



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

Watch Sunday's service live at 10:30 a.m.
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Weekly Newsletter dated December 30, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT HAVE IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JANUARY

Sunday's Service – January 3, 2021

Getting Started

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider



GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song *HWB #544 When We Walk With The Lord*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise *I Shall Not Want
Give Us Clean Hands*
Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture *Luke 3:15-22*
Message ***Getting Started***

RESPONDING

Song of Response *HWB #504 Have Thine Own Way*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *Walk Together Children*
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 Harold & Nancy Beachy and their family as they grieve the loss of their grandson and great-grandchildren from a car accident. Pray for their granddaughter who is in the hospital recovering from the accident. Pray for healing for the family.
- ✝ Pray for Marsha Miller and her family on the passing of Marsha's mother, Orva Combs, on Christmas Day.
- ✝ Pray for Lois Bontrager who is recovering from knee surgery.
- ✝ Pray for Henry Sommers, Jr. who is dealing with cancer.
- ✝ Pray for John Hilmer (Mary Hilmer's son) who is dealing with cancer.

If you have a prayer request you would like included in Sunday's service, you may text Pastor Nathanael to have it included – please see the recent Maple Grove News that was emailed or mailed to you for the number.



<u>Offering Last Sunday, December 27</u>	<u>Attendance: 40</u>
General Fund	8,050.00
Hurricane Relief	13,900.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 21,950.00</u>



The Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for contributing to Moises and Anna Arauz' work with Hurricane Relief in Nicaragua. A total of \$19,390 has been collected from the congregation. God is great!



Sunday School Update

The Ministry of Congregational Care decided to not have Sunday School, Bible Memory and coffee time through the month of January. They will review this decision at their January 19th meeting. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Congregational Care

Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Ryan Miller. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, Maple Grove's Treasurer.

Annual Reports for 2020 are due January 11th

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, January 31st, 2021. An email has been sent to the chairperson of each committee and ministry requesting an updated report for 2020, with a copy of last year's report included for your reference. We are asking that you please turn in your reports to the church office by Monday, January 11th.

REMINDER – THERE ARE FREEZER MEALS AVAILABLE: 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

The Acme Community Cashback Program ended Saturday, December 26, 2020.

Please bring in 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



January-February 2021 Prayer Prompter

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

Ohio Conference Invites You to a Missional Conference Featuring Brad Roth

This year's Ohio Conference Missional Conference will be held the evenings of March 4-5, 2021, on the Zoom platform. We are excited that Brad Roth, author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*, will be our input speaker and will be speaking on renewal and expressions of mission emerging from the rural church. Click [here](#) for information and to register for the event.

From MC USA: January 2021 Announcements

Click [here](#) for announcements from MC USA for the month of January.

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

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Terry Shue: Associate Pastor

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)
- Office Hours: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday – 8am-1pm

Ministry of Congregational Care: Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Ruth Miller, Gary Sommers

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jen Geiser and Kami Sommers