



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
 June 3, 2022

On Sunday, we welcome Phil Stauffer to Maple Grove for our morning worship service. Phil is the Executive Director of the Hartville Thrift Shoppe and will be reflecting on how Maple Grove has given of their talents to make things like the Thrift Shoppe happen and how that blesses this community and the world. Maple Groves thanks Phil for joining us.

**Sunday's Service
 June 5, 2022**



Message: Phil Stauffer
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers
Song Leader: Julie Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song

 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship

VT #737 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God*
 (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund

VT #759 *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
 VT #545 *Here I Am, Lord*
 (Verses 1 & 3)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message ***The Spirit of Giving***

Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing & Prayer

STJ #63 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

VT #387 *We Are One in the Spirit*

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

✝ Pray for the family of Dean Kauffman, Heidi Miller's father. Dean passed away last Sunday and the funeral was held Thursday in Indiana. Pray for Heidi and Ryan and their family.

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Eric Coblentz recovering from surgery; Pauline Webb's daughter Lisa Kanzig recovering from brain surgery; Julie Weaver's brother Jon Misner; 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.



Thank you note from Love Our Community, Maple Grove Mission Partner in Lake Township
Dear Friends at Maple Grove, Your continued support means the world to us!
Your donations help us to provide secure housing and safety to multiple families and individuals dealing with housing insecurities. We are so grateful for you!
Thank you - Kelli Viscounte & Love Our Community Team



Offering Last Sunday, May 29

Attendance: 51

General Fund \$ 1,090.25

Total Offering \$ 1,090.25

Please note: Pastor Nathanael is out of town Friday through Sunday, June 3-5. Please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care for any pastoral concerns in his absence.



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)



Ladies' Book Study on Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Please read Chapters 9 & 10 for our book study on the book, "Relentless – The Unshakeable Presence of a God Who Never Leaves" by Michele Cushatt. If you have any questions, please see Clara Sommers or Savanah Hofstetter Ressler.

Bible Memory Update: The Bible Memory program is completed and there will be a recognition of all the participants next Sunday, June 12th. Please see Charla Sommers or Savanah Hofstetter Ressler if you have any questions.



All-Church Social – Sunday, June 26 from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Family Ministry is having a church social at Gary & Charla Sommers' house on Sunday, June 26, from 2-6pm. Dessert will be served at 4pm.

Bring your lawn chair and sit around the pool or swim and enjoy the afternoon with our church family. All ages are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Marsha Miller, Vee Miller & Sheryl Weaver



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>.



Maple Grove is in charge of the snacks this year & VBS Committee is looking for help!

- **Food Donations Needed!** A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby. If you would like to help, please sign up for the item(s) you will donate and bring to the church by Sunday, June 19th.
- **Volunteers Needed!** Three volunteers are needed each day to assist with preparation and serving of daily snack time. You will need to arrive at Evermore at 8:30am. Please sign up if you are willing to volunteer.

Thanks for your help! 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, June 9, at 6:00 p.m.

The Hartville Migrant Center is in need of help with their Youth Program this summer!



Since outreach to the marginalized in our community was one of the areas our church discerned as something we felt called to do, Maple Grove has decided to take on this opportunity. It runs June 8th through August 10th on Wednesday evenings from 6-8pm. They are looking for people to come and lead informal discussions with the youth about a variety of topics that they are facing (mental health, smart spending, creative hobbies, discovering identity, job training opportunities & making connections for them, healthy relationships, drug & alcohol, unplugging from electronics, driving tips, establishing healthy food habits. etc.) and/or play games and do activities. It is very informal and is a small group of about 8-10 youth. If anyone is willing to come spend an evening with the youth or if you have any questions, please contact Jill Liechty.



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!

WATER FOR THE FUTURE



For families in the area of Potosí, Bolivia, water shortages are a very real threat. Your gift to MCC will help to pipe spring water from the mountains for their household use and irrigation. Your gift will also support local conservation efforts like tree planting. Investing in this community helps to protect water sources and land while reducing the need for people to migrate. Pictured, Severino Zárate Choque stands in a water recharge zone. Protecting these zones (areas at high altitude above natural springs) also helps to ensure that communities have sufficient water.

Learn more: <https://mcc.org/stories/harvest-water>

- \$30 provides fruit and forest trees to help with reforestation
- \$100 provides pipes to transport spring water

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!

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.



Anabaptist Worship Network and Mennonite Education Agency are presenting a free webinar about intergenerational worship on Tuesday, June 7, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

How can we best engage all life stages in worship? What works well to facilitate worship with children, youth, young adults, middle aged adults, aging adults? What can we learn from alternative movements like messy church and forest church? You are invited to join panelists from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada for a discussion on how congregations can best implement intergenerational congregational worship. Click [here](#) to register online

Lake Township Historical Society Fireside Chat - June 11

On Saturday, June 11, the Lake Township Historical Society will hold their Fireside Chat "Celebrating Knowles Press, Hartville News" from 2-4pm at Advent Lutheran Church (1516 Edison St NW in Uniontown). See the newsletter posted on the bulletin board at the church – copies are available on the literature rack. Go to [Home | Lake Township Historical Society - One Room Schoolhouse](#) for more information.

Friends of the Lake Community Library is holding its Annual Book Sale in Lake High School Cafeteria.

Gently-read books, DVDs, jigsaw puzzles and games will be available. Cash or check only. Proceeds of sale go to assist Lake Community Library Programs. Volunteers are welcome!

- June 15 5:30-7:30pm (Members' Night)
- June 16 9:00am-7:30pm
- June 17 9:00am-5:30pm
- June 18 9:00am-1:00pm (Grocery-sized bag/bag sale)

For more information check lakelibraryfriends.info or email fol.lake@gmail.com

MCC Great Lakes launches new initiative: Churches Engaging on Climate Change (CECC)

In light of MCC's commitment to care for God's creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change, MCC is looking for congregations interested in engaging in climate change in their own communities. CECC offers education and advocacy opportunities, connections with local partners and seed grants. Learn more and sign up for additional information at mcc.org/churches-climate-change.

The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In our current issue, Executive Director Kevin King shares a story of angels among us, we celebrate the MDS career of Jerry Grosh, and an MDS volunteer is reframing the Psalms as Haiku. Click [here](#) to read more – copies are available on the literature rack at the church as well.

Announcements & Prayers for June 2022 from Ohio Conference:

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

- Mennonite Education Agency has compiled [Prayers for Mennonite Education](#) for June.
- [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 June are available [here](#).

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)
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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-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement