



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 6, 2022

**Sunday's Service
 May 8, 2022**



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Julie Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Leader: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;
People: **Jesus calls us to worship.**
Leader: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;
People: **Jesus calls us to love.**
Leader: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;
People: **Jesus calls us to justice.**
Leader: We hear the call of Christ.
ALL: **We worship together with joy.**

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund

*Revelation Song
 Christ is Mine Forevermore*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message *Weird, New, With*

Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer
 Mother's Day Blessing

HWB #142 *Brothers and Sisters of Mine*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

VT #771 *We Have Been Sent by God*

*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-Voces Together (purple)*



✝ 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: Mary Hilmer, Lesli Miller, Marsha Miller, Sam Miller, Carol Sommers, Junior Sommers, Luke Sommers, and Lee Yoder.

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Pauline Webb's daughter Lisa Kanzig; Julie Weaver's brother Jon Misner; Heidi Miller's father Dean Kaufman; Marv & Leroy Sommers' mother Judy; Betty Miller's sister and Sheryl Weaver's sister-in-law Margaret Miller; 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.



Thank you to all those who participated in the Visioning Process on Sunday. A total of 85 people attended on Sunday and enjoyed lunch afterwards. I appreciate your input and sharing – Pastor Nathanael

From Hartville Migrant Ministry: Your support of the Hartville Migrant Ministry is truly appreciated by those who need it most, the migrant families working in our community who otherwise would have found daily life more difficult to navigate had it not been for your generosity. Thanks to you we have provided nearly 400 families with convenient access to clinic facilities, with educational opportunities designed for everyone from children to adults, and with a place to simply feel safe and welcome in our community while enjoying a variety of recreational and spiritual opportunities. You can be sure your donation for the Welcome Bags has been a tremendous asset in the fulfillment of this mission. Check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hartvillemigrantministry or our website at www.hartvillemigrantministry.org.



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.

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.





The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe. Men and women are needed Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.

FISH Collection – May 15 & 22: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH. Brown bags will be 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



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.

- An estimated [790 million people](#) (11% of the world's population) live without access to an improved water supply.

Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world! 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!



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](#)

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program

When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join “Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.” This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2022 is July 12, with the final registration deadline on August 9, 2022. For more information visit www.ams.edu/journey, or contact your pastor or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or 937-935-2549.

MCC invites you to two upcoming free webinars:

- **Welcoming newcomers and addressing the trauma of migration: Tuesday, May 10 at 2 p.m.**
Join Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. immigration education coordinator, and Elaine Zook Barge, a trauma and resilience educator and consultant, for this webinar. Learn how trauma and resilience-informed individuals, churches and communities can be better equipped to ensure the overall well-being of newcomers and their receiving community. Register here: bit.ly/3OR8w25
- **Gardening for good: Creation care tips for your backyard and stories from Bolivia: May 26 at 8 p.m. EDT**
In this virtual visit, we'll explore what it looks like to care for the planet, from our own backyards to remote Bolivian communities. Join us to learn gardening and conservation tips in your own garden, then travel south to hear incredible stories from MCC's projects in Bolivia. Register here: mcc.org/mcc-virtual-visits

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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Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary (Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org)
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Ministry of Congregational Care: Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Clara Sommers, Gary Sommers
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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