



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



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

Newsletter dated
 November 19, 2021

On Sunday we welcome Elwood Yoder to Maple Grove for our morning worship service.

Elwood is working on the Centennial book on the 100-year history of Maple Grove.
 Michael Yoder will also be giving an update on the project.

Sunday's Service – November 21, 2021



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #6 *Here in This Place*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STJ #13 *My Soul is Filled with Joy*

STJ #49 *Rain Down*

Offering – Education Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Exodus 17:14 (NIV)

Message

Called to Remember

RESPONDING

Song of Response

HWB #413 *Faith of the Martyrs*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STS #40 *We Will Follow*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Elwood Yoder
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty
Song Leader:	Lois Bontrager

*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*



✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Ruth Miller, Sam Miller, and Carol Sommers

✝ Pray for Rachel Weaver as she transitions into living in an assisted living facility.

✝ Pray for Myron & Sheryl Weaver's adopted son Alexis who is in Montreal waiting on the status of the court decision on his permanent residency hearing; praise that the immigration hearing went well. Pray for his wife Gloria that they will soon be reunited.

✝ Pray for Marcus Yoder, brother of Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills, who is currently in a rehab nursing facility for health issues.

✝ Pray for Kevin Graber's friends Jeff and Troy who are dealing with health issues.

✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

✝ Continue to pray for the safe release of the Christian aid workers who were kidnapped in Haiti on October 16th. Pray for the kidnappers that God would soften their hearts and that they would experience His love and goodness. Pray for the millions of Haitians who are suffering through a time of serious upheaval and unrest.

For updated information, see <https://christianaidministries.org/updates/haiti-staff-abduction/>



Offering Last Sunday, November 14

Attendance: 77

General Fund	\$ 3,545.00
Lake Township FISH	150.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,695.00</u>

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on November 21st, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

*Holiday
Schedule*

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25 & 26, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The newsletter will be printed and distributed on Wednesday, November 24th. Please have all items for the newsletter to Cindy by next Tuesday, November 23rd. Thank you!

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>



The Advent Visual team would like to thank Savannah Hofstetter Ressler and Clara Sommers for helping with the Advent banner this year – we appreciate their talents and time! Check out the new banner this Sunday hanging on the stage.



There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23rd.

Feel free to bring a puzzle and we will decide which one to start! Anyone is welcome to come and participate. If you have any questions, contact Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.

Maple Grove's Child Abuse Awareness Policy

Maple Grove's policy on Physical & Sexual Abuse of Children states all volunteers who are involved with children and youth are required to receive a copy of this policy and sign a form confirming they have read and understand the policy. This is done on an annual basis. If you received a letter from the Ministry of Congregational Care in regards to Child Abuse Awareness, please return your signed form to the church office by Sunday, November 21st. Thank you!



LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH
FAITHFULLY I SERVE HIM

Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH LAST SUNDAY TO CONTRIBUTE IS NOV. 21ST

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 are also collecting \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. There is a basket to collect gift cards on the table in the foyer along with the collection of stuffing mix. You may also make a monetary donation through the offering by marking your giving envelope for FISH.

- 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

As you shop for the holidays, don't forget to save your Acme grocery receipts. Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. The program runs through December 31, 2021. A box is available under the mailboxes for the receipts – thanks for your support of this project! Ministry of Outreach



love OUR COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS

It's time for LOC Christmas 2021!

This event is a time dedicated for our local schools, businesses, churches, and individuals to partner

together to alleviate some of the burden that the holiday season can bring upon so many families. This year, we will be offering a combination of gift cards and items at a fraction of the cost to local families in need, including necessities like new blankets, socks, toiletries, and gently used winter weather gear. Families will also have the opportunity to shop the LOC Warehouse!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Purchase gift cards for \$10, \$20, \$40 or \$60 – see the Christmas giving tree in the church lobby, and take a tag for the amount you would like to spend. Suggestions of where to purchase gift cards are printed on the back of the tag.
 - ***Label gift card(s) with gift amount and return to the church.***
- If you wish to purchase physical gifts, visit [LOC Christmas website](#) and select one of the stores listed under the Gift Wish Lists. A Charity List of requested items is shown for each store.
 - ***Return the UNWRAPPED gift to the church.***

Please send in all donations to the church by Wednesday, December 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Miller. For more information about Love Our Community and to sign up to volunteer, visit Love Our Community's website www.loveourcommunity.net.

Deck the Halls & Stock the Store



Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse. In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity for a parent to provide for their children.

- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse.
- The purpose is to support and empower neighborhood parents in their roles as provider and caregiver for their children.
- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services.
- Affordable means the gifts will be marked down so that the parent pays a percentage of the purchase price.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED with the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging - please tape the tag on the gift.**
- **Please return gifts to the church by Tuesday, November 30th.**

Any questions, please contact Paul Bontrager.



Advent Season Resources – the first Sunday of Advent is November 28

Mennonite Church USA’s annual [Advent at Home worship guide](#) is now available to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for the Advent season. The 2021 guide follows the theme “Dare to Imagine!” This resource offers weekly and daily Scriptures, worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information.

Christmas at Malone – Friday, December 3 & Saturday, December 4

Malone’s beloved annual Christmas concert returns in person this December 3rd and 4th at 7:30 p.m. *Christmas at Malone* is a worshipful concert presented by the Malone University Chorale, Chamber Choir Amplified, and Symphonic Band at the Johnson Center for Worship and Fine Arts on the Malone University campus. Prior to the concert, guests may enjoy performances by the Piano Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are on sale at <https://www.malone.edu/christmas/>. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15.00

Give gifts of comfort and joy with MCC! Delight your loved ones and share God’s love with our global neighbors this Christmas. Choose from unique gifts such as goats, clean water, fruit trees, books and many more. Give at mcc.org/delight or call 888-563-4676.

Mission is hospitality at Mennonite Mission Network. Sharing the good news of Christ between cultures creates hospitality where strangers become friends. When we join together at God’s table with open arms and hearts, the truthful, sincere mission of Christ comes alive. Click [here](#) for MMN’s recent newsletter and information on Giving Tuesday, November 30th.

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)
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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