



April 2 - 7 PM

*Deep in the Shadows
Called Deep into the Story*



**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.**

Easter Sunday – April 4, 2021

Deep in the Feast: Called to Deep Living

*We have seen the Lord! A rich feast has been prepared for all peoples on the mountain of God.
Like Mary, Jesus calls us each by name into abundant life.*

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler **Scripture Reader:** Sheryl Weaver
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty **Children's Time:** Koby Miller
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Songs

HWB #275 *Lift Your Glad Voices*
HWB #273 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: And early in the morning, while it was still dark, the women found the light!

People: *Angels in dazzling clothing, "He is not here, but has risen."*

Leader: Remember what Christ has said, He must be crucified and on the third day rise again.

People: *Just as Peter, we are amazed by what has happened. Jesus is risen!*

Leader: And then there was feasting! And there is feasting to come. God will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and well-aged wines and will wipe away tears from all faces.

People: *It will be said on that day, "This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice. There is peace by Jesus Christ."*

Leader: Hold firmly to the good news, which you received, in which you stand, through which you are being saved.

ALL: *Let's open the gates of righteousness to enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.*

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

Jesus Messiah
In Christ Alone

Offering

The Wondrous Cross - Handbell Choir

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time
Scripture
Message

Luke 24:1-12

The Living Feast

RESPONDING

Songs of Response

HWB #614 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*
HWB #472 *I am the Bread of Life*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Affirmation of Faith

People: Deep calls to deep. We call to You from the depths of our hearts.

Leader: Once weeping, now proclaiming: “I have seen the Lord!”

People: Once famished, now feasting: “This is the God for whom we have waited!”

Leader: Once divided, now convicted: “Jesus Christ is Lord of all!”

People: We shall not die but we shall live and keep telling the deeds of the Lord.

Leader: Deep calls to deep. You call to us from the depth of Your love, O God.
You have come to us in Jesus Christ.

People: We answer Your call to deep living!

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #280 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*



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 Jeff Westfall who is recovering from heart surgery.

✝ 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.



Offering Last Sunday, March 28

Attendance: 54

General Fund	\$ 15,415.53
My Coins Count	410.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 15,825.53</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 25th. *The Ministry of Congregational Care*



Junior Youth Group is for Grades 5-8

Our next Junior Youth Activity is an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt at the Hartville Hardware on Sunday April 11th right after church until 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend! Any questions contact Jade or Jill Liechty.

Bible Memory Update

There will not be Bible Memory on Easter Sunday. 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.

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.

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.

MCC's Relief Canning Kidron, Inc. Annual Meeting – April 6

Canning for Relief Kidron will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church located at 14367 Hackett Road in Kidron. COVID protocols will be followed.

Ohio Conference is continuing its series of workshops held on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm.

These free online workshops are open to EVERYONE, and we invite you to come and learn more about the Lord's work.

- **On Thursday, April 8, Matthew Peterson will lead the workshop "Creating a Culture of Ordinary Goodness."** During World War II, the French town of Le Chambon, a small, conservative, agricultural town in rural France, played a central role in the rescue operation of as many as 5,000 refugees, including 3,500 Jews. André Trocmé, who was a pacifist and the pastor at the French Reformed Church in Le Chambon during this time, played a critical role in inspiring these rescue efforts. This workshop will examine what Mennonite pastors and congregations, particularly in rural areas, can learn from Trocmé and the villagers of Le Chambon. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, April 5.**

For more information on all the workshops in this series, please see the Ohio Conference website: <https://bit.ly/2021OnlineWorkshops>.

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](#)

Prayers for faith and learning from Mennonite Education Agency are available for the month of April. Click [here](#) to see the prayers at their website – a copy is also posted on the bulletin board at the church.

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

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