



Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



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

Newsletter dated April 16, 2021

Sunday's Service – April 18, 2021 *Careful Where You Bow*

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

STS #113 *I Will Stand in the Congregation*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: The world as we have made it;

People: ***Calls us away from Your worship.***

Leader: The pressures of society

People: ***Can conflict with Your worship.***

Leader: The weight of our fears

People: ***Distract us from Your worship.***

Leader: Guide us to make a place in the world for Your worship.

People: ***To love and be loved, to understand and serve.***

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*Revelation Song
You're Worthy of My Praise*

Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Psalms 95:1-7

Message

Careful Where You Bow

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #121 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #119 *Praise God From Whom*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Terry Shue
Worship Leader: Matthew Manchester

Song Leader: Emily Manchester

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)

STJ-Sing the Journey (green) STS-Sing the Story (purple)

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✝ Pray for Jeff Westfall who is recovering from heart surgery.

✝ Pray for Scott Bruegger as he prepares for his upcoming Parole Hearing in June.

✝ 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 Nathanael at 330-551-3711 to have it included.



This week, we have another quilt on display on the coat rack in the lobby that will be donated to the MCC Relief Sale this summer. The quilt top was donated by Susie Weaver and hand-quilted by the Ladies' Sewing Group.



Offering Last Sunday, April 4

Attendance: 72

General Fund	\$ 5,237.19
Education Fund	200.00
My Coins Count	22.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,459.19</u>

April 18th is Education Sunday;

non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



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 25th. *The Ministry of Congregational Care*

Bible Memory Update

Since Bible Memory was cut short this year, the program will be extended through May with the last Sunday to recite verses and turn in lessons on May 30th. The Sunday to recognize the participants has been scheduled for June 20th. Please see Emily Manchester or Charla Sommers if you have any questions.



The Building & Grounds Committee is planning a spring cleaning and outside work night at the church on Wednesday, May 12th, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

We'll need everyone's help to be able to clean the entire church as well as spruce up the outside in one evening. So bring your buckets, rags, ladders, wheelbarrows and shovels, and join us for an evening of work and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Building & Grounds Committee: Larry Hills, AJ Geiser, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler & John Raber.

Hartville Area Mennonite Student Aid Plan (HAMSAP) – applications due May 15

HAMSAP is a financial aid plan for students from Stark County-based congregations who would like to attend a Mennonite college or seminary. Please read more at the [HAMSAP brochure](#). The application forms need to be returned by May 15th for the 2021-2022 school year and can be accessed [here](#) from Maple Grove's website. Copies of the brochure and application form are also available on the literature rack at the church. Please furnish all of the information requested and return to a member of the HAMSAP committee: Lee Yoder, Paul Bontrager, Michael Yoder, or Chris Miller. You may also return the application to Maple Grove's church secretary, Cindy Fleming, at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org.



Planning is underway for 2021 Relief Sale: The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board has begun planning for an in-person Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on Aug. 6-7 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. The event will be under one roof in an air-conditioned building. Online bidding will be offered again for auction items. **The Relief Sale Board will host its annual Kick-Off Meeting on Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.** The meeting will be located in the new event center where the auction will take place. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting, which will include discussion of the new format and new location for the 2021 event. Those attending will have a chance to see the space and ask any questions. If you are attending, please bring a toy to donate to the Children's Auction. If you have any questions regarding the Kick-Off Meeting, please contact Board Chairperson Brenda LaTulippe at 330-933-6372.

Gospel Echoes Team Annual Banquet – May 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

Gospel Echoes Team invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 11, at the Hartville Kitchen for their Annual Banquet – a time of music & inspiration along with a delicious home-style dinner. Music will be provided by the Gospel Echoes Harvest, New Life & Mercy Roam Teams. There will be prison testimonies and an update on the ministry as well. For reservations, contact Nate & Denise Miller at 330-313-5542, or Joe & Patricia Hochstetler at 330-206-6655 or Elmer & Martha Gingerich at 330-324-2731 / 330-494-7432. Tickets are \$10/person (5 & under free). A freewill offering will be received for the ministry. Please see the poster at the church for more information.

Ohio Conference newsletter for April is now available. Click [here](#) to read about the Sent Zoom Conference scheduled for April 22 & 23, Relief Sale updates & Lighthouse Ministries' celebration. Paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton is celebrating 25 years of ministry with two events in May.

- On May 8 from noon to 4 p.m. the Lighthouse will host a marketplace and tour at its southeast Canton location. This socially-distanced event will include a self-led tour and refreshments. Participants also will be able to support the fourth- and fifth-grade students in the Lighthouse Business Builders Club by shopping for handmade items. Several high school age artists also will have artwork for sale. Student entrepreneurs and artisans will receive 100 percent of the profits from their business sales. Registration is requested for this event: <https://slotted.co/lighthouseopenhouse>.
- On May 22 Lighthouse Ministries will hold its second Day of Giving, an online event. This will be a day of storytelling, student highlights, and more, with a goal of raising \$25,000. To donate, go to cantonlighthouse.org/donate..

Thank you to Maple Grove from Refuge of Hope Ministries in Canton

What a blessing you are to hurting men, women and children in our community! Your generous donation will be used to fund the Medical Clinic in our second building located on Orchard Street across from the main mission. What was originally planned as a simple storage building has expanded to meet the needs of our neighbors who live in dire circumstances. Thank you again for partnering with us in this exciting new project. Please watch for progress reports in our newsletter, emails and Facebook page. You are truly making a difference in the lives of homeless men, women and children that rely on the programs and services Refuge of Hope provides.

Duane Wykoff, CEO, Refuge of Hope Ministries

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)
- 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

<u>Adult Classes</u>		Mixed Post-High/20's-40's:	Basement
Women's Class:	Room 1-Education Side	<u>Children/Youth Classes</u>	
Mixed Intergenerational Class:		PreK-1 st Grade:	Rooms 5-6
	Room 2-Education Side	2 nd -4 th Grade:	Rooms 7-8
Sr. Men's Class:	Room 9-Hallway	Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8):	Rooms 3-4
Sr. Women's Class:	Room10-Hallway	Youth (Grades 9-12):	Basement