



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))



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

Newsletter dated  
 April 22, 2022

**Maple Grove welcomes Chris Price to our worship service on April 24<sup>th</sup>.**

*Chris is a manager (Hartville Hardware), teacher, lifelong student, writer, communicator, and spiritual adventurer. With a B.A. in Bible and Theology (Malone), MDiv (Ashland), and a decade+ of pastoral work, he is committed to study and exploration while sharing his finds via podcasting, writing, and speaking. Chris lives in Uniontown with his wife, Bethany, and two daughters, Claire and Quinn.*

**Sunday's Service – April 24, 2022**

Message: Chris Price Song Leader: Tom Lubbers  
 Worship Leader: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler

**GATHERING**

- Prelude
- Opening Song God of Wonders
- Welcome & Announcements
- Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

- Praise Songs *I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)*
- STS #49 *I Will Come to You in the Silence*
- Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

- Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7–12 (CEB)
- Message **Vulnerable Hope**

**RESPONDING**

- Song of Response HWB #299 *New Earth, Heavens New*
- Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

- Sending Song Sing a New Song
- Benediction/Blessing
- Postlude

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

✝ Pray for Luke Sommers who is having surgery on his legs.

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

**Offering Last Sunday, April 17 – Education Sunday**

**Attendance: 112**



General Fund	\$ 1,850.00
Education Fund	2,170.40
Hartville Migrant Center –	
Welcome Bags	1,770.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,790.40</u>



Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your support of the collection for the Hartville Migrant Center Welcome Bags. A total of \$2,221.00 was collected over the last two Sundays. God is good!! Thank you for your generosity!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cindy Fleming will be out of the office Monday-Wednesday, April 25-27, and working Thursday and Friday, April 28 & 29.

**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 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

## ***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 1<sup>st</sup>, Terry Shue and Pastor Nathanael will be leading a Visioning Process for Maple Grove.

- Our Sunday will begin with informal fellowship and coffee and donuts at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Visioning Process will begin at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Children in Jr. High and up (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to be a part of the Visioning Process.
- Activities for the children 6<sup>th</sup> grade and under have been planned and will include a bouncy house (weather permitting), crafts, popcorn and a movie, and games. Two high school students from another church will be in charge of the kids' activities so all church members will be able to participate in the Visioning Process.
- A lunch will be served after the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.

We are hoping you will make it a priority for you and your family to be present on May 1<sup>st</sup>! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care:

Pastor Nathanael, Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Clara Sommers, Gary Sommers

### **Ladies' Book Study: *Relentless – The Unshakeable Presence of a God Who Never Leaves***

This 6-week book study starts Wednesday, April 27, with Clara Sommers and Savannah Hofstetter Ressler leading the study. We will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the church in the Women's SS classroom #1 on the following dates:

April 27 – Book Study

June 1 – Sewing/Comforter Knotting-no Book Study

May 4 – Sewing/Comforter Knotting-no Book Study

June 8 & 15 – Book Study

May 11, 18 & 25 – Book Study

If you have 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **Ministry of Outreach will kick off “My Coins Count” collection starting May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

My Coins Count offering will go to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale in August. My Coins Count raises money for water projects sponsored by MCC to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world. Water is Life!

- ***A person can survive for weeks without food, but will die in a few days without water. Yet for many families around the world, this basic need is out of reach.***

***Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!***

You may mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count” or drop your change in the wishing well.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:

Harold Beachy, Holly Miller & Howard Miller





**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.



**Everence® to hold Medicare and Retirement Income Workshops in May**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Everence will hold Medicare workshops in Hartville at 6:30 p.m. The Medicare workshops will include, when and where to sign up for Medicare, what Medicare covers, plus an explanation of Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. The Retirement Income Planning & Social Security workshop is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and will include Social Security strategies including when to begin taking benefits, strategies to help your income last throughout retirement, and risks that can impact your retirement savings. To reserve your spot, contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or email us at [northeastohio@everence.com](mailto:northeastohio@everence.com).

**Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry invites you to join them on Tuesday, May 10, at the Hartville Kitchen for their Annual Banquet at 6:30 p.m.** Music will be provided by the Gospel Echoes Harvest, New Life & Mercy Roam Teams. There will be prison testimonies and an update on the ministry as well. For reservations, contact Nate & Denise Miller at 330-313-5542 or Joe & Patricia Hochstetler at 330-206-6655. Tickets are \$10/person (5 & under free). A freewill offering will be received for the ministry. See the flyer on the church bulletin board for more information.

**The April edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.** In our current issue, learn how families can volunteer and serve together, read about MDS volunteers and how they've made long-term changes in Marianna, Florida, and find about volunteers heading to British Columbia to assist wildfire survivors in British Columbia. Click [here](#) to read more – copies are available on the literature rack at the church as well.

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

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