

## Sunday's Service – August 1, 2021



### GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

STS #115 *Beauty for Brokenness*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

### PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us  
You Never Let Go*

Offering – General Fund

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Luke 8:26-39 (NIV)

Message

*The Return of the Scapegoat*

### RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #145 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

### SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #397 *God Loves All His Many People*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

<b>Message:</b>	Jill Liechty
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Gary Sommers
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ruth Yoder



- ✝ Pray for those recovering from surgeries: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller and Sam Miller.
- ✝ Pray for Chris Price and his family on the passing of both his grandfather and mother.
- ✝ 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Nathanael is out of town till August 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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



**Offering Last Sunday, July 25**

**Attendance: 53**

General Fund	\$ 5,035.00
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Outreach Missions	\$ 10,000.00
My Coins Count	\$ 6,700.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 21,935.00</u>

**The Ministry of Outreach would like to share with the congregation the use of the funds that were collected in December for Hurricane Relief in Nicaragua through Moises & Anna Arauz:**

*"We used \$20,031 for 7 houses, the rest of the money we used as Petty Cash in order to buy extra things for the families. We bought food to share with them, hygiene products, small relief packages, and to be honest, gave some cash to some of them.*

*You guys were the pioneers of this beautiful and extraordinary project. We have another organization who helped us for 10 more houses and as Metanoia we have raised an extra \$8,000 for 3 more houses. At the end with your help we will be able to build 20 houses. Our goal is 30.*

*Muchísimas gracias mi amigo. Thank you for trusting us."*

*Moises*

**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 this link: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea9a92da64-sunday](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea9a92da64-sunday)

**Nominees for Maple Grove Mennonite Church Ministries**

Ballots have been sent to Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1, 2021. **Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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

## AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> IS LAST SUNDAY TO COLLECT FOR MY COINS COUNT

My Coins Count offering will go to MCC at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale 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 poor and needy search for water,  
but there is none;  
their tongues are parched with thirst.  
But I the Lord will answer them;  
I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them. (Isaiah 41:17 NIV)*

**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!***

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](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org).

### Relief Sale Schedule of Events

*All events in the new air-conditioned Event Center!*

#### **Friday Evening, August 6**

4pm Silent Auction, Food Stands,  
Artisan's Market, Quilter's Corner  
& Auction Displays Open  
6pm Volleyball & Cornhole Tournaments  
6:30pm Music Program

#### **Saturday, All Day, August 7**

7am **"Fuel up for Sale Day" Breakfast**  
Pancakes, Fresh Sausage, Eggs & More!  
7:30am 1K Fun Run  
8am 5K Run and Walk for Relief

#### **Saturday, All Day, August 7 (continued)**

8am Artisan's Market, Quilter's Corner,  
Auction Displays & Food Stands Open  
9am **Live Auction\***  
Both our traditional Quilt and Wood  
Auctions will be combined this year. Quilts,  
wall-hangings, local furniture, tools, gift  
certificates will sell to the highest bidders!  
10:30am **Children's Auction**  
Toys for children 12 and under  
\*The auction will have live in-person bidding as well  
as secure online remote bidding via Proxibid

**Buy It Now Quilts Now Available! Available July 26 to August 5**

**CLICK HERE: [VIEW BUY IT NOW QUILTS](#)**

Our quilt committee has selected 33 quilts that are available now to purchase before the auction on August 7. Included in the selection are wall-hangings, small quilts and large quilts. Once the quilt has been purchased, the store will say the quilt is now "Out of Stock." Shipping will be a flat rate of \$35/quilt. Payment is through PayPal only.



**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.

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

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

In our current issue: MDS volunteers celebrate creativity during the pandemic, how the Covid Relief Fund kept church doors open, and what hope looks like in small town Texas. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3emcUFF>. Copies of the newsletter are available on the literature rack at the church.

**Announcements & prayers for August from Ohio Conference:**

- Mennonite Education Agency has compiled [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#) for August. These prayer requests have been gathered from the member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, as well as the colleges, universities, seminaries and educational programs of Mennonite Church USA.
- *Prayer Vine*, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The August 2021 issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is available.
- MC USA announcements for the month of August are available [here](#).

**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](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))  
 - Office Hours: Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-1-3pm; Friday-Sabbath

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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-1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Rooms 5-6  
 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement