



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

Newsletter dated  
January 7, 2022

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))

**Sunday's Service – January 9, 2022**  
***The Unexpected and Our Part***  
**Acts 8:14-17 (NRSV)**



**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer

HWB #353 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
Offering – General Fund

*Living Waters  
Holy Spirit*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Message

Acts 8:14-17 (NRSV)

***The Unexpected and Our Part***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #349 *Spirit of the Living God*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

*Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*

<b>Message:</b>	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler	<b>Song Leader:</b>	Ruth Yoder
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Kami Sommers	<b>Offertory:</b>	Renee Koshmider

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, January 16<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Danae King to Maple Grove.

Danae lives in Orrville and works from her home as a Donor Relations Associate for MCC Great Lakes. She graduated from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary last May with a Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies. She is an active member of Orrville Mennonite Church, and in her free time enjoys reading, disc golfing, trying new recipes, and trying to keep her houseplants alive. Danae's sermon is titled "Abide and Bear Fruit" on John 15:1-12

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✝ Pray for Lois Bontrager who had knee replacement surgery on Tuesday.

✝ 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 ongoing health concerns: Savannah 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.

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### Offering Last Sunday, January 2, 2022

Attendance: 64



General Fund           \$   2,991.50

Total Offering           \$   2,991.50



### Annual Reports for 2021 are due January 12<sup>th</sup>

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 ended December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Please bring in your Acme receipts and put in the box under the mailboxes – thanks for your support of this project! *Ministry of Outreach*

**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, January 13, at 6:00 p.m.

## **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



## **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](http://mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash).

**Registration open 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>. **Register for ACA by February 11.**
- 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. **Registration deadline is February 11.**



**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