



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 26, 2021

Lent



Sunday's Service – February 28, 2021

Lent 2: Deep in the Woods: Called to Deep Commitment

We are transformed by God as we follow God's voice along the path of life, a voice calling us to deep commitment. Even when our path leads deep into unfamiliar woods, as we lose ourselves, we are found.

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler **Song Leader:** Lois Bontrager
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty **Children's Time:** Koby Miller

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: God, You ask us to set our minds on You, to walk before You and be blameless. You teach us what matters, and You do not hide Your face from us.

People: *With each step along the path, we are transformed into who You made and called us to be.*

Leader: God, You teach us that when we lose our life, we save it.

People: *With each step along the path, we hope against hope in Your promises.*

Leader: God, You say You will make us exceedingly fruitful, that You will bless us.

People: *With each step along the path, we take up our cross and follow You.*

ALL: *We believe Your everlasting covenant is to be God to us, and that we will live forever. We call out to You, as You call us deeper into this covenant.*

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STJ #42 *Listen, God is Calling*
STJ #31 *He Came Down*

Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Scripture

Romans 4:13-25

Message

Follow the Trail Signs

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #395 *Here I Am Lord*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

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 on the edges. Not listening to each other. Not taking the path You show. We confess when we have strayed from the way. Silencing suffering. Forfeiting life.

(Silence. Or name the forces that keep us from deep commitment.)

Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of Your love.

People: *Calling us to deep commitment. We come to You, God.*

SENDING

Sending Song

STS #40 *We Will Follow*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Worship Resources taken from the Leader Magazine Lent-Easter 2021
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314 HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) STS-Sing the Story (purple)



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

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.



Offering Last Sunday, February 21-Education Sunday Attendance: 55

General Fund	\$ 3,286.65
Education Fund	2,259.30
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,545.95</u>



Sunday School Classes start back up March 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Ministry of Congregational Care has decided that in-person Sunday School will start back up the first Sunday in March. Below is a list of the classes. Please note that some of the room numbers have changed, although the classes are still in the same location.

Adult Classes

- Women's Class: Room 1-Education Side
- Mixed Intergenerational Class:
Room 2-Education Side
- Sr. Men's Class: Room 9-Hallway
- Sr. Women's Class: Room 10-Hallway
- Mixed Post-High/20's-40's: Basement

Children/Youth Classes

- PreK-1st Grade: Rooms 5-6
- 2nd-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
- Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
- Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement

Sunday School books have been placed in the classrooms that use the MennoMedia quarterlies.

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



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 – Application Deadline is March 10th

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](https://www.everence.com/college-scholarships).

Everence® to hold online Medicare® webinar – March 4

To help people access important Medicare information without leaving their homes, Everence will hold its popular Medicare educational events online again this March. The next webinar will be at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 4. Topics will include when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare does (and doesn't) cover, and an explanation of parts A, B, C and D – in clear, understandable language. For more webinar dates, visit www.everence.com/northeastohio. Register soon by contacting Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988, 330-857-9988 or kelly.troyer@everence.com.

Hartville Thrift Shoppe – “Operation Clean Sweep”

This is the time of year when donations are slow at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe. You can help us out by doing some early spring cleaning or just bringing in things you've been meaning to donate. Our donation room is open seven days a week, 6am-9pm (it's on the side of the building facing Marc's). We take almost everything, if you're unsure about an item, donation guidelines can be found by selecting the Donate tab at <https://www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org/>. Your continued support by volunteering, donating and shopping at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe allows us to fulfill our mission of supporting Mennonite Central Committee, a relief and development organization that works with our most vulnerable populations in the US and over 50 countries around the world.

Online Workshops from Ohio Conference are available during March and April.

As winter turns to spring, Ohio Conference invites you to join with others across the Conference in the exploration of new ideas. During March and April, Ohio Conference is offering a series of free one-hour workshops on the Zoom videoconferencing platform. All workshops will take place on Thursdays, beginning at 7 p.m. These workshops, led by individuals from Ohio Conference congregations, will cover a variety of topics, from crossing barriers in relating to others to caring for God's creation. Please register by the Monday before the workshop. Click [here](#) for more information on the workshops and to register.

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. 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. Click [here](#) for more information about ACA.

Prayer Request for ACA: Ohio Conference invites you to cover its upcoming Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly on March 4-6 in prayer. Please pray for the organizers and technology coordinator as they finalize details, Brad Roth as he leads the missional conference, Lynn Miller as he moderates the business sessions, and all those that have a part in the events. May these online events draw us closer to each other and may the Lord's Spirit be present and motivate us to do His work.

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

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