

Sunday's Service – August 22, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

STS #31 *Jesus, Be the Center*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STJ #27 *God of the Bible*

STJ #22 *By the Waters of Babylon*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18 (NRSV)

Message

The Domestic, and the Domesticated

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STS #62 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STS #40 *We Will Follow*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller, Marty Miller, and Sam Miller.
- ✝ Pray for the students, administrators, faculty and staff who are returning back to school.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world, and those involved with the relief and recovery efforts due to the natural disasters.
- ✝ Pray for peace and justice for the world as violence continues across the globe.

Offering Last Sunday, August 15 – Church Campout

General Fund	\$ 1,410.00
Education Fund	3,549.40
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,959.40</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 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! **The new link for September thru December:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054ea9a92da64-coffee>



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 Savanah Hofstetter Ressler. Starting September 12th, 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 Savanah 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 29th. 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)



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 14th, 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.

Acme Community Cash Back Program Benefits Lake Township FISH

Looking for a way to give back, without spending any extra money? Save your Acme grocery receipts dated August 5, 2021 through December 25, 2021. Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. A box is available under the mailboxes for the receipts – thanks for your support of this project! *Ministry of Outreach*



From MCC: You can provide relief in Haiti.

The people of Haiti need our help. Families who have already suffered so much have been hit once again. The 7.2 magnitude earthquake killed at least 1,300 people and injured many more. Thousands are sleeping outside, with little food and no protection from the elements. With your help, we can reach the people most affected by this tragic event. Your gifts will provide emergency support. Donate today at mcc.org/haiti-earthquake. Donation checks can be mailed to:

MCC, Haiti Earthquake Relief, PO Box 500, Akron PA 17501-0500

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

In our current issue: A couple who served as RV volunteers reflect on their time with MDS, bridges are constructed in collaboration with Engineers in Action and MDS, and MDS actively monitors the wildfire situation in the western and central U.S. and British Columbia.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3D1sPDO>. A copy is available at the church.

Mennonite Mission Network would like to share our latest issue of *Beyond: Faith in Action*.

In this publication, you will find an inspiring story, opportunities for service, and a printable scripture graphic. We continue to pray for you and for God's mission around the world.

Here is the link to the online version: [Beyond: Faith in Action](#). A copy of the newsletter is available at the church.

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
Website: www.mgmennonite.org Facebook @MapleGroveMC

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)

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