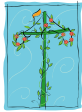




*Disciples of Jesus,
Revealing His Kingdom
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,
and Service Together*

Newsletter dated
October 29, 2021

Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



*As branches connected to Christ the vine, we are also connected to each other.
On Sunday we rejoice in receiving Tom Johnson into membership at Maple Grove.*

Sunday's Service – October 31, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #1 *What Is This Place*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

HWB #371 *Let There Be Light, Lord God*
STJ #27 *God of the Bible*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Jesus and the Woman of Samaria
John 4:39-42 (NRSV)

Message

***How We Read Scripture:
Context, Context, Context***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STS #117 *How Can I Say*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

New Member Reception

HWB #777 *Congregational Response*

SENDING

Sending Song

TMH #535 *How Great Thou Art*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader:	Kami Sommers
Song Leader:	Julie Yoder

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) STS-Sing the Story (purple)
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

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.
- ✝ 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 the Christian aid workers who were kidnapped in Haiti on October 16th. 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). Pray for wisdom for those making decisions on the case.
- For more information, see <https://christianaidministries.org/updates/haiti-staff-abduction/>



Offering Last Sunday, October 24

Attendance: 74

General Fund	\$ 8,687.50
Education Fund	1,342.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 10,029.50</u>



Join us for a carry-in Fellowship Meal on Sunday, October 31st!

Ministry of Congregational Care and the Food Committee would like to let you know that there will be a carry-in fellowship meal this Sunday, October 31st, after the service. We will welcome Tom Johnson into membership at Maple Grove during the service. Please stay for the carry-in and fellowship after. If you would like to bring a dish to share, feel free to bring homemade or ready-made as we realize this is short notice. Any questions, please contact a member of MOCC.



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Thursday, November 4, this month.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Twila Miller if you have any questions.

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>



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!

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

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*



Refuge of Hope Gala – November 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Please join Refuge of Hope for an Interactive Digital Extravaganza at the 12th annual *Thanks + Giving = HOPE Gala*, Friday, November 12th. The evening will include an inspiring success story, a raffle drawing and an online auction. For more information, visit www.refugeofhope.org or call 330-453-1785.

Adriel needs your help in bringing the Christmas spirit to our foster families.

Each \$25 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift for an Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Please help us reach our \$5,000 goal to assure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive their Christmas gift in time for the holiday.

Visit <https://Adriel.networkforgood.com/projects/142000-adriel-christmas-angel-tree-2021> to make an online donation or mail a check with the memo “Angel Tree” to PO Box 188, West Liberty, OH 43357.

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

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- 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: Room10-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