

Sunday's Service – September 19, 2021



Peace Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

STS #1 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

PRAISING

Songs of Praise
Offering – Education Fund

Great Are You Lord
HWB #618 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Mark 4:35-41 (NRSV)

Message

Faithfulness over Practicality

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Still

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Carol Sommers, Twila Miller, Marty Miller, Sam Miller, Becky Lubbers, and Ruth Miller.
- ✝ Pray for healing for Harold & Nancy Beachy's granddaughter Raquel.
- ✝ Continue to 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.



To My Church Family,

I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the caring and love you have displayed to me during this difficult time. I have so enjoyed the visits – they brought joy and laughter to my day. I also enjoyed the milkshakes, smoothies, BAM sandwiches, snacks and anything else I missed. Also all the cards and texts showed me you care. Rarely a day goes by without a card in the mail. I have a large card box and treasure each one. I have seen community in action. Many of my cards are from people in the community that I don't necessarily have a close relationship to and what a blessing they have been. I wanted to thank you in person, but I am not sure how much longer that will be so I decided it has been long enough. I am still trying to get my pain under control and not sure if I can sit through the service, but I will be back as soon as possible because I miss worshiping with you all.

Blessings to you, Carol Sommers



Offering Last Sunday, September 12

Attendance: 64

General Fund	\$ 2,350.50
Lighthouse Ministries-	
Over-the Edge	200.00
Total Offering	\$ 2,550.50

September 19 is Education Sunday;

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

PLEASE NOTE: Cindy Fleming will be out of the office Monday-Wednesday, September 20-22, and working Thursday and Friday.



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>



Lighthouse Ministries' "Over The Edge" was held on Wednesday.

Praise for all those who repelled 14 stories down a building in Canton to raise money for the kids!

Representing Maple Grove were Mike Yoder, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler, and Courtney Partee, Savannah & Nathanael's friend who also participated. Pictures and videos will be shown next week. If you sponsored one of them for this event, please send in the money to the church and designate that it is for Over-the-Edge and who you sponsored.

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. The meals are in the freezer in the church kitchen and labeled with heating instructions. There is Tater Tot Casserole, Buffalo Chicken Mac-n-cheese, and Apple Crisp. Please let Cindy in the church office know what meal(s) 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

Thank you from Refuge of Hope Ministries in Canton

Dear Maple Grove: What a blessing you are to hurting men, women, and children in our community! Your generous donation will be used to fund the construction of our second building located on Orchard Street across from the main mission. What was originally planned as a simple storage building has expanded to meet the needs of our neighbors who live in dire circumstances. Thank you again for partnering with us in this exciting new project. Please watch for progress reports in our newsletter, emails and Facebook. You are truly making a difference in the lives of men, women, and children that rely on the programs and services Refuge of Hope provides.

Duane Wykoff, CEO, Refuge of Hope Ministries



Open Arms Hispanic Ministries’ “Songs & Salsa” – October 10

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries invites you to their fundraiser, “Songs & Salsa” on Sunday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church (3363 Zuercher Road in Dalton). Tortilla chips will be served with a variety of flavorful salsas and dips, and music will be provided by *Renacer* of Goshen, IN. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.

“Discover Rosedale” – October 14-16, 2021

Join the community of Rosedale Bible College for a weekend! This is a time for students and parents to see what RBC is all about and join our community for the weekend. Learn with professors, worship in chapel, and see how we prepare you for the Kingdom. Register and learn more at rosedale.edu.

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

In our current issue: A Virginia family now has a way home thanks to MDS Volunteers, Canada farmers work together to battle drought conditions, and clean up continues in the wake of Hurricane Ida. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3EjI00M>. Copies are available at the church.

The September-October issue of *Ohio Mennonite Evangel* from Ohio Conference is now available. Paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

Musical Perspective from Ohio Conference: “Girl Named Tom,” a sibling trio from Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold, is competing on NBC’s *The Voice* this season, which begins September 20. The date that the group’s audition will air has not been announced.

See <https://bit.ly/AnabaptistWorldGNT> and <https://bit.ly/TheVoice2021GNT> for more information

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

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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-4 th 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