



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

Newsletter dated  
September 30, 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 is World Communion Sunday when 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 prepare your hearts for this time.

**Sunday's Service  
October 2, 2022**



**Message:** Dariush Meraj  
**Worship Leader:** Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Song Leader:** Ruth Yoder  
**Offertory:** Renee Koshmider

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer

*Hope of the Nations*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
  
Offering – General Fund

STJ #49 *Rain Down*  
HWB #472 *I Am the Bread of Life*  
  
*Trinity Song*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Message

Exodus 12:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NRSV)

*I am neither Jewish nor Pagan*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Communion  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer

*They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

*Shine, Jesus Shine*

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)



On Sunday, we welcome Dariush, Emily, Cyrus & Parsa Meraj. Dariush will be bringing the message on Sunday. Maple Grove thanks you for joining us and wish you God's blessing.



✝ Pray for Izzie Liechty who is having foot surgery on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

✝ 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 Alta Bates' brother-in-law, Jerry Potter, who is receiving radiation treatments for cancer of the esophagus and facing a serious surgery.

✝ 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).

✝ 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.



To my church family,  
Thank you so much for bringing meals in to Leona (my sister) & Laverne's house for my mom Mabel and for Leona & Laverne to share. It is so appreciated and helpful!  
Blessings, Becky Lubbers



**Offering Last Sunday, September 25**

General Fund	\$ 2,671.00
Special Designation	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 2,721.00</u>

**Attendance: 67**

**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!



### **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

### **The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, October 5**



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knit 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.

### **There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5.**

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.



### **Family Ministry has NEW 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 Rigatoni, Sausage & Potato Soup, Apple Crisp, and there are fruit slushes left as well. 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 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](http://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](http://www.campluz.com).

## **Announcements & Prayers for October 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 October](#). These prayer requests have been gathered from the member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, as well as the colleges, universities, seminaries and educational programs of Mennonite Church USA.
- *Prayer Vine*, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The October issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available.

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

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(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): Youth Room-Basement