



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

Newsletter dated  
August 5, 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  
August 7, 2022**



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

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship

VT #9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
  
Offering – General Fund

HWB #598 *A Wonderful Savior is Jesus  
Lead Us Back*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Message

Isaiah 1:1, 10-17 (NRSV)

***Instead of a Show***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer

*The Heart of Worship*

**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-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.

✝ 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.

✝ Pray for the people affected by natural disasters around the world. Pray for the victims, their families, and the rescue workers.



Kaydri Sommers is preparing to be baptized on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at her home. Scott & Kami would like to invite the congregation to be a part of the baptism and enjoy the celebration with the family by staying for dessert after the baptism. Pastor Nathanael will perform the baptism at 7:00 p.m. that evening at Scott & Kami's house.

Please keep Kaydri in your prayers as she prepares to be baptized.

**Offering Last Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**Attendance: 53**



Thanks for Your Support!

General Fund	\$ 3,901.00
Education Fund	250.00
My Coins Count	1,838.50
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,989.50</u>



My Coins Count goal was met and exceeded – grand total will be available next week. Thanks to all who participated!!! Ministry of Outreach

Pam Blough would like to thank everyone who signed up to help with the preparation of the egg rolls and for volunteering to work the stand at the Relief Sale. Very much appreciated!

**Nominees for Maple Grove Ministries – Ballots due back to the church by August 21**

Ballots have been placed in the mailboxes of Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1, 2022. Those not picked up on Sunday will be mailed to their homes. Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. A box is available by the mailboxes at the church to collect the ballots or you may return them to the church office. Any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Betty Miller, Vee Miller, Vernon Sommers, Jr., Michael Yoder.

## 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!



### There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10<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.

## NEXT WEEKEND IS THE CHURCH CAMPOUT

### August 13-14 @ Lake O'Pines Campground

*All are invited!*



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)



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, August 11, at 6:00 p.m.

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. 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

## Lighthouse Ministries Over the Edge Event – September 12 & 13

Ready! Set! Rappel! Join us on September 12 and 13 in downtown Canton for an epic rappelling fundraiser that will benefit Lighthouse Ministries. The first 100 people to raise a minimum of \$1,000 will earn a spot to go **Over the Edge** and rappel 150 feet down the [Historic Onesto](#) and [Bliss Lofts](#). You can register as an individual or as part of a team. Every dollar raised through each rappel will benefit the Lighthouse and our goals of providing academic support, mentoring, and scholarship opportunities for the children of SE Canton. Visit [cantonlighthouse.org](http://cantonlighthouse.org) to learn more and to register.

- Click [here](#) to read *The Beacon*, the quarterly newsletter from Lighthouse Ministries.



**A Grief Class is being offered @ Maple Grove on Thursday, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Maple Grove's Fellowship Hall & Kitchen, presented by Julie Yoder, RN, BSN, BA with Community Hospice Bereavement**

### **Tips for Eating Well and Exercising When You're Grieving the Loss of Someone You Love.**

Appetite, sleep, and motivation can be seriously affected by grief and dealing with the loss of a loved one. Cooking for one may seem futile and ridiculous. Perhaps the person who died was the "cook" of the home and you wouldn't know how to crack an egg, let alone want to. Paying attention to these areas of our lives can be even more important at times of loss. Come together to share ideas and find encouragement to:

- Improve your eating and meal preparation, and find out why that is so important.
- Boost your motivation to get up and move.
- Learn how to get better sleep and feel more rested.
- Learn some basic walking and easy exercise ideas to get started.

Join us and dress comfortably. RSVP to Kelsie at 1-800-947-7284 by Monday, August 15.

## **Announcements & Prayers for August 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 August.
- [Prayer Vine](#), a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world.

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

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Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group

(send updates to Pastor Nathanael, Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

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