



*Disciples of Jesus, Revealing His Kingdom
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,
and Service Together*

Sunday School Classes - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (available at www.mgmennonite.org)

Newsletter dated March 12, 2021

Lent



Sunday's Service – March 14, 2021

Lent 4: Deep in the Wilderness: Called to Deep Healing

The wilderness confronts us with our vulnerability and exposes our wounds and our needs.

We are called to deep healing by trusting in God, who calls us in love.

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler

Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

Worship Leader: Terry Shue

Children's Time: Koby Miller

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Beautiful Things

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: The wilderness is without and within. It too is part of God's path, though we fear wild, barren places, as did the people of old.

People: *When the people became impatient, asking, "Why have You brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness?" God answered by bringing healing.*

Leader: In our barren places, God calls us to wholeness, even when we cannot see beyond the danger, isolation, and need.

People: *We forget that God is already at work in these difficult, painful places.*

Leader: Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Chosen One be lifted up, that whoever believes may have eternal life.

People: *For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.*

ALL: *We call out to You, as You call us to deeper healing.*

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STS #56 *Unless a Grain of Wheat
How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Prayer for Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Scripture

Numbers 21:4-9

Message

Releasing Control, Embracing Surrender

RESPONDING

Song of Response

I Surrender All

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 how the wilderness has revealed our need, uncovering our impatience, lifting up our pain. We confess how the wilderness has revealed Your truth. We are created for good works. We can turn and live.

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

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

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

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #372 O Healing River

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.
✝ Pray for the family of Eileen Yoder. Eileen passed away on Wednesday.



The calling hours for Eileen Yoder are this Sunday, March 14, from 5 to 7:00 p.m.
The funeral is Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. All arrangements are at Maple Grove.

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, March 7		Attendance: 90
General Fund	\$ 7,536.56	
Education Fund	6,850.00	
Special Designation	<u>277.00</u>	
Total Offering	<u>\$ 14,663.56</u>	



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 14.
Spring ahead one hour!



Palm Sunday – March 28	<i>Deep in the Current: Called to Deep Hope</i>
Good Friday – April 2	<i>Deep in the Shadows: Called Deep into the Story</i>
Easter Sunday – April 4	<i>Deep in the Feast: Called to Deep Living</i>

This year, Maple Grove will have a Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.
There will not be a Maundy Thursday service this year. Please plan to join us on Good Friday.

Our Easter Sunday service will be at 10:00 a.m.
There will not be Sunday School classes.
Coffee and donuts will be available before the service.



Camp Luz is planning on hosting Summer Camp in 2021!

Registration is open at www.campluz.com. The Camp will be hosting an online Parents' Meeting on March 23 at 7:00pm for those who would like to learn more about our plans for this summer. Sign up for the parents meeting by calling the camp office or emailing Emily@campluz.com.

Ohio Conference is excited to announce upcoming workshops to be held Thursday evenings in March and April from 7 to 8 p.m. These free online workshops are open to EVERYONE, and we invite you to come and learn more about the Lord's work.

On Thursday, March 18, Pastor Keith Lyndaker Schlabach from Millersburg Mennonite Church will present "Following Jesus aCROSS Barriers." Using Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan Woman as a reference, participants will CROSS (an acrostic for Christ, Reach Out, Sit down, and Stick with it) barriers in the footsteps of Jesus. Workshop participants will gain insight into how to relate and communicate with people with diverse views. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, March 15**. For more information on all the workshops in this series, please see the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/2021OnlineWorkshops>.

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

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Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler: Pastor (pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org)
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Terry Shue: Associate Pastor

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE

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