

Sunday's Service – October 24, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #48 *All Creatures of our God and King*
(Verses 1, 2, 3 & 7)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

HWB #89 *For the Beauty of the Earth*
(Verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)
God of Wonders

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Genesis 1:1-3 (NIV)

Message

***How We Read Scripture:
There is no Translation, only Interpretation***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Indescribable

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Beautiful Things

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

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

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV-1984)



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Marty Miller, Ruth Miller, Sam Miller, Carol Sommers, Junior Sommers, and Luke Sommers.
 - ✝ Pray for Rachel Weaver as she transitions into an assisted living facility.
 - ✝ Praise for Harold & Nancy Beachy's granddaughter Raquel's report of being infection-free. Continue to pray for her healing.
 - ✝ Pray for Myron & Sheryl Weaver's adopted son Alexis who is in Montreal and waiting on his permanent residency hearing on November 1st. Pray for his wife Gloria that they will soon be reunited.
 - ✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world.
 - ✝ Pray for the safe release of 17 Christian aid workers who were kidnapped in Haiti on Saturday, October 16. The group, representing Christian Aid Ministries located in Berlin and Millersburg, consists of 12 adults (six men and six women) and five children (8 months - 15 years).
For more information, see <https://christianaidministries.org/updates/haiti-staff-abduction/>
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To my Church Family,

There are hardly enough words to express my gratitude for the many ways you have supported and cared for me since my cancer diagnosis. Your prayers, phone calls, texts, cards, food, flowers, and visits have helped encourage and sustain me. I don't know the journey ahead but I do know God will be with me every step of the way.

Thank you for your love. Ruth Miller



Offering Last Sunday, October 17-Education Sunday

Attendance: 72

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| General Fund | \$ 3,220.00 |
| Education Fund | <u>2,322.90</u> |
| Total Offering | <u>\$ 5,542.90</u> |



Thank you!

Ministry of Congregational Care welcomes Clara Sommers to our ministry replacing Ruth Miller. MOCC appreciates and thanks Ruth for her work and dedication to Ministry of Congregational Care.

Kids Club & Jr. Youth Group Fall Event

For kids Grades 1-8: A fun evening is being planned on Sunday, November 7, from 5-7:00 p.m.



Please join us for a night of “Make Your Own Pizzas,” care packages for college students, and game night. We’ll meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We are requesting you bring treats and goodies for the care packages for our college students: Blake Sommers, Koby Miller, Gavin Sommers, & Grace Liechty. Ideas would be: candy, mints, gum, toothbrush, toothpaste, pencils, pens, cookies and anything else a college student would enjoy getting in the mail! Don’t miss out on this fun event! Any questions, please see Michael or Ruth Yoder.

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! Use this link to sign up:

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



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

Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – November 14 & 21



LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH
FAITHFULLY I SERVE HIM

Maple Grove is collecting boxed stuffing mix for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach this year. Our goal is to collect 150 boxes of stuffing mix! We will also collect \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their

Thanksgiving meat of choice. You may also make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for FISH. The collection Sundays are November 14 & 21.

The Thanksgiving Outreach will be at Evermore Community Church on Tuesday, November 23.

Volunteers are needed that Monday and Tuesday. People can use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/FISHVolunteer>. Any questions, please contact Harold Beachy with Ministry of Outreach. Thank you so much for your support to make this event a success!

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*



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

In our current issue, MDS continues its response to Hurricane Ida, volunteers head into the city to help rebuild after a fire, and one of the oldest MDS units celebrates 65 years of service.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/30AMiMY>. Copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

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, Clara Sommers, 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: Room 10-Hallway
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's: Basement

Children/Youth Classes

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