



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

Newsletter dated  
July 22, 2022

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

**Sunday's Service**  
**July 24, 2022**



**Message:** Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Paul Bontrager  
**Song Leader:** Lois Bontrager

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship

STS #31 *Jesus, Be the Center*

Leader: We are a covenant people called to God by God, generation through generation.  
**People: We are a covenant people called to Jesus by Jesus, losing our life to gain our life.**  
Leader: We are a covenant people called to church by the church, weaving together the strong and the weak, the stranger and the friend.  
**People: We are renamed, reborn, renewed.**  
**All: We gather ourselves in the community of believers.  
We gather ourselves unto You.**

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
  
Offering – General Fund

STJ #2 *Come, Walk with Us*  
STS #16 *Peace Before Us*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Message

Luke 9:21-27 (NRSV)

***How We Read Scripture:  
Christocentrism Explored - Part 3***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer

VT #803 *We Shall Overcome*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

STJ #78 *We Will Walk with 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-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, Sam Miller, Carol Sommers, Junior Sommers.

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Jon Misner (Julie Weaver's brother); Eric Coblentz (Carol Sommers' nephew); 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.

To Maple Grove Mennonite Church from Lighthouse Ministries Board:

Thank you for your support of Lighthouse Ministries. With your help, we are able to give the students of Southeast Canton quality programming and positive community. Thank you!



**Offering Last Sunday, July 17, 2022 – Education Sunday**

**Attendance: 53**



Thanks for Your Support!

General Fund	\$ 2,750.00
Education Fund	56.00
Special Designations	1,200.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,006.00</u>

**Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship @ Church**

**Join us Sunday mornings before Sunday School – Everyone is welcome!**

If you would like to help with supplying donuts and/or baked goods, please get in touch with Barb Dutcher (for baked goods) or Perry Miller (for donuts). Two dozen donuts and homemade or store-bought baked goods are needed at the church by 9am on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your help!



**A note from Ministry of Congregational Care:** In response to decisions made at the MCUSA Special Delegate Assembly held May 27–30, 2022, Ohio Mennonite Conference is undergoing an evaluation of its affiliation with MCUSA via a review process. Any questions should be directed to a member of MOCC and/or Pastor Nathanael.



**There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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.



**The Church Campout Weekend is being planned for August 13-14 at Lake O’Pines Campground.** Activities are being planned for Saturday afternoon and evening with a dinner on Saturday at 5:30pm. The worship service will be on Sunday at Lake O’Pines at 10am with a carry-in meal at noon. Below is a schedule. Any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care.

<b>Saturday:</b>	3:00pm	Games & activities begin for all ages
	5:30pm	Dinner – Haystack meal
<b>Sunday:</b>	9:00am	Coffee and donuts
	10:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Carry-in (please bring serving utensil with your dish)



**Family Ministry has freezer meals available for those in need.**

These can be taken to someone in the church or a neighbor or a friend who could use some help. The meals are in the freezer in the church kitchen and labeled with heating instructions. There is frozen Tater Tot Casserole and Chicken Pot Pie with fruit slush for dessert – take 2 or more fruit slushes for each meal you take as there are a lot of cups of the fruit slush. Please let Cindy in the church office know what you are taking and who it is going to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry – Barb Dutcher, Marsha Miller, Vee Miller, Sheryl Weaver



**My Coins Count offering goes to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio**

**Mennonite Relief Sale Aug. 5-6.** 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 necessary for life! People will not survive if they go more than three days without water.**

- ✚ *MCC works around the world to help people dig wells and find sources of clean water.*
- ✚ *MCC builds latrines and provides water filtration systems in places like Haiti and Nigeria in order to help prevent disease.*
- ✚ *In India, MCC creates irrigation systems that bring water from hills down to villages.*
- ✚ *In Jordan, MCC installs water collection tanks and gardens at schools in order to improve the learning environment.*

**You can help with these projects - share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!**

**Mark your offering envelope for My Coins Count – last Sunday to collect is July 31<sup>st</sup>!**

**If you took a bank home to collect your change, please bring back to church and set by the mailboxes – thank you!**

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



**The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster (199 Vanover Street, Wooster, OH 44691), on Friday, August 5 (4-8pm) and Saturday, August 6 (7am-3pm).**

**Opportunity for Service:** Many people are needed to volunteer for many things for the Relief Sale!!! Pam Blough is coordinating some of the volunteer opportunities in our community and below are several opportunities for you to consider. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board at the church.

1. **Prepare and/or roll egg rolls:** Last year, egg rolls brought in a little under \$9,000! The Hartville Kitchen has graciously given us the use of their facility to prepare the filling and roll the egg rolls. Kindly consider giving some of your time on Wednesday, August 3, to help prepare the filling (8am-2pm) or Thursday, August 4, to roll the egg rolls (8am-4pm). The more people we have – Thursday is the big day for rolling – the better it will be!
2. **Egg roll stand:** During the sale, egg rolls will be served on Friday evening from 4-8pm and on Saturday from 10am-2pm. We will need 4 volunteers for both four-hour shifts, or 8 volunteers for 2-hour shifts.
3. **Assist the people who are grilling chicken:** People are needed to help the chicken griller (helping to turn the racks, etc.). Volunteers will be needed at the Fairgrounds to help on Friday from 1-6pm and Saturday from 8am-2pm.

*Thank you in advance for considering to volunteer! Hope to see you at the Relief Sale!*

Go to [Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale](#) for more information about the Relief Sale & Auction!

**Lake Township Historical Society Community Hymn Sing during Lions' Club Festival - August 18**

The Community Choir will sing on Thursday, August 18, at 6:30pm in the big tent at the Hartville Marketplace. If you would like to be a part of the choir, practices are at Cornerstone Community Chapel on July 25, August 1 & 8 from 6:30-8:00pm. For more information or any questions, please contact Rosie Vadasz at 330-877-3780 or [lths1995@gmail.com](mailto:lths1995@gmail.com).

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

In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. Click [here](#) to read more – copies are available on the literature rack at the church as well.

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

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 Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler: Pastor ([pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))  
 - Office Hours: Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-1-3pm; Friday-Sabbath  
 Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Basement