



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

Newsletter dated
December 30, 2021

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

Sunday's Service – January 2, 2022

Message: Patrick Helmuth
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager



Song Leader: Lois Bontrager
Offertory: Amy Glick

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship

HWB #189 *To Us Child of Hope is Born*

PRAISING

Praise Songs
Offering – General Fund

HWB #194 *Away in a Manger
Be Unto Your Name*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Luke 2:22-38 (NIV)

Hope Realized

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #215 *What Child is This*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #201 *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

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

Worship SCHEDULE

On Sunday, Maple Grove welcomes Patrick Helmuth, the CEO of P. Graham Dunn, to our morning worship service. Patrick lives in North Canton with his wife Amy Glick and their 4 children (Karl 18, Peter 16, Anna 13, Maria 11). They attend Beech Mennonite Church. Patrick has worked at P. Graham Dunn for the past 15 years. Amy is a member of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and will be sharing her music during Offertory on Sunday. Patrick served for 4 years as a bi-vocational pastor at Bethel Mennonite in Wadsworth from 2009-2013.



✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: *Margaret Miller, Marsha Miller, Sam Miller, Carol Sommers, and Lee Yoder.*

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: *Savanah Hofstetter Ressler's father Ray Hofstetter recovering from back surgery; Sami Miller's grandparents George & Joanne Golias who are both ill; Barb Volk's brother Jim and his wife Betty for health issues; Harold & Nancy Beachy's granddaughter Raquel recovering from surgery; Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills' brother Marcus Yoder in a rehab nursing facility; Barb Dutcher's brother-in-law Neal Orndorff on hospice.*

✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world.

Offering Last Sunday, December 26

Attendance: 62



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| General Fund | \$ 4,108.00 |
| My Coins Count | 193.00 |
| Total Offering | <u>\$ 4,301.00</u> |



Church Office Schedule for the Holidays

- Pastor Nathanael is out of the office and returns Monday, January 3rd. Please contact a member of the Ministry of Congregational Care for any pastoral needs in his absence.
- The church office is closed on Friday, December 31st. *Happy New Year!*

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4th.

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 Savanah Hofstetter Ressler.



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, January 5th.

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.

Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Kami Sommers. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General Fund with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education Fund. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, the church treasurer.

Annual Reports for 2021 are due January 12th

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, January 30th, 2022. An email has been sent to the chairperson of each committee and ministry requesting an updated report for 2021, with a copy of last year's report included for your reference. We are asking that you please turn in your reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 12th.

Ohio Conference will hold a Women in Leadership Retreat February 18-19, 2022, at the St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin.

The theme of the retreat is "Empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead like yourself." The input speaker for this retreat will be Rebecca Slough, academic dean emerita and professor emerita of worship and the arts at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Maple Grove will sponsor any congregants that would like to attend – the deadline to register is January 28. Please let Pastor Nathanael know if you are interested. For more information, please see the [retreat brochure](#). Copies of the brochure are on the literature rack at the church.



The Acme Cash Back program ends December 31, 2021. Acme gives a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. Please bring in your Acme receipts and put in the box under the mailboxes – thanks for your support of this project! *Ministry of Outreach*

REMINDER: 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



Announcements & Prayers for January 2022 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 January-February 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 January.
- [Prayer Vine](#), a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world.
- MC USA announcements for the month of January are available [here](#).

Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 22-23!

A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event in Kidron to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. We invite you to make comforter tops and backs (60" x 80") for use at the Comforter Bash. Comforter backs and tops should be dropped off at the MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road) between January 1 - March 1. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.

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: 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