

Visioning Process Sunday – May 1

“Who is Maple Grove today and who is God calling us to be in Hartville and beyond!”

Sunday, May 1st, 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. Youth in Jr. High and up (7th-12th grade) are welcome to be a part of the Visioning Process.
- Activities for the children 6th 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 catered 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 1st!

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

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



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

✝ Pray for Mary Hilmer who continues to have healing issues with her shoulder from a fall. Pray for her comfort and quick healing.

✝ Pray for Lisa Kanzig (Pauline Webb's daughter) who is having surgery for a small benign tumor between her skull and brain on May 4th.

✝ Pray for healing for Jon Misner, Julie Weaver's brother, who had complications from a heart catheterization resulting in two open-heart surgeries and further complications.

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

✝ 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.



Offering Last Sunday, April 24th

Attendance: 71

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| General Fund | \$ 5,305.00 |
| Total Offering | <u>\$ 5,305.00</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://signupgenius.com)



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, May 4 – lunch will be provided!



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 – lunch provided this month. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 4th, 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.



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.



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.



Ministry of Outreach will kick off “My Coins Count” collection starting May 1st!

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



From MCC-Great Lakes: Thank you for making the 2022 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a success!

Many volunteers gathered in Kidron, Ohio, last weekend and knotted 129 comforters! MCC thanks you for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world. We appreciate the effort and hard work that was done by many hearts and hands before, during and after the event. Check out a photo gallery from the event at: mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash-photos. Save the date for next year’s event on April 21-22, 2023.

Everence® to hold Medicare and Retirement Income Workshops in May

On May 3rd, 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 17th 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.

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.

Adriel 2022 Virtual Benefit Auction: Celebrate National Foster Care Month with an auction to benefit foster families and foster youth in your community. Register NOW at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/AdrielBenefit>! Then join us on May 26th at 5:00pm to begin bidding on your favorite items! Visit www.adriel.org for more information.

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton hosts Marketplace & Open House – June 4

On Saturday, June 4, the Lighthouse will host a Marketplace + Open House for anyone interested in touring the Lighthouse property and supporting our young entrepreneurs in the Lighthouse Business Builders Club. Businesses featured will be selling lip balms, candles, face masks, cake pops, and lemonade! This event will be held both inside and outdoors. Event hours will be 12:00pm-4:00pm. RSVP for the Marketplace + Open House at slotted.co/lhopenhouse22. There is no ticket cost to attend this event, but there will be an opportunity to give a gift and support the Lighthouse both in-person and online. All products purchased from our student business owners should be paid for in cash. Students keep 100% of their profits. (And they are excited!)

Lake Township FISH 5K Run/Walk – Saturday-June 11

Sign up is now open for the 2022 Lake Township FISH 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, June 11. 100% of your registration fee supports Lake Township FISH, an organization which provides a food pantry and temporary emergency assistance for people in need in the Lake Township area. To register and learn more about the 5K, go to [FISH 5K | Lake Township FISH](#)

Announcements & Prayers for May 2022 from Ohio Conference:

(Copies of all are posted on the Conference bulletin board in the hallway at the church.)

- Please remember Ohio Conference congregations, pastors and related ministries in your prayers. The May-June 2022 issue of [Prayer Prompter](#) has been compiled by Dan Hooley, prayer coordinator for the Ohio Conference.
- Mennonite Education Agency has compiled [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#) for May.
- [Prayer Vine](#), a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world.
- MC USA announcements for the month of May are available [here](#).

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.

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

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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