



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
 September 2, 2022

**Sunday's Service
 September 4, 2022**



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

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song VT #532 *Be at Rest*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship

PRAISING

Praise Songs STJ #106 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*
I Shall Not Want
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Luke 14:25-33 (NRSV)
 Message ***Some Thoughts from Dietrich Bonhoeffer:
 Simple Obedience and Costly Grace***

RESPONDING

Song of Response HWB #544 *When We Walk with the Lord*
 Congregational Sharing & Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *I Will Follow*
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

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 Ruth Hills who had hip replacement surgery on Tuesday and recovering at home.
- ✝ Pray for Sylvia Miller who is having knee replacement surgery on Thursday, September 8th.
- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Mike Sommers; Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer, Carol Sommers, Junior Sommers; Mabel Weaver on hospice.
- ✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Marcus Yoder (Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills' brother); Jon Misner (Julie Weaver's brother); Eric Coblantz (Carol Sommers' nephew); Marv & Leroy Sommers' mother Judy.
- ✝ 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.

Thank you Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your support of the recent collection for Lake Township FISH. Many items were donated and a total of \$40.00 was collected. Thank you for your generosity. What a blessing for FISH!

	Offering Last Sunday, August 28		Attendance: 66
	General Fund	\$ 718.00	
	Education Fund	1,960.00	
	Special Designation	556.59	
	Lake Township FISH	40.00	
	Total Offering	\$ 3,274.59	

Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Kami Sommers. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General Fund with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education Fund. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, the church treasurer.



The church office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day.
Cindy will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.



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!

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, September 7



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.



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, September 8, 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

Acme Community Cash Back Program Benefits Lake Township FISH



If you shop at Acme, save your receipts and bring them in to the church – a collection box is available under the mailboxes. FISH turns these in at the end of the program date and receives cash back from Acme to help our community members in need! The program runs from August 4 through December 24, 2022.

Lake Township FISH Annual Dinner & Silent Auction – September 13

Lake Township FISH was founded in 1972; 2022 marks 50 years that FISH has been serving our community. Join us in honoring our 50th year of service to our community at our Annual Banquet on Tuesday, September 13th, at The Hartville Kitchen. Doors open at 5:00pm, the meal is at 6:00pm, and program at 7:00pm. Entertainment this year is provided by Rick Smith, Jr., a famous magician and card trick artist based out of Cleveland. This is FISH's main fundraiser and we hope to have a full house for an evening of great food and entertainment.

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 to learn more and to register.



Ohio MCC Comforter Bash looking for committee members: The Ohio MCC Comforter Bash Committee is already beginning to prepare for our next Comforter Bash on April 21-22, 2023. (Don't forget to save the date in your calendars!) With several committee members retiring, we are looking for 3-5 new volunteers to join the planning committee. Time commitment is approximately two meetings a month from September-April, with several extra work nights to prepare comforters in February-April and providing leadership during the Comforter Bash weekend in April. While comforter making or sewing experience is helpful, we also need committee members to help with event logistics, organizing food and other details that do not require sewing experience. If you're interested in joining the committee or want to learn more, please contact Sarah Doerksen at 330-201-4515 or SarahDoerksen@mcc.org.

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

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone: 330-877-2400

Website: www.mgmennonite.org

Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group

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

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): Youth Room-Basement