



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
 May 13, 2022

**Sunday's Service
 May 15, 2022**



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship

VT #29 Come, Now is the Time to Worship

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – Education Fund

*STJ #5 Come and Be Light for Our Eyes
 STJ #54 Longing for Light*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

John 13:31-35 (NRSV)

“A New Commandment?”

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #387 We Are One in the Spirit

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

STJ #73 The Lord Lift You Up

*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 Mary Hilmer as she transitions to leaving in an assisted living facility.

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

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Eric Coblentz recovering from surgery from a motorcycle accident; Pauline Webb's daughter Lisa Kanzig recovering from brain surgery; Julie Weaver's brother Jon Misner; Heidi Miller's father Dean Kaufman; Marv & Leroy Sommers' mother Judy; 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, May 8

Attendance: 69



General Fund	\$ 7,126.00
Education Fund	2,310.00
My Coins Count	500.00
Special Designation	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 9,986.00</u>

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on May 15th, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



The "Star of Bethlehem" quilt that is displayed in the front of the church was put together by the Ladies' Sewing Group and will be donated to the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale in August.

Please note Pastor Nathanael's upcoming schedule – he will be out of town for three Sundays and there will be guests filling the pulpit on those Sundays.

He will be out of town May 21-22 to officiate a wedding, and attending the Special Delegate Assembly for MC USA in Kansas City Memorial Day weekend from May 27-30. He is taking personal time off June 3-5. As always, he is reachable via his cell phone or email, or you may contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care for pastoral concerns in his absence.

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

Ladies' Book Study on Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Please read Chapters 5 & 6 from the book, "Relentless – The Unshakeable Presence of a God Who Never Leaves." We will be watching Episode 7 or 8 from the Michele Cushatt YouTube podcast and have discussion after. Anyone is welcome to come, even if you have not signed up or attended before. If you have any questions, please see Clara Sommers or Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18th.

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.

Vacation Bible School week of June 27-July 1 will be here before we know it



and we can't wait to step back in time to a Jerusalem Marketplace with your kids! Maple Grove is partnering with Evermore Community Church again this year and it will be held at Evermore each morning on June 27th-July 1st from 9am-11:30am (with the exception of Monday which will begin early at 8:30am). VBS is for kids ages 4 through incoming 6th graders. Please register for the grade that your child has recently completed when registering at <https://evermorecc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1240775>. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver or Ruth Yoder.



FISH Collection – May 15 & 22: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH. Brown bags are available for collecting the requested items, or you may donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. We will collect on two Sundays – May 15 & 22. Needed items are:

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



Host Family Needed for IVEP (International Volunteer Service Program)

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a family to host an IVEPer for 6 or 12 months starting in August of this year. IVEP is an International Volunteer Service Program with MCC. This IVEPer will be working five days a week at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe. To find out more about the IVEP program and the responsibilities of a host daily, please visit <https://mcc.org/search/site/ivep%20host>. If you have any further questions feel free to contact Brenda Latulippe or Phil Stauffer at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe at 330-877-2769 or email Brenda at blatulippe@hartvillethriftshoppe.org or Phil at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.



My Coins Count offering goes 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.

New this year is a friendly competition between counties: Holmes vs Wayne vs Stark contest!

- *Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with feces. Microbial contamination of drinking-water as a result of contamination with feces poses the greatest risk to drinking-water safety. ([World Health Organization – Drinking Water Facts](#))*

Help provide water, the gift of life! Ways to give:

- ✚ Mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count”
- ✚ Take a mission bank home and start collecting your change (banks are by the mailboxes)
- ✚ Drop your change in the wishing well in the church lobby

We have an offer of matching funds for My Coins Count up to \$20,000. For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000. So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we’ll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale!

Click [here](#) for the May-June 2022 issue of Ohio Mennonite Evangel from Ohio Conference.

Paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

Behind the Hammer is the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service.

Each issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. [Click here to view the digital version of Behind the Hammer.](#) Paper copies of Behind the Hammer are available on the literature rack at the church.

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