

Sunday's Service – August 29, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #71 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

HWB #44 *The Love of God*

STS #121 *Nothing Is Lost On the Breath of God*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 (NRSV)

Message

Made to Love and Be Loved

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #307 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STJ #78 *We Will Walk With God*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader:	Myron Weaver
Song Leader:	Julie Yoder
Offertory:	Joe Weaver & Dillon Weaver



✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller, Marty Miller, Sam Miller, and Becky Lubbers.

- ✝ Pray for the people of Haiti as they recover and rebuild their lives from the recent earthquake.
- ✝ Pray for all those affected by natural disasters around the world.
- ✝ Pray for the people of Afghanistan. Pray that hope would not be extinguished during this season of uncertainty and fear.
- ✝ Pray for peace and justice for the world.



Offering Last Sunday, August 22

Attendance: 50

General Fund	\$ 3,521.00
Lake Township FISH	20.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,541.00</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>



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)



Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the fall quarter which begins September 5th. SS quarterlies for the winter quarter will be ordered

the end of September. If your class does not want quarterlies or would like to adjust the number received, please let Ruth Yoder know by September 26th.

Also, if you are currently receiving the daily devotional magazine *Rejoice* and no longer wish to receive it, or you would like to be added to the list to receive it, please let Ruth know that as well. Thank you – Ministry of Education



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 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 Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.



PRAISE FOR SAVANAH HOFSTETTER RESSLER WHO HAS REACHED HER GOAL TO GO "OVER THE EDGE" FOR KIDS

Are you willing to go Over The Edge for kids?

Join Lighthouse Ministries on September 14 & 15 as people from all over Northeast Ohio will be rappelling for a reason. The first 100 people to raise a minimum of \$1,000 will earn a spot to go Over the Edge and rappel 150 feet down the [Historic Onesto](#) and [Bliss Lofts](#) in downtown Canton. Register as an individual or as part of a team and be sure to check out our rappeller incentives! Every dollar raised through each rappel will benefit [Lighthouse Ministries](#) and our goals of providing academic support, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities for the children of SE Canton. Register online at <http://over-the-edge.cantonlighthouse.org>



FISH Collection – August 29: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on the last two Sundays in August. You may donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH or bring in the requested items: *Thank you!*

- 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

Refuge of Hope Ministries would like to share their [August newsletter](#) which includes a progress report on the Community Care Center that broke ground on June 27, and information on the Annual Refuge of Hope Gala Fundraiser on November 12. Go to [Home - Refuge of Hope](#) - for more information on their ministry. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the Refuge of Hope mission bulletin board at the church.

Announcements & Prayers for September from Ohio Conference:

(Copies of all are posted on the Conference bulletin board in the hallway at the church.)

- Please remember Ohio Conference congregations, pastors and related ministries in your prayers. The September-October issue of [Prayer Prompter](#) has been compiled by Dan Hooley, prayer coordinator for the Ohio Conference.
- Mennonite Education Agency has compiled [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#) for September. 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 September issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available.
- MC USA announcements for the month of September 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)
- 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 – STARTING SEPTEMBER 5

PreK-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
- Teachers: Lesli Miller & Sheryl Weaver
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
- Teacher: Karen Miller
Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement
- Teacher: Kami Sommers