

On Sunday, we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for this time.

**Sunday's Service – August 15, 2021  
@ Lake O'Pines Campground – 10:00 a.m.**

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer



#7 – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise

#5 – *Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
#4 – *He Leadeth Me*

Offering – Education Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

John 6:51-58 (NRSV)

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."*

*The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."*

Message

***It's NOT about Heaven***

Communion

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response

#10 – *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song

#1 – *Be Thou My Vision* (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

<b>Message:</b>	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Jill Liechty
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Tom Lubbers
<b>Songs from Congregational Song Booklets</b>	



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller, and Sam Miller.
- ✝ Pray for Izzie Liechty and Blake Sommers as they prepare to be baptized.
- ✝ Pray for the students, administrators, faculty and staff who are returning back to school.



To our Church Family,  
 We would like to thank you for the prayers, cards, meals and visits following Sam's recent surgery. The support meant a lot to us. Blessings, Sam & Vee Miller



**Offering Last Sunday, August 8**

**Attendance: 63**

General Fund	\$ 1,410.00
Education Fund	23,000.00
My Coins Count	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 28,410.00</u>

**August 15 is Education Sunday;**

non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



**THIS WEEKEND IS THE CHURCH CAMPOUT**  
**August 14-15 @ Lake O'Pines Campground**  
*All are invited!*

Activities are 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.) 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 ( <a href="#">click here for flier</a> )
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am	Coffee and donuts
	10:00am	Worship Service (Communion & Baptism)
	12:00pm	Carry-in

***We are excited to have Honeytown perform on Saturday evening!***



# Church News



## **Bible Memory Program Sign-ups – Please sign up by August 29.**

The Bible Memory Program is for children Kindergarten to High School and will run from September 2021 through April 2022. If your child would like to participate, please register them by signing up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby, or by contacting Charla Sommers or Savannah Hofstetter Ressler. Starting September 12<sup>th</sup>, participants may recite their verses after the morning worship service in classroom #8. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Bible Memory Committee - Charla Sommers and Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.



## **Attention Parents of Sunday School-aged children Pre-K to High School**

We will be having a Teacher Appreciation Breakfast during Sunday School on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This would be a great time for children to show their appreciation with a card, note, drawing, etc. We are so thankful for their willingness to serve the church by teaching our children! Thank You, Ministry of Education (Heidi Miller, Amy Shelly & Ruth Yoder)

## **Outreach Ministry**

*Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your overwhelming support of My Coins Count this year! **An amazing \$59,248.77 was gifted to MCC from Maple Grove to support water projects throughout the world.** Your gifts help provide water so people will have enough to drink, enough to wash, and enough to grow food. May God bless you for your generosity and your compassion. **Sharing the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!***



**FISH Collection – August 22 & 29:** The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on the last two Sundays in August. Brown bags are available for collecting the requested items, or you may donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. Needed items are:

- Canned Vegetables
- Rice Sides
- Soups
- Paper Towels

## **Lake Township FISH Benefit Dinner – September 14**

The Annual Benefit Dinner for Lake Township FISH will be on Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Hartville Kitchen at 6:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:00). This is FISH's main fundraiser and we hope to have a full house for an evening of great food and entertainment. Entertainment this year will be provided by Nathan Wise, accompanied by Tim Shilling. There will also be a Silent Auction. Please contact Harold Beachy for tickets.

**From Ministry of Gifts Discernment:** Thank you to those who participated in the affirmation of new Ministry members. The following have been affirmed with terms beginning September 1, 2021. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve in these ministries.

Congregational Chair	Scott Sommers
Ministry of Administration	Marty Miller
Ministry of Congregational Care	Dan Dutcher
Ministry of Education	Rhoda Sommers
Ministry of Gifts Discernment	Vee Miller
Ministry of Outreach	Harold Beachy
Ministry of Worship	Renee Koshmider & Julie Yoder

Thank you to the following for accepting the positions listed below which are appointed:

Ohio Mennonite Conference Delegates	Paul & Lois Bontrager
Bible Memory Program	Savanah Hofstetter Ressler
Jr. Youth Leaders	Michael & Ruth Yoder
Youth Sponsors	Jade & Jill Liechty
VBS Committee	Kim Weaver

For those who will be finishing terms the end of August,  
we would like to thank you for your willingness to serve.

*The Ministry of Gifts Discernment - Betty Miller, Holly Miller, Ryan Miller, Michael Yoder*

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

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone: 330-877-2400  
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Sunday Worship: Informal Fellowship – 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. (online @ [www.mgmennonite.org](http://www.mgmennonite.org))

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)  
- 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