



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 9, 2021

Sunday's Service – April 11, 2021

Holy Doubt
John 20:19-31

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB # 6 Here in This Place

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*What a Beautiful Name
 Behold the Lamb*

Offering

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Message

Holy Doubt

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #558 I Am Weak and I Need Thy Strength

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #163 Obey My Voice

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler	Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider
Worship Leader:	Vernon Sommers, Jr.	Offertory:	Matthew Manchester

*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 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 Pastor Nathanael to have it included – please see the recent Maple Grove News that was emailed or mailed to you for the number.



The quilt on display on the coat rack in the lobby was hand-quilted by the Ladies' Sewing Group and will be donated to the MCC Relief Sale this summer.



Offering Last Sunday, April 4

Attendance: 107

General Fund	\$ 4,966.07
Education Fund	<u>750.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,716.07</u>



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

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.



Lighthouse Ministries News

- The Lighthouse Ministries in Canton is holding an Open House, on April 15, for any students interested in the Bethel University campus opening this fall at the Lighthouse. Tour the facilities, chat with Bethel Reps, and learn about the ten accredited degrees available at BU Canton that are practical, attainable, and extremely affordable. Learn more at www.cantonlighthouse.org/bucanton
- Enjoy working with kids? How about a Summer of Service? Lighthouse Ministries is currently accepting applications for High School and College students to serve as Summer Enrichment Camp staff. Spend the summer working with children in 1st - 5th grade, living in the Lighthouse neighborhood, supporting them through Math, Reading, Science, Art, Bible, and Recreation each day. This short-term service opportunity can be volunteer or you can raise your own support. Visit www.cantonlighthouse.org/one-summer for more information or to apply.

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.

GentleBrook is holding a summer CAMP for young people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities on Monday through Friday during the week of July 26-30.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see the fliers posted at the church about the camp and a list of volunteer training sessions which are scheduled in April (this information was also emailed to the congregation as a church email). To register a camper or for more information about the training sessions, please contact Jocelyn Siakula at jsiakula@gentlebrook.org or 330-877-7700, ext. 1413.

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 15, Alan Kauffman will lead the workshop "Rooted and Grounded: Faith, Land and Creation."** You are invited to come and see examples of what gives us roots and be reminded of the awesomeness of God's Creation with examples from scripture, life and science. Participants will have a renewed appreciation of the awesomeness of God and the importance of stewarding what He has put in our care. Please register at <https://bit.ly/OhioConferenceEvents> by **Monday, April 12.**

Registration is open for MennoCon21, which will take place July 6-10, both online and in Cincinnati, Ohio. An early bird discount is available through April 30.

See <https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/registration/> for more information.

Responding to disaster: MCC's response to hurricanes Eta & Iota webinar on April 21 & 22 at 8 p.m.

MCC is pleased to bring you, via Zoom, the people and stories directly impacted by this disaster response that you generously supported. Join us for this free two-night webinar to hear directly from MCC partner organizations and church partners in Honduras and Nicaragua. They will share about MCC's disaster response as well as how climate change impacts migration and poverty in Central America. Register at mcc.org/hurricanes-webinar.

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

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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		Mixed Post-High/20's-40's:	Basement
Women's Class:	Room 1-Education Side	Children/Youth Classes	
Mixed Intergenerational Class:	Room 2-Education Side	PreK-1 st Grade:	Rooms 5-6
		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