



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

Newsletter dated
January 21, 2022

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 23, 2022
Extra Pauperes Nulla Salus
Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

STJ #3 *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*
(Verses 1-3)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Victory in Jesus
Days of Elijah

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:14-21 (NRSV)

Message

Extra Pauperes Nulla Salus

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STJ #61 *How Can We Be Silent*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STS #114 *God Has Chosen Me*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler	Song Leader:	Tom Lubbers
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty	Offertory:	

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)



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

✝ Pray for healing for others with ongoing health concerns: Marcus Yoder, Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills' brother, who is 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, January 16-Education Sunday

Attendance: 60

General Fund	\$ 2,060.00
Education Fund	2,063.15
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,123.15</u>

Please Note: Cindy will be out of the office next Friday, January 28, and the newsletter will be finalized on Thursday. Please have all newsletter items to Cindy by Wednesday next week. *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>

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 25th.

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.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting & Youth Fundraiser Lunch – January 30

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting on Sunday, January 30th, after the Youth Group has a haystack fundraiser luncheon.

All are welcome to stay for lunch and attend the meeting!

The Annual Report booklets have been emailed to you or placed in your mailboxes. Extra copies are available under the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Administration (John Koshmider, Marty Miller, Perry Miller, Steve Miller, Kami Sommers, Adam Weaver).

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](#) or click [here](#) to register. Copies of the brochure are on the literature rack at the church.

New Hymnal Update - Voices Together

The Ministry of Worship has ordered some of the new Mennonite hymnal worship books, *Voices Together*. A copy has been placed in the middle rack of each line of pews replacing some of the red hymnals, *The Mennonite Hymnal*. If you would like to have a red hymnal, please help yourself – they are on a table in the church lobby and free for the taking!



The 2021 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. If you would like your giving statement mailed to you, please contact Cindy in the church office.

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.



FISH Collection – January 30 & February 6

The Ministry of Outreach is having a collection for Lake Township FISH as part of their annual “Souper Bowl of Caring” project to tackle hunger – *Let’s #TackleHunger Together!* 100% of the donations received for this event will go to Lake Township FISH to serve our community members in need.



Brown bags are available at the church for collecting non-perishable food and hygiene items (cereal, condiments, pasta sauce, crackers, baking mixes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.). Please bring to the church by February 6th – Super Bowl Sunday. You may also donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH.



January 17, 2021

Maple Grove Mennonite Church
2121 Smith Kramer St. NE
Hartville, OH 44632

Dear Partnering Church,

Congratulations!!!

In the last week of December, the Hartville Thrift Shoppe sent \$150,000 to MCC. This brought our 2021 contribution to over **\$1,000,000. Thank You.**

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe also contributes to **local charities** such as

- Lake Township FISH food pantry and Agape Bread Ministry by providing rent-free space
- Local schools' C.A.R.E programs in the form of HTS gift certificates for student use as determined by the CARE administrators
- Gift certificates to Kent State Stark for their students
- Service grants for three individuals who participate in a variety of volunteer work

Individuals from your congregation contributed more than 194 hours during the fourth quarter of 2021, including:

Nancy Beachy, Mary Hilmer, Savannah Hofstetter-Ressler, and Vee Miller.

In addition, Scott Sommers and Dan Dutcher serve on the Board of Directors.

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe also mourns the passing of long-time partnering church volunteers such as Irene Diller, Nancy Sommers, Kathryn Slabaugh (who had her Hartville Thrift Shoppe pin in her hand at her calling hours), and Amanda Sommers (who was on the Thrift House Operating Committee as early as 1979). We are so appreciative of the legacy that these ladies leave, all examples of a willingness to serve and we're grateful that they chose to serve at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.

Thank you for your continued support of the Hartville Thrift Shoppe whose mission is to financially support the mission of MCC through the dedication of volunteers and staff.

Thank you!!!!

Phil Stauffer, Executive Director
for the Hartville Thrift Shoppe

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NETWORK



Register by February 11 for 2022 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) & Missional Conference

- Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold will host the 2022 ACA March 4-5. The theme of this year’s gathering will be “Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a Good Neighbor?” For more information about ACA, please see <https://bit.ly/2022ACAInfo>. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2022ACARegistration>.
- Zion Mennonite Church also will host a Missional Conference March 3-4 featuring speakers Howard and Cathy Wagler. For more information about the 2022 Missional Conference and to register, please go to <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConference>. Printed copies of the registration brochure are available on the literature rack in the church lobby.

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

In the current issue: MDS needs volunteers in California and Washington, MDS has several employment opportunities to join our team, and you'll find links to join the MDS Annual Celebration online. Click [here](#) to read more – copies are available on the literature rack at the church as well.

The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) is a collaborative initiative of Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, and Mennonite Central Committee to lead Anabaptist efforts to respond to the challenges of climate change. CSCS has produced a brief documentary video about last year’s CSCS Climate Ride across the United States. Climate Rider Loren Friesen recorded footage throughout the ride which he has compiled into a half-hour video. The documentary will premiere Jan. 30 at 8 p.m. EST on Zoom and Facebook Live. Following the showing will be a talkback session with a panel of riders. To see a preview, go to <https://bit.ly/ClimateRideVideo>.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary would like to share these bulletin announcements with the congregation: [AMBS announcements](#). A copy is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

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

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone: 330-877-2400
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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