



*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 19, 2021

Lent



Sunday's Service – February 21, 2021

Lent 1: Deep in the Sea: Called to Deep Relationship

The voice of God pierces the deep, calling us to deep relationship. With the floodwaters behind us and the waters of baptism holding us, our relationship with God establishes our identity with other people and the world we live in.

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler **Song Leader:** Emily Manchester
Worship Leader: Terry Shue **Children's Time:** Koby Miller

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song *All Who Are Thirsty*
Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: God, we are here at the water's edge, casting off from shore
People: *into unknown waters.*
Leader: With fear and trembling, we drop our oars,
People: *letting them go, trusting the sea.*
Leader: God, we trust the signs of Your covenant: the ark through the water, the waters of baptism,
People: *the bow in the clouds and the dove from the heavens.*
ALL: *We call to You as You called us deeper into steadfast love.*

PRAISING

Songs of Praise HWB #589 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
The River
Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time
Scripture **Psalm 25:1-10**
Message ***Depth with God to Depth with Others***

RESPONDING

Song of Response *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

Confession & Assurance of Pardon

People: *Deep calls to deep. We call to You from the depths of our hearts.*
Leader: We confess when we have stayed too close to the surface, avoiding You, avoiding our neighbors.
We confess when we have felt in over our heads. Needing You, needing our neighbors.
(*Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep relationship.*)
Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of Your love.
People: *Calling us to deep relationship. We come to You, God.*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song HWB #433 *Go, My Children*
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

*Worship Resources taken from the [Leader Magazine Lent-Easter 2021](#)
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✝ Pray for healing for Harold & Nancy Beachy and their family.

✝ Pray for Mary Hilmer and her family on the passing of her son John on Tuesday. A memorial service will be planned in the spring.

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 to the members of Family Ministry for the wonderful goodie bags given to the congregation for Valentine's Day! Thanks go out to Marsha Miller, Vee Miller, Charla Sommers and Sheryl Weaver and your helpers for your thoughtfulness!



Offering Last Sunday, February 14, 2021

Attendance: 50

General Fund	\$ 1,594.40
Total Offering	\$ 1,594.40

February 21st is Education Sunday;

non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



Sunday School Update – Restarting March 7th

Ministry of Congregational Care has decided that in-person Sunday School will start back up the first Sunday in March. If you have any questions, please contact a member of MOCC (Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Ruth Miller, Gary Sommers, Pastor Nathanael & Pastor Terry).

REMINDER – THERE ARE STILL SOME 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: Marsha Miller, Vee Miller, Charla Sommers, Sheryl Weaver



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.



Kids Club (Grades 1-4) will be having a private watch party of the Lorax at Tinseltown in North Canton on Sunday, March 14th.

We will meet at the church at 3:00 pm to go to the theater, or you can meet us there at 3:30. Bring money if you would like to buy snacks. Please let Jen Geiser or Kim Weaver know if you plan to attend.

Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove - Applications due by March 31

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, Maple Grove has available a grant program for students enrolling in colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Copies of Maple Grove's policy and the application form are available on the literature rack in the foyer. **Any interested students should return the application to Maple Grove's Treasurer, John Koshmider, by March 31, 2021.**



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.

The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In the current issue: MDS welcomes a new regional leader; the Spirit of MDS Fund is offering another round of funding for congregations. Plus, we're now offering *Behind the Hammer*, our quarterly publication showcasing our volunteers and their inspiring stories, in a digital version giving you access via your phone, tablet or desktop. Click on this link to read more: [On the Level](#)
A printed copy of the newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Early registration deadline for the Missional Conference and Ohio Conference Annual Conference Assembly is February 26th.

- Missional Conference Featuring Brad Roth – March 4-5 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. each evening on Zoom. The theme of the conference will be "Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God's Country." Brad Roth is pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge, Kansas, and 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 from 8:30am-2:30pm on Zoom. The registration fee is \$20 per person if registered by February 26th. After February 26, the registration fee increases to \$25 per person. Click [here](#) for more information about ACA.

Prayer Request for ACA: Ohio Conference invites you to raise up Lynn Roth from Central Mennonite in your prayers this week. Lynn is coordinating all of the technological logistics for the upcoming Missional Conference with Brad Roth on March 4-5 and the Annual Conference Assembly on March 6. Pray for peace and wisdom as he works to make these online events possible.

Join MCC for a 30-minute information session about MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program on Thursday, February 25 at 10 a.m. EST. SWAP is a service and learning program that uses volunteers to address sub-standard housing in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. This webinar will include a short presentation about SWAP and how you can get involved, as well as time for Q&A. Hope you can join us! Register for the Zoom link at mcc.org/mcc-webinar-series.

MCC SWAP summer staff positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators are now open. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-staff or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 633-4008 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

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

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