you would like to know more about the results of the 2020 Relief Sale, please join us on November 23 at 7pm via Zoom Meeting. There will be no in-person meeting this year. We will be submitting an amount to be sent to Mennonite Central Committee. You may listen in by audio only or by video. We thank everyone for their work on the 2020 Relief Sale. A church email was sent to the congregation on November 10<sup>th</sup> with information on how to join the Zoom meeting.

**To include something in the newsletter, please contact Cindy by noon on Wednesday – thank you!**

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Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler: Pastor ([pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))  
Terry Shue: Associate Pastor  
Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org))  
Ministry of Congregational Care: Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Ruth Miller, Gary Sommers  
Prayer Chain Contacts: Jen Geiser and Kami Sommers

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