

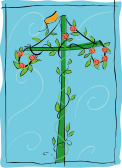


Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



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

Newsletter dated April 23, 2021



*As branches connected to Christ the vine, we are also connected to each other.
Today we rejoice in receiving Nathanael & Savanah Hofstetter Ressler, Sam & Vee Miller,
and Myron & Sheryl Weaver into membership here at Maple Grove.*

Sunday's Service – April 25, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

More About Jesus

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*There is None Like You
HWB #102 To God be the Glory*

Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

1 John 3:16-24

Message

Luv is a Verb

RESPONDING

Song of Response

The Power of Your Love

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

New Member Reception

SENDING

Sending Song

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers

Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Offertory: Julie Yoder

*HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) STS-Sing the Story (purple)
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314*



- ✝ Pray for our new members as they continue to participate in the life of the church.
- ✝ 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 continues 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.



Congratulations go out to Kathy & Tom on their wedding Saturday, April 24th. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.



Offering Last Sunday, April 18 – Education Sunday Attendance: 66

General Fund	\$ 3,200.00
Education Fund	1,933.75
Special Designation	188.14
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,321.89</u>



Coffee Time & Fellowship @ Church – Sunday mornings

If you would like to help with supplying donuts and baked goods for coffee time on Sunday mornings, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church foyer.

Sign up for a Sunday, and bring in 2 dozen donuts and homemade or store-bought baked goods. Please have at the church by 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Any questions, please see Perry Miller.



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. 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; or return to Maple Grove's church secretary, Cindy Fleming, at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org.



FISH Collection – May 9 & 16: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on two Sundays in May. You may donate through the offering or bring in requested items. Brown bags will be available for collecting items – please return May 9th or 16th. Needed items are:

- Crackers
- Pasta Sauce
- Sides (rice/noodles)
- Toilet Paper



**Ministry of Outreach Kicks-Off “My Coins Count”
Collection starting May 1st
*Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!***

My Coins Count offering will go to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale in August. My Coins Count raises money for water projects sponsored by MCC to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world. Water is Life!

➤ ***A person can survive for weeks without food, but will die in a few days without water. Yet for many families around the world, this basic need is out of reach.***

You may mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count” or drop your change in the wishing well. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:

Harold Beachy, Howard Miller, Holly Miller & Matthew Manchester



We would like to thank Mary Hilmer for donating coins in her son John's memory from the coins he collected.



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. 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. 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.

Everence® to hold online Medicare® webinar – May 6

The webinar will be at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6. 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. Visit www.everence.com/northeastohio for more webinar dates. Register soon by contacting Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988, 330-857-9988 or kelly.troyer@everence.com. Or visit www.everence.com/northeastohio

Adriel will hold a virtual Benefit Auction May 6-8. You can preview the items being offered beginning Saturday, May 1. Proceeds are used to benefit children and families in need. For more information, see www.adriel.org.

The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In our current issue: MDS is celebrating National Volunteer Week, the Homes of Hope facility in Ephrata, PA, is almost completed and a royal thank you to MDS volunteers. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3eIY7dd>. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Ohio Conference held a series of online workshops during March and April. If you missed them, don't worry. You can view recordings of these workshops on the Ohio Conference website: <http://bit.ly/ACAWorkshops>. Many thanks to all our workshop presenters!

Ohio Conference invites you to explore a call to ministry with Journey

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program. This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2021 is July 13, with the final registration deadline on Aug. 10. For more information visit www.ambbs.edu/journey or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or 937-935-2549.

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:	Room 10-Hallway	Youth (Grades 9-12):	Basement