

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

Sunday's Service – February 7, 2021

Determination: The Long Road Toward Spiritual Growth

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Matthew Manchester
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Shout to the Lord

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*Be Unto Your Name
Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*

Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

2 Kings 2:1-12

Message ***Determination: The Long Road Toward Spiritual Growth***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #514 *Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Oh! To Be Like Thee (Vs. 1, 2 & 5)

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 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.



Offering Last Sunday, January 31, 2021

Attendance: 50

General Fund	5,653.43
Lake Township FISH	100.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,753.43</u>



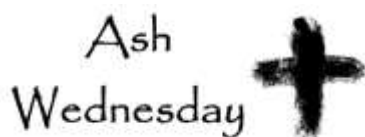
The 2020 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. If you would like your giving statement mailed to you, please contact Cindy in the church office.



LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH
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The Ministry of Outreach is having a collection for Lake Township FISH. **In lieu of groceries, an offering of funding was taken last Sunday and will be taken this Sunday, 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.



Ash Wednesday – February 17

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.

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.



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.

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.

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>.

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

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

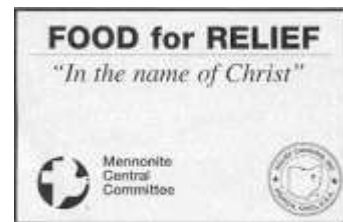
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February 1, 2021
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Dear Partnering Church,

“In the name of Christ”: Eileen and John Coffman were relief workers in England in the 1940’s who sent a letter to MCC suggesting that a label be attached to clothing made and donated by Mennonites in the US and Canada with a “little slogan such as: In the Name of Christ.” Their suggestion was put into action and items such as comforters, relief kits, and canned meat are labeled that way today.



While our products are not labeled “In the Name of Christ,” we are thankful for our volunteers who work in the same spirit; sorting, processing, pricing and tagging goods, stocking the retail floor, working at the cash registers and contributing in many other ways in making the Hartville Thrift Shoppe operate efficiently.

Individuals from your congregation contributed more than 284 hours during the fourth quarter of 2020, including:

Mary Hilmer, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler, Sylvia Miller, Ruth Miller, Vee Miller,
Carol Sommers, Ruth Yoder

In addition, Scott Sommers and Dan Dutcher served on the Board of Directors.

Because of your support, we were able to send \$700,000 to MCC in 2020.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hartville Thrift Shoppe whose mission is to financially support the mission of MCC through the dedication of volunteers and staff.

Thank you!!!!



Phil Stauffer, Executive Director
for the Hartville Thrift Shoppe

*for the source story, please see <https://mcc.org/centennial/100-stories/name-christ>

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