



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

Newsletter dated  
March 11, 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))



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



**Lent 2 – March 13, 2022**

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)**

**Seeking God's Ways: From Fear to Compassion**

*As we seek God's way, we move from a place where fear dictates our actions to a space where our response to others is guided by compassion.*

<b>Message:</b>	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler	<b>Children's Time:</b>	Kami Sommers
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Julie Yoder	<b>Special Music:</b>	Joe Weaver & Dillon Weaver
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Renee Koshmider		

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song *Mighty to Save*  
Welcome & Announcements

**Call to Worship & Prayer**

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,  
**People: *As disappointment oppresses and violence threatens,***  
Leader: we come to ask: Whom shall we fear?  
**People: *We come to be reminded of God's power and to be led more deeply into God's love.***  
Leader: We long to gather under the wings of Christ, as a mother hen,  
**ALL: *and to learn the holy way of compassion.***

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*  
Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time  
Scripture Reading Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (NRSV)  
Message ***Seeking God's Ways: From Fear to Compassion***

## RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #595 *When the Storms of Life are Raging*  
(Verses 1-3 & 5)

### Congregational Response:

Leader: Your ways, O God, are higher than our ways.

**People:** *Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts.*

Leader: We seek God's ways.  
(Pause)

**ALL:** *Lord, move us from fearful responses into the light of your compassion.*

### Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy One, we seek You while You may be found.

**People:** *We call upon You while You are near.*

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, for our thoughts are not Your thoughts and our ways are not Your ways.

**People:** *Forgive us for living with fear. Help us live out compassion.*

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey, let us see Your way more clearly,

**ALL:** *and follow Your way more faithfully.*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## SENDING

Sending Song

STJ #97 *The Lord is My Light*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

### PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY

Subscribers to Leader are welcome to photocopy, adapt, and project "Seeking God's Ways" worship materials.

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-Voices 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: Margaret Miller, Betty Miller's sister and Sheryl Weaver's sister-in-law; 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, March 6**

**Attendance: 68**

General Fund	\$ 6,077.50
Education Fund	600.00
My Coins Count	\$ 654.50
Total Offering	<u>\$ 7,332.00</u>

**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: [Maple Grove: Coffee Time Sign Up \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Maple Grove: Coffee Time Sign Up (signupgenius.com))



**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!



**Derby Cars:** The children and youth are making derby cars 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. See AJ & Jen Geiser or Adam & Kim Weaver.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

Family Ministry is asking everyone to bring a snack/finger food to share with the group. Joins us on race day!



**Maple Grove Work Day @ Hartville Migrant Center – March 26 from 9am-noon**

The Ministry of Outreach is asking for volunteers to help with the work day planned at the Hartville Migrant Center on Saturday, March 26. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. Maple Grove has committed a group to help with the indoor and outdoor work that is planned so please put this on your calendar and plan to volunteer if able. If you have any questions, contact Harold Beachy.



**Support Lake Township FISH – Eat Chipotle March 12 from 5-9pm**

Get dinner at Chipotle at 1472 N Main Street in North Canton on Saturday between 5 and 9:00 p.m. and FISH will receive a percentage of the sales. Tell the cashier you're supporting Lake Township FISH or order online and use code VQK67FD in the promo field before checking out. Remember, delivery orders or orders placed at a different time/location than the scheduled fundraiser will not count. **Share this fundraiser with your friends - help us make this fundraiser a success!**

**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](mailto:kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org) or 330-466-7845.**

**From MCC: Respond to the crisis in Ukraine**

On February 24, Russian military forces began an invasion of Ukraine by land, sea and air. Missiles struck several major cities in Ukraine, including the capital city Kyiv. Casualties continue to grow as Russian soldiers enter the country. Please join us as we pray for peace in Ukraine. MCC is accepting donations for a response in Ukraine. MCC is assessing the changing situation with local partners to determine the appropriate response. To learn more or to donate, please see <https://mcc.org/stories/crisis-ukraine>. Donation checks can be mailed to: MCC, Attn: Ukraine Crisis, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

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

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Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)  
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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-4<sup>th</sup> 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