

Sunday's Service – July 25, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer



Be Still and Know

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

Offering – General Fund

You Are My All in All
HWB #324 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
Message

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSV)

Community: Wise and Spirit Filled

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #420 Heart with Loving Heart United

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

We are the Body of Christ

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader:	Paul Bontrager
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider



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- ✝ Pray for those recovering from surgeries: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller and Sam Miller.
 - ✝ Pray for Chris Price's mother who has been very ill.
 - ✝ Pray for healing for Harold & Nancy Beachy's granddaughters Raquel and Brittany.
 - ✝ Pray for peace and justice for the world as violence continues across the globe.
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PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Nathanael will be out of town from July 26 to August 2.

For any pastoral needs during his absence, please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care: Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Ruth Miller, Gary Sommers.



<u>Offering Last Sunday, July 18 (Education Sunday)</u>		<u>Attendance: 73</u>
General Fund	\$ 2,060.00	
Education Fund	\$ 340.00	
My Coins Count	\$ 250.00	
Total Offering	<u>\$ 2,650.00</u>	



To My Church Family,

I want to thank the church for all the prayers that have been offered for me during this difficult time. Thank you also for the meals and flowers; they were a blessing to me. I feel like with God's help I'm finally on my way to recovery. Twila Miller

Dear Maple Grove Family,

Thank you for the prayers, the flowers and the encouragement the church has given during John's journey. I couldn't go his journey alone. I felt the prayers and guidance.

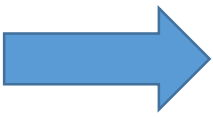
Thank you, Mary Hilmer

Nominees for Maple Grove Mennonite Church Ministries

Ballots have been placed in the mailboxes of Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1, 2021. Those not picked up on Sunday will be mailed to their homes. Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Sunday, August 8th. A box is available by the mailboxes in the church lobby to collect the ballots or you may return them to the church office. Any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Betty Miller, Holly Miller, Ryan Miller, Michael Yoder

VBS is next week – July 26-30!

Partnering with Evermore Community Church, VBS will be held at Evermore from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Each morning the children will have a short lesson, do a craft, eat a snack, play games outside (weather permitting), and make new friends. We know your children will enjoy the Rocky Railway theme as they hear about Jesus' power to: do hard things, give hope, be bold, live forever, and to be good friends! Classes start at age 4, and go all the way up to 5th grade. Please register your child(ren) for the grade they will be entering in the fall at this link: <https://evermorecc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/878029>



Volunteers are still needed Tuesday and Thursday to help with small groups.
Please contact Ruth Yoder if you are able to help. Adults, Jr. High and Youth are all welcome to be helpers!



The Church Campout Weekend is being planned for August 14-15 at Lake O'Pines Campground.

Activities are being planned for Saturday afternoon and evening with a chicken BBQ dinner on Saturday. Our worship service and baptism will be on Sunday at Lake O'Pines with a carry-in meal at noon. Swimming is available Saturday from noon-3:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon. You will need to sign a waiver form to swim.

Below is a schedule. Any questions, please contact a member of MOCC.

Saturday:	12-3pm	Swimming available
	3:00pm	Games & activities begin for all ages
	5:30pm	Chicken BBQ
	7:00pm	Honeytown performs
Sunday:	9:00am	Coffee and donuts
	10:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Carry-in

Family Ministry has freezer meals available for those in need. These can be taken to someone in the church or a neighbor or a friend who could use some help. We have frozen beef stew and cole slaw in the church kitchen. Please let Cindy in the church office know what you are taking and who it is going to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry – Marsha Miller, Vee Miller, Charla Sommers, Sheryl Weaver

Coffee Time & Fellowship @ Church – Sunday mornings @ 9am

If you would like to help with supplying donuts and baked goods for coffee time on Sunday mornings, please sign up by clicking on the link below. Two dozen donuts and homemade or store-bought baked goods are needed. Please have at the church by 9am on Sunday morning. If you have any questions with signing up, please contact Jen Geiser. Thanks for your help!

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea9a92da64-sunday



2 SUNDAYS LEFT TO COLLECT

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

- ✝ *The task of collecting water tends to fall on women, and children between the ages of eight and 13.*
- ✝ *As a result, women are often unable to get jobs or contribute financially to their households. Children are often unable to go to school or get an education due to the thousands of hours they have to spend annually just hauling water.*
- ✝ *The average distance that someone in a developing community walks to fetch water is 3.75 miles.*
- ✝ *When you fill a 5-gallon jug with water, it weighs 44 pounds.*

*Water data sourced from UN

Mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count” or put your change in the coin vortex!

Don't forget we have matching funds for up to \$20,000! For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000. So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we'll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale!

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:

Harold Beachy, Howard Miller, Holly Miller



The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction will be an in-person event this year Friday & Saturday, August 6 & 7, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster.

For more information, please see the [sale brochure](#). Copies of the brochure are available on the literature rack at the church. Or go to www.ohiomccreliefsale.org.

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

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

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-1st Grade: Rooms 5-6
 2nd-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement