



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 25, 2022

Sunday's Service – February 27, 2022



GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #29 *Come, Now Is the time to Worship*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #387 *We Are One in the Spirit*

VT #775 *I Will Follow*

Offering – General Fund

Use Us, God

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-36 (NRSV)

Message

Listening to Their Voices: On Being a Good Neighbor

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #717 *Renew Your Church*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #830 *Go, My Children*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager

Song Leader: Lois Bontrager
Offertory: Worship Team

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: Marsha Miller, Sam Miller, and Carol Sommers.

✝ Pray for our homebound church family: 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 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.

If you would like to send her a card, please address to Mary rather than Margaret at:

University Hospital
c/o Mary Miller, Room 3024
11100 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44106

✝ 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.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Offering Last Sunday, February 20-Education Sunday **Attendance: 70**

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| General Fund | \$ 1,870.00 |
| Education Fund | 2,180.15 |
| Total Offering | <u>\$ 4,050.15</u> |

Coffee Time & Fellowship @ Church – Sunday mornings

Fellowship



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>



Mark Your
CALENDAR

Maple Grove's leadership has been working on "Who is Maple Grove today and who is God calling us to be in Hartville and beyond!"

On Sunday, May 1st, Terry Shue and Pastor Nathanael will be leading a Visioning Process for Maple Grove. Mark it on your calendars and please make it a priority for you and your family to be present on that Sunday. Child care will be provided. More details to come!

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, March 2 – lunch will be furnished!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Spend the day or come for just a bit - we enjoy each other's friendship while we work. And lunch is provided this month! Contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Derby Car Race



The children and youth are making derby cars this winter and planning to have a race in April. Work on the derby cars has begun. There are several extra cars available if anyone else in the congregation would like to make one. We will meet at the church on Wednesday, March 16, from 6:30-7:30 to paint the cars.

We will be having an All-church Social & Derby Race on Sunday April 3rd – mark your calendars!

If you have any questions, please contact one of the Kids Club/Jr Youth Leaders:

AJ & Jen Geiser, Adam & Kim Weaver.



Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the spring quarter which begins

March 6th. Sunday School quarterlies for the summer quarter will be ordered the end of March.

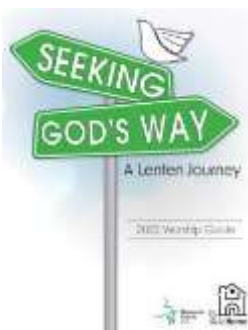
Please let Ruth Yoder know how many quarterlies your class will need. And if you would like to be added to the list to receive the daily devotional magazine *Rejoice*, or no longer wish to receive it, please let Ruth know that as well. Thank you – Ministry of Education



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 on Wednesday, March 2nd.



Seeking God's Way" is the theme of Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) 2022

Lent at Home worship guide. The annual guide for home-based worship provides daily and weekly scripture readings, prayers and rituals for individuals and families observing Lent, the period of prayer and reflection from Ash Wednesday, March 2, to Easter, April 17. The guide also features at-home rituals for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. New for 2022 is a printable calendar with daily worship prompts. Click [here](#) for the free Lent at Home guide, the calendar, and videos related to these resources from MC USA. Copies of the guide and calendar are available on the literature rack at the church.

Stations of the Cross Coloring pages are available on the literature rack. Each set of coloring pages includes two versions. A simplified version for some of the youngest colorer's (and those who prefer less detail to color) and a detailed version. Please help yourself to these resources!



Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove for 2022-2023 – Applications due March 31

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, Maple Grove has available a grant program for students enrolling in colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Copies of Maple Grove's policy and the application form are available on the literature rack in the foyer or check with Jill Liechty, Youth Leader. **Any interested students should return the application to Maple Grove's Treasurer, John Koshmider, by March 31, 2022.**



Open Arms Hispanic Ministry is hosting TACO TUESDAY on March 15 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Their annual fundraising dinner will be at the Kidron Park Community Center (4434 Kidron Road) beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will feature a delicious catered taco bar. A program of Open Arms ministry highlights will follow with live music by the Salem Worship Team. A freewill offering will be taken. Please RSVP by March 11 to kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org or 330-466-7845. *Invite a friend and join us!*

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is Hiring a Donated Goods Manager

The Thrift Shoppe is growing and we are looking for an experienced operations or warehouse manager to lead our donation management and warehouse operations. This position will lead and work alongside of our warehouse and donations team, building our donation acquisition process while leading the expansion of our warehouse operation, which includes retail sales of furniture and used building material. This position is also responsible for facilities maintenance and the upkeep of the physical plant. For more information on the Hartville Thrift Shoppe and this position visit our website, www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org. You will find the job description and you can fill out an application under the Job Openings tab. You may also email a resume and cover letter to pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.

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
 Website: www.mgmennonite.org Facebook @MapleGroveMC
 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
 Men's Class: Room 9-Hallway
 Mixed Post-High/20's-40's: Basement

Children/Youth Classes

PreK-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
 -Teachers: Sheryl Weaver & Lesli Miller
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
 - Teacher: Karen Miller
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement
 - Teacher: Kami Sommers