



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 23, 2022

**Sunday's Service
 September 25, 2022**



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Scripture Reader: Michelle Eklich
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song *Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs *Goodness of God*
How Firm a Foundation (Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6)
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading *Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 (NRSV)*
 Message *God the Refuge*

RESPONDING

Song of Response *You Are My Hiding Place/Trust in You*
 Congregational Sharing & Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *Everlasting God*
 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 those from our congregation with health concerns: Sylvia Miller; Ruth Hills; Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer, Carol Sommers, Junior Sommers; and Mabel Weaver on hospice.

✝ Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Barb Volk's sister Theresa; Marcus Yoder (Lois Bontrager and Ruth Hills' brother); Jon Misner (Julie Weaver's brother); Eric Coblentz (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.



Next Sunday, October 2nd, is World Communion Sunday. We will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation with believers from around the world. We encourage you to take time to prepare your hearts for World Communion Sunday. Dariush Meraj will be bringing the message on October 2nd.



Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee thanks Maple Grove's Sewing Group for the donation of the "Star of Bethlehem" quilt which sold for \$1,050 at the Relief Sale! A picture of the quilt is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

"We really appreciate your beautiful quilts and quality workmanship that you give to the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale to support the work of MCC. We thank God for your creativity and generosity. With grateful hearts, The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee"



Offering Last Sunday, September 18-Education Sunday

Attendance: 74

General Fund	\$ 2,720.00
Education Fund	<u>3,723.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,443.00</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!



Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Event – September 25



Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Group is for children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. Michael and Ruth Yoder are the leaders for this school year and are planning the first group activity on Sunday, September 25th, from 3:30-5:30pm at Rolling Greens for mini-golf and ice cream. All children in Kindergarten - Grade 8 are invited to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Michael or Ruth.



All-Church Social: After Church Picnic on Sunday, October 9

Family Ministry has scheduled a picnic to be held after church (noon) on Sunday, October 9, at Scott & Kami Sommers' house. All ages are welcome! Lunch will be provided – bring your lawn chairs and join the church for fellowship and games for the afternoon. The Browns game will be shown outdoors on the “Big Screen.” If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry:
Barb Dutcher, Marsha Miller, Vee Miller & Sheryl Weaver



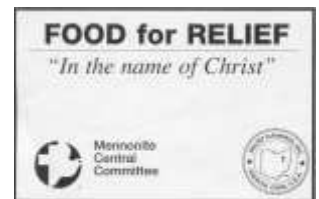
Acme Community Cash Back Program Benefits Lake Township FISH



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 through December 24, 2022.

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 8, 10 & 11

Kidron Canning for Relief will be happening....again....in 2022. The January canning went very well with 20,000# canned and sent. This October we hope to do 25,000#! Volunteers are needed daily from 5 am to 10 pm on Saturday, October 8, and Monday & Tuesday, October 10 & 11. Call Trent Metcalf @ 330-465-4191 to set up a time to help Go to www.reliefcanningkidron.org for more information on relief canning. Thank you!



Open Arms Hispanic Ministries' “Songs & Salsa” – October 16

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries invites you to their fundraiser, “Songs & Salsa” on Sunday, October 16, at 5:00 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church (3363 Zuercher Road in Dalton). Tortilla chips will be served with a variety of flavorful salsas and dips, and music will be provided by *Honeytown*. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.



Women’s Retreat @ Camp Luz – October 14-15

“Light of the World,” based on Matthew 5:14-16, will be the theme of the annual Women’s Retreat at Camp Luz in Kidron on Oct. 14-15. Although the final input session will take place Saturday afternoon, retreat participants will have the option to stay at the camp overnight until Sunday morning, Oct. 16. Speaker for this year’s retreat will be Sarah Short of Archbold. To register, go to the Camp Luz website www.campluz.com.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) Annual Gathering – October 14-16

MHF invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14-16, 2022. The theme is: “Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards.” Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from the book *Living More-With-Less* and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022/.

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

In the current issue, Executive Director Kevin King shares lessons learned while hiking, learn about the need for volunteers this fall, plus details of a new MDS warehouse in California. Click [here](#) to read more. A paper copy is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

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

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- 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