



*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 February 12, 2021

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

Sunday's Service – February 14, 2021

Love is a Decision



Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song *Forever Reign*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise *Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me
You Are My King (Amazing Love)*
Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13
Message ***Love is a Decision***

RESPONDING

Song of Response HWB #420 *Heart with Loving Heart United*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song STJ #44 *The Love of God*
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

*HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) STS-Sing the Story (purple)
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✝ Pray for healing for Harold & Nancy Beachy and their family.

✝ Pray for John Hilmer (Mary Hilmer's son) who is fighting cancer. Pray for his pain and restlessness to be managed, for spiritual peace and comfort, for wisdom in his care, and for strength for Mary as she cares for him.

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.

Thank You

We would like to thank Maple Grove Mennonite Church for all the prayers, concerns, love and support shown during Henry's illness and passing. We are deeply grateful.

God bless, the Henry Sommers, Jr. Family



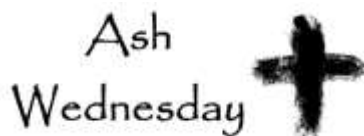
Offering Last Sunday, February 7, 2021

Attendance: 48

General Fund	7,601.09
Education Fund	709.50
Lake Township FISH	950.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 9,260.59</u>



A total of \$1,050 was collected for Lake Township FISH the last two Sundays for their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" project. The Ministry of Outreach would like to thank you for your generosity. What a blessing for FISH!



Ash Wednesday – February 17: Prayer Walk 11am-6pm

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and marks 40 days until Easter, excluding Sundays. This first day of Lent reminds us that new life with Christ involves a daily

surrendering of the old life and the first step on this Lenten journey invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness by the imposition of ashes.

For the practice of Ash Wednesday this year, there will be a prayer walk at the church. There will be a progression of prayer stations set up in the church for individuals or families to come to at their convenience and walk through the prayer stations with a station set up at the end to make the sign of the cross upon your forehead with ashes. The church will be unlocked from 11am-6pm on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We invite all to participate as we begin our journey through Lent.



The Junior Youth (Grades 5-8) is planning on going to the movies on Sunday, February 21st, for our next activity. We are going to rent out a theatre room at Tinseltown in North Canton for our very own private movie viewing of the movie Kung Fu Panda! If anyone needs a ride, we will meet at the church at 3:30pm or you can meet us at the theatre at 4:00 sharp. Just let us know so we don't leave without you. The cost is \$5 plus any extra money you want to bring to purchase snacks. The movie is 93 minutes (we can text when it is almost over). We can have up to 20 people so we can safely space out. Please feel free to bring a friend!! Contact Jade or Jill Liechty, Junior Youth Leaders, if you have any questions.

Rejoice! Devotional Magazine: *Rejoice!* is a quarterly devotional magazine published by MennoMedia. Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. The magazine also includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies. Ministry of Education is checking the status of those who receive the quarterly devotional magazine. If you currently receive *Rejoice!* every quarter and want to continue to receive it, you do not need to do anything. If you no longer want to receive the devotional, or would like to be added to the list to receive *Rejoice!* every quarter, please contact Cindy in the church office by Monday, February 15th.

Our Daily Bread devotionals for March-May 2021 are available on the literature rack at the church. Please help yourself!



College Scholarships from Everence

Everence is continuing its college scholarship program for the 2021-2022 school year and will be accepting applications through March 10, 2021. The program awards scholarships of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000. To be eligible, the student or the student's parent must own or be using an Everence product. For more details or to apply, visit everence.com/college-scholarships.

Join Mennonite Mission Network on February 23 at 7:30 p.m. to hear about Mennonite Mission Network's service programs! Drop in and learn about Service Adventure, Youth Venture, Mennonite Voluntary Service, SOOP, and international service opportunities. Find the program that works for you! Contact EricFM@MMNWorld.net to register!

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>.

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 from 8:30am-2:30pm. 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 if registered by February 26th. After February 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: Brad Roth, author of *God's Country: Faith, Hope, and the Future of the Rural Church*, will be the presenter at Ohio Conference's missional event and the worship speaker at the Annual Conference Assembly March 4-6. Please pray for Brad as he prepares to share on the topic of *The Mission of the Church in God's Country* based on John 1:35-51 and 1 Peter 3:15-16a. May God fill him with His Spirit and wisdom.

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

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