



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

Newsletter dated
May 20, 2022

Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)

On Sunday, we welcome Hank & Marilyn Rossiter to Maple Grove. Marilyn has been married to Hank for nearly 48 years and has been a choral director for over thirty years teaching music from K-12. She still has one piano student! After spending two years in Liberia, West Africa, and teaching reconciliation (2004-2006 MMN assignment), she was called to seminary. Subsequently, she ministered for nearly seven years as pastor of Summit Mennonite Church in Barberton. Just as she always taught music to the "underdog," Marilyn felt called to welcome anyone who wanted to come to Summit, and did not hide her strong belief that God loves "... ALL the children of the world." Currently she is busy reconvening Connecting Families in Wayne and Holmes County.

**Sunday's Service
May 22, 2022**



Message: Marilyn Rossiter
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Offering – General Fund

*Creation's King
You Never Let Go*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Luke 15:1-7; Galatians 3:24-29 (NIV)

The Hundredth Sheep

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing
Recognition of Graduates
Prayer

No Longer Strangers

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

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)

On Sunday, we recognize those who have or will graduate this year.

Our high school graduates include Kaydri Sommers and Sophia Sommers.



Our prayer for you as you walk this new path in life is that God gives you a clear sense of direction and that He blesses you along the way.

✝ *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.*

- **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.

Nathanael's Challenge to Maple Grove

On Sunday, May 15, Nathanael offered up a challenge to Maple Grove. Over the next *four weeks* the challenge is as follows:

1. **Discern:** Have a conversation with someone about what it looks like to be the love of Jesus in Hartville, OH (or whatever town you find yourself in).
2. **Engage:** After that conversation, have dinner (or lunch, coffee, go on a walk with, etc.) with a *different* person with the first conversation on your heart. You don't have to talk about the first conversation if you don't want to; the idea is just to have it on your heart as you engage with this other person.
3. **Share:** Finally, after you've done this, tell Nathanael about one or both of the interactions. It doesn't have to be super specific; you don't have to say who you talked with, and it doesn't have to be a long explanation. You can text him, email him, stop by his office, write a letter, or whatever is best for you. He wants to hear from you!

May you be blessed by your conversations and may the Spirit fill you with courage and hope to be the people of God in this time and place! *Pastor Nathanael*



Offering Last Sunday, May 15-Education Sunday

Attendance: 71

General Fund	\$ 2,150.00
Education Fund	245.25
Lake Township FISH	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 2,445.25</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/Maple-Grove-Coffee-Time-Sign-Up)

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 22: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a quarterly collection for Lake Township FISH. If you would like to help out FISH, you may make a monetary donation through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH, and/or bring in the top 5 needed items which 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!

- *The water crisis disproportionately affects women. [Gender | UN-Water \(unwater.org\)](http://www.unwater.org)*
- *In 80% of households without safe water, women and girls are responsible for gathering the day’s water. This takes women and girls away from activities like working and going to school, trapping them in a cycle of poverty.*
- *Safe water and sanitation creates a safer environment for women, one where women can live, pursue their dreams, and thrive as God intends.*

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!

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton Open House & Marketplace – Saturday, June 4 from 12-3pm.

Friends are invited to tour the property and support the young entrepreneurs in the Lighthouse Business Builders Club (Grades 4-6). 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 at cantonlighthouse.org/donate. All products purchased from our student business owners at the event should be paid for in cash. Students keep 100% of their profits. (They are excited!) Register for the Open House and Marketplace at: <https://slotted.co/lhopenhouse22>.

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

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