



*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](http://www.mgmennonite.org))

Newsletter dated March 26, 2021

**Lent**



**Sunday's Service – March 28, 2021**

**Palm Sunday: Deep in the Current: Called to Deep Hope**

*As we follow Jesus into Holy Week, we sense the rush of the crowds and seek the deep, steady current of God's steadfast love, calling us to deep hope in the One who comes in the name of the Lord.*

**Message:** Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler      **Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers

**Worship Leader:** Gary Sommers      **Children's Time:** Koby Miller

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Opening Song

*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: In the current of life, God calls us to deep hope.

**People: *God wakens my ear, and I turn to God. I do not turn toward those who strike me. I do not hide my face from insult.***

Leader: God helps us, so let us stand up together.

**People: *Save us, O Lord! Bind the festival procession with branches. You are our God. We give thanks, for You are good, and Your steadfast love endures.***

Leader: Many shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!"

**People: *The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus, who humbled Himself and became our hope.***

**ALL: *We call out to You, as You call us to deep hope.***

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise

STS #56 *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

STS #6 *Save Us, O Lord*

Prayer for Offering

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time

Scripture

**Philippians 2:5-11**

Message

***Humbled, Hopeful***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response

*Living Hope*

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 the rapid pace of life that sweeps us off our feet into whirlpools of expectations, into eddies of busy distractions. We confess our need for a steadfast stream of Your grace enduring forever, saving us.

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

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

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

**SENDING**

Sending Song

*Hope of the Nations*

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 peace and justice for the world as violence swells across the globe.

**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.**



Palm Sunday – March 28

*Deep in the Current: Called to Deep Hope*

Good Friday – April 2

*Deep in the Shadows: Called Deep into the Story*

Easter Sunday – April 4

*Deep in the Feast: Called to Deep Living*

**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.





### **Offering Last Sunday, March 21**

**Attendance: 69**

General Fund	\$ 5,050.00
Education Fund	1,874.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,924.00</u>

*We will begin collecting the offering during the service on Easter Sunday.*



### **Are you interested in exploring membership at Maple Grove?**

If so, we would love to discuss that with you. Please reach out to Pastor Nathanael if you would like to learn more. A new member reception is being planned for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. *The Ministry of Congregational Care*

### **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.**



### **Canton Corona Bible Project**

Christ Presbyterian Church in Canton is sponsoring a project aiming to write out all 1,169 chapters of the Bible. Their goal is to write out the words of the Bible, as an act of meditation and worship, in light of our questions and fears, but also our hope and trust as a testimony to this time of crisis. If you are interested in this project or have questions, contact Clara Sommers.

### **Everence® to hold online Medicare® webinar – April 1**

To help people access important Medicare information without leaving their homes, Everence will hold its popular Medicare educational events online again this April. The next webinar will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1. 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](http://www.everence.com/northeastohio). Register soon by contacting Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988, 330-857-9988 or [kelly.troyer@everence.com](mailto:kelly.troyer@everence.com).

**MDS Update:** Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers have been helping to restore water in Texas homes damaged by a major February ice storm. More volunteers are needed for plumbing repairs. Read the March edition of *On the Level*, the MDS newsletter, online at: <http://bit.ly/OnTheLevel3-21>. The newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

**Prayer resources & announcements for April from Ohio Conference (copies are available at the church):**

- The March-April issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* from Ohio Conference is available [here](#).
- The April issue of [Prayer Vine](#) includes daily prayer requests from Mennonite Mission Network.
- MC USA announcements for the month of April are available [here](#).

**Mennonite Church USA Convention – July 6-10, 2021 @ Duke Energy Convention Center – Cincinnati:**

MennoCon21 will be a hybrid event this year and will include in-person programming and virtual programming. Participants may join in person or virtually, but not both. The virtual schedule will closely follow the in-person schedule. For more information, click here for their recent newsletter: [MAR 2021 Newsletter.pdf \(mennoniteusa.org\)](#) Registration opens April 6. Go to the convention website to register: [Home - 2021 Mennonite USA Convention](#)

**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](mailto: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<sup>st</sup> Grade: Rooms 5-6  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement