



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



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

Newsletter dated  
 November 5, 2021



Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7.  
 Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

## Sunday's Service – November 7, 2021



### GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #303 *Come, Gracious Spirit*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

### PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STJ #42 *Listen, God is Calling*

*Word of God Speak*

HWB #349 *Spirit of the Living God*

Offering – General Fund

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 16:5-15 (NRSV)

Message

***How We Read Scripture:  
 The Holy Spirit***

### RESPONDING

Song of Response

*Speak O Lord*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

### SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #514 *Lord, I am Fondly, Earnestly*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

<b>Message:</b>	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Jill Liechty
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ruth Yoder

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue)    TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)

STJ-Sing the Journey (green)    STS-Sing the Story (purple)

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Throughout the month of October, many of you expressed your love and care for Savannah and I. We want to thank you for your kindness, and let you know we too have a great appreciation for you as a congregation and consider it a gift from God to serve in this church community. I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and willingness to serve. I can only hope that I have inspired all of you as much as you have inspired me. Blessings, Pastor Nathanael



✝ 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 living in an assisted living facility.

✝ Pray for Myron & Sheryl Weaver's adopted son Alexis who is in Montreal and waiting on his permanent residency hearing. Pray for his wife Gloria that they will soon be reunited.

✝ Pray for Kevin Graber's friends Jeff and Troy.

✝ Pray for John & Sherry Windham's son Jason for health concerns.

✝ 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 31**

**Attendance: 81**

General Fund	\$ 1,516.00
Education Fund	200.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 1,716.00</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! Use this link to sign up:

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



## Church News

### 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 & Post-High 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 & Post-High students: Blake Sommers, Koby Miller, Gavin Sommers, Grace Liechty, & Morgan Ruppelius. 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.

**There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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 21<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!



**The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.** Men and women are needed Thursday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m.

### **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!



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

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

### **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Wrap-Up Meeting – November 15**

If you would like to know more about the results of the 2021 Relief Sale, please join us at the Wrap-Up Meeting on Monday, November 15, at 6:30pm at Kidron Mennonite Church (3987 Kidron Rd, Kidron, OH 44636). We will be discussing the 2021 year and letting you know how much we're sending to MCC this year. We thank everyone for their work on the 2021 Relief Sale!

*The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Board*

### **Announcements & Prayers for November 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 November-December 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 November. 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 November issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available.
- MC USA announcements for the month of November 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](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))  
- Office Hours: Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-1-3pm; Friday-Sabbath

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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-4<sup>th</sup> 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