



*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.



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.**



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.

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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- Office Hours:	Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-1-3pm; Friday-Sabbath	
Terry Shue:	Associate Pastor	
Cindy Fleming:	Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)	
- Office Hours:	Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday – 8am-1pm	
Ministry of Congregational Care:	Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Ruth Miller, Gary Sommers	
Prayer Chain Contacts:	Jen Geiser and Kami Sommers	

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:	Room10-Hallway
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's:	Basement

Children/Youth Classes

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