



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
February 11, 2022

Sunday's Service – February 13, 2022
Listening to Their Voices: Doing Justice
Mark 11:1-19 (NRSV)

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #417 *Seek Ye First*
VT #420 *God of the Bible*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Mark 11:1-19 (NRSV)

Message

Listening to Their Voices: Doing Justice

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #297 *You are Salt for the Earth*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #416 *Beyond a Dying Sun*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler

Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

Worship Leader: Kami Sommers

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)

VT-Voces Together (purple)



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Lois Bontrager, Marsha Miller, Sam Miller, Carol Sommers.
- ✝ Pray for Margaret Miller, Betty Miller's sister and Sheryl Weaver's sister-in-law, and her husband Elton. Margaret had a stem cell transplant and has a long recovery in the hospital. Pray for healing and patience for them, and wisdom for the doctors through the process.
- ✝ Pray for those homebound in our congregation: Mabel Weaver, Rachel Weaver, and Nelson Schlabach.
- ✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Tom Johnson's mother Donna; 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; we pray for the situation between Ukraine and Russia. We pray against the spirit of violence and war and pray for peace in the area.



Offering Last Sunday, February 6

Attendance: 53

General Fund	\$ 6,445.00
Education Fund	5,000.00
Lake Township FISH	220.00
Alexi Mission Project	<u>200.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 11,865.00</u>



Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your support of the recent collection for Lake Township FISH. Many items were donated and a total of \$720 was collected over the last two Sundays. Thank you for your generosity. What a blessing for FISH!

From Ministry of Worship:

Please remember to thank Sam Miller on Sunday for the wonderful sweet creations he is providing for us. We wish you ALL a wonderful Valentine's Day - and always remember that you are loved and cherished by God and by all of your brothers and sisters here at Maple Grove. ♥

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>



All-Church Social – Sunday, February 20 @ 4:30 p.m.

Family Ministry has scheduled a game night at the church on Sunday, February 20, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome! We'll have pizza at 5:30 and chocolate for dessert! Bring your favorite game to play. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Masha Miller, Vee Miller & Sheryl Weaver



Ash Wednesday Service – March 2 @ 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and marks 40 days until Easter, excluding Sundays. This first day of Lent reminds us that new life with Christ involves a daily surrendering of the old life and the first step on this Lenten journey invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our need for God by the imposition of ashes. We invite all to participate in the Ash Wednesday service as we begin our journey through Lent.



Everence College Scholarship for 2022-2023 – Applications due by February 28

Everence is now accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2022-2023 academic year. A college scholarship is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. Completed applications must be postmarked, emailed or faxed by February 28. Click on the link below for more information or to access an application. Paper copies of the application form are also on the literature rack at the church. www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards

Thank you's from Mission Partners

➤ From MCC-Great Lakes:

We at Mennonite Central Committee want to thank our friends and supporters at Maple Grove Mennonite for the many ways you support the work of MCC and our partners - through your prayers, gathering kits, My Coins Count collections, volunteering at events and thrift shops and for your generous financial contributions during 2021. Your support allowed our church partners to respond with compassion to save babies' lives in Burkina Faso through [improved maternal and child health programs](#). Together we've been able to offer hope through [education to Sudanese refugees](#) living in Egypt. Your support has allowed MCC partners to help farmers in India [improve rice production](#) and in Haiti to [plant trees](#) and grow agroforestry gardens. In the U.S., we're creating safe, warm, and dry homes in Appalachia through the [SWAP program](#) and offering education programs to better understand the [complexities around immigration](#). With your faithful support, MCC is working with 385 partners on 508 projects in 47 countries around the world. Thank you for offering love and compassion in the name of Christ to vulnerable people through MCC.

- Sarah Doerksen, MCC Great Lakes – www.mcc.org

➤ From Lighthouse Ministries in Canton (original letter posted on the bulletin board at the church)
Happy 2022! We'd like to thank you for all the ways you supported the Lighthouse this past year. Through prayers, financial support and volunteer hours given, the impact of the love and support surrounding the Lighthouse was felt deeply. With your help, we were able to do and be a part of some really cool things. Here are some highlights:

- *New additions to our After-School Enrichment Schedule. Students in our After-School Program began taking ceramics and robotics classes at the Lighthouse. Both hands-on experiences have sparked creativity and engaged imaginations in new ways.*
- *Through a partnership with a university, we began providing on-site support for first-generation college students. Students met at the Lighthouse for virtual classes (related to their majors) and in-person personal and spiritual development.*
- *We began preparing for the launch of our new Saturday Strings Program, a collaboration with our friends at the Canton Symphony Orchestra to provide weekly violin, cello, viola, and bass lessons to Lighthouse students and recent alumni.*

Recently, at the 47th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration, the Lighthouse, alongside several longtime educators and community activists, was honored to receive the Martin Luther King Jr. Outstanding Community Service Award presented by the Lelia Green Alliance of Black School Educators. At the event, Canton City Schools superintendent, Jeffery S. Talbert, shared, "Educators are the brokers of hope and can spark the dreams of youth."

As we start a new year, we look forward to continuing to be a safe place where students from our Southeast Canton neighborhood can learn, play, and grow. Thank you for your partnership in our work! - Kelly Klein, Director of Development & Communication, Lighthouse Ministries

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

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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:	Room 10-Hallway
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's:	Basement

Children/Youth Classes

PreK-4 th 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	