

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

Sunday's Service – January 31, 2021
Losing Jesus

Message: Jill Liechty
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

STJ #2 *Come, Walk With Us*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

HWB #151 *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving God*

STS #49 *I Will Come to You in the Silence*

Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Luke 2:41-52; Galatians 5:22-23

Message

Losing Jesus

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STS #62 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STS #40 *We Will Follow*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude



- ✝ Pray for healing for Harold & Nancy Beachy and their family.
- ✝ 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.



We would like to express our sincere thanks to our church family after the passing of Gaylord. The kindness shown to us through your prayers, words of encouragement, meal, and assistance at the graveside service is very much appreciated. Thank you! The Miller Family



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| Offering Last Sunday, January 24, 2021 | | Attendance: 44 |
| General Fund | <u>1,751.00</u> | |
| Total Offering | <u>\$ 1,751.00</u> | |



The 2020 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. If you would like your giving statement mailed to you, please contact Cindy in the church office.



The Ministry of Outreach is having a collection for Lake Township FISH. In lieu of groceries, there will be an offering of funding on two Sundays – **January 31 & February 7.**

This will be part of the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" project that FISH holds to tackle hunger. Please mark your giving envelope for FISH if you would like to donate.

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for this Sunday, January 31st. The Annual Report booklets have been emailed to you or placed in your mailboxes. Please note that a revised copy was emailed to the congregation on January 28. Extra copies of the booklet are available under the mailboxes.

Special thanks to Stephanie Kress for designing the front cover of the annual report!

The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after the worship service and is also available on a Zoom platform. Instructions for joining through Zoom have been emailed out to the congregation. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Administration (John Koshmider, Perry Miller, Steve Miller, Amy Shelly, Kami Sommers, Adam Weaver).



Below is a list of publications that you can access by clicking on the links shown.

Paper copies are posted on the bulletin board at the church.

- Mennonite Disaster Service's monthly newsletter, *On the Level*, is available by clicking on this link: <https://conta.cc/35XumvX>
- *Behind the Hammer* is the quarterly magazine of Mennonite Disaster Service. Each issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. This publication is now available in a digital format by clicking [here](#). The magazine is still being published in a print format and copies will be available at the church.
- Love our Community in Hartville – click [here](#) for their current newsletter.
- MC USA announcements for the month of February are available [here](#).
- From MC USA: [Prayers for Mennonite Education - February 2021](#)
- January/February issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* from Ohio Conference is available [here](#). (Copies of this newsletter are available at the mailboxes.)

Job Opportunity

Lake Center Christian School is accepting applications for part-time custodians. Average of 20 hours per week/flexible hours between 3:00 and 10:00pm/custodial responsibilities of cleaning/mopping/vacuuming, etc. An application may be found at www.lccs.com, click on About us, then Employment and Classified Application.

MDS Annual Celebration Announcement – February 6

Join Mennonite Disaster Service February 6, 2:00 p.m., as we celebrate the work of our many volunteers in 2020 and look ahead to what God has in store for MDS in 2021. Through our theme of “Unexpected Opportunities, Unexpected Blessings,” we will tell stories of hope and restoration during the pandemic as we helped survivors of natural disasters get back into their homes. Find more information at: <https://mds.mennonite.net/annual-celebration/>.

Ohio Conference Invites You to a Missional Conference Featuring Brad Roth – March 4-5

This year’s Ohio Conference Missional Conference will be held the evenings of March 4-5, 2021, on the Zoom platform. Sessions will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. each evening. The theme of the conference will be “Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God’s Country.” Brad Roth will provide input for this event. The pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge, Kansas, he is also the author of the book *God’s Country: Faith, Hope and the Future of the Rural Church*. Conference fee is \$20 if registered by February 26 (\$25 after February 26). The fee for young adults (under 30) is \$10. Register online or download a paper registration at <https://bit.ly/2021MissionalConference>. Paper copies of the brochure for the Missional Conference are also available on the literature rack at the church. Click [here](#) for more information.

Ohio Mennonite Conference’s Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) – March 6, 2021

The 2021 ACA will be a virtual one-day event, taking place Saturday, March 6, on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The theme for the 2021 ACA is “Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God’s Country.” The registration fee is \$20 per person. After Feb. 26, the registration fee increases to \$25 per person. You can register for ACA online at <http://bit.ly/OCACA2021>. Click [here](#) for more information about ACA.

Prayer Requests for ACA: Ohio Conference’s winter cluster meetings will be held via Zoom on Feb. 2, 4, 9 and 11. Participants will be discussing the proposed budget and other information related to ACA (Annual Conference Assembly) on March 6. We invite you to keep both those leading and attending these meetings in your prayers.

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

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