



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
 April 15, 2022

*Our Easter Sunday service will be at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes.
 Join us for Easter breakfast at 8:30 before the service.*



Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022 - Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

Seeking God's Ways: From Certainty to Openness

As we seek God's way, we move from the confidence of knowing how things are to the unsettling openness of realizing God's ways are beyond what we can imagine.

Message:	Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler	Song Leader:	Lois Bontrager
Worship Leader:	Gary Sommers	Children's Time:	Kami Sommers
Offertory:	Children's Handbell Choir		

GATHERING

We invite you to gather in silence as we prepare our hearts for the service to begin.

Easter Song VT #333 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Easter Litany Leader: Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed!

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Together we seek the way of God –

Left Side: the generous,

Right Side: compassionate,

Left Side: grace-filled,

Right Side: inclusive,

Left Side: abundant,

Right Side: powerful,

Left Side: unsettling,

ALL: way of God.

Leader: On this day that God has made, may our hearts be open to the Good News:
 Christ is not here, for He is risen.

ALL: Jesus Christ is risen indeed!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #332 *In Christ Alone*
VT #340 *Lift Your Glad Voices*

Offering – Education Fund

We Bow Down

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25 (NRSV)

Message

**Seeking God's Ways:
From Certainty to Openness**

RESPONDING

Song of Response

This is Amazing Grace

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #346 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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 alone or away from their family over the Easter holiday.

✝ Pray for our homebound church family: Mabel Weaver, Nelson Schlabach, and Marcus Yoder (Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills' brother).

✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Lee Yoder, Mary Hilmer, Lesli Miller, Marsha Miller, Sam Miller, Luke Sommers, Junior Sommers, and Carol Sommers.

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Heidi Miller's father Dean Kaufman; Marv & Leroy Sommers' mother Judy who is now in rehab recovering from a fall; Margaret Miller, Betty Miller's sister and Sheryl Weaver's sister-in-law; Tom Johnson's mother Donna; and 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.

MCC invites you to join in prayer for peace in Ukraine. To learn more about MCC's response to this crisis or to donate online, 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.



Ministry of Worship would like to continue to thank those in our congregation who provide their gifts in our times of Corporate Worship, and again during our Lenten and Easter season: our Worship Leaders, our Song Leaders and Worship Team, Kami Sommers for leading our Children's Time, and our Visual Arts Coordinators Vee Miller and Sheryl Weaver for providing our visuals on the altar and the Lenten and Easter morning banners. We are grateful for the Leader Magazine direction and for the way everyone utilizes the ideas and adds their own to provide what we hope are meaningful and worshipful times together.



Offering Last Sunday, April 10

Attendance: 74

General Fund	\$ 2,811.75
Education Fund	600.00
Hartville Migrant Center –	
Welcome Bags	451.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,862.75

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on April 17th, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



Hartville Migrant Center Collection for Welcome Bags – APRIL 17 IS LAST SUNDAY TO COLLECT

Ministry of Outreach is having a collection of funds for the Hartville Migrant Center that will be used toward purchasing items needed for the welcome bags for the migrants. If you would like to contribute, please mark your giving envelope “Migrant Center” and the funds will be directed to this outreach project. If you have any questions, please see a member of Ministry of Outreach: Harold Beachy, Holly Miller, Howard Miller. *Thank you for your help with this project!*



Visioning Process Sunday – May 1

“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.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, April 20th, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Come and work on a puzzle with us or just enjoy the company! Anyone is welcome to come and participate. If you have any questions, contact Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.



Mark your calendars for VBS this summer – June 27-July 1! It will be held in the mornings and combined with Evermore Community Church again this year. More details will follow. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver or Ruth Yoder.

Ladies' Book Study starts April 27 – please sign up by April 17th to participate!

There will be a ladies' book study starting on Wednesday, April 27, with Clara Sommers and Savannah Hofstetter Ressler leading the study. The book is "Relentless – The Unshakeable Presence of a God Who Never Leaves" by Michele Cushatt (<https://michelecushatt.com/relentless/>). The book study will be on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the Women's SS classroom #1. The study will last 6 weeks, but will not meet on the Wednesdays there is Sewing & Comforter Knotting – no study the first Wednesday of May and June. If you would like to join us, please sign up by April 17th on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the church so books can be ordered. You may also let Cindy know in the church office and she will add your name to the class. Any questions, please see Clara or Savannah.



Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night at Church – May 11 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Building & Grounds Committee is planning spring cleaning & outside work night at the church on Wednesday, May 11th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We'll need everyone's help to be able to clean the entire church as well as spruce up the outside in one evening. So bring your buckets, rags, ladders, wheelbarrows and shovels, and join us for an evening of work and fellowship.



Click [here](#) for the April issue of the bi-monthly newsletter from Ohio Mennonite Conference.

This issue features the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash scheduled April 22-23 in Kidron. Paper copies of the newsletter are available on the literature rack at the church.

Central Christian School has several new open teaching positions. These teachers will become integral in educating students and growing Christian leaders. Please see the job descriptions included in the link below and share with anyone you think might want to join the Central Christian teaching team. [Employment Opportunities - Central Christian School \(ccscomets.org\)](http://ccscomets.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

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
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement