MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

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

Maple Grove Newsletter

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

Newsletter dated November 11, 2022

Sunday's Service
November 13 2022
4 of 5-part Sermon Series on Anabaptism

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

GATHERING
Prelude
Opening Song — *Standing on the Promises*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING
Praise Songs — *Build Your Kingdom Here*
Knowing You, Jesus

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD
Scripture Reading — John 6:14-15; 18:33-37 & Acts 2:43-47 (NRSV)

Message — ***Anabaptism: Economics and Christendom***

RESPONDING
Song of Response — HWB #392 *Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord*
Congregational Sharing & Prayer

SENDING
Sending Song — *We Will Dance*
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: Rachel Weaver at Woodlawn; and the following members recovering from surgeries: Becky Lubbers who had hand surgery, Carol Sommers who had back surgery, and Kami Sommers who had foot surgery.*

✞ *Pray for Mabel Weaver on hospice, and pray for her caregivers.*

✞ *Pray for Sara Mae Miller who is moving into an assisted living facility.*

✞ *Pray for healing for others with health concerns: Tom Johnson's sister, Brenda Richardson, recovering from a liver transplant; Alta Bates' brother-in-law, Jerry Potter, with esophageal cancer.*

✞ *Pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Pray for those affected by violence and hate.*

Thank You from Julie Weaver:

Our family was so blessed and thankful to have Maple Grove praying for our brother, Jon Misner. His health journey was very long and very hard. We praise God for bringing him through this journey. Because of the trauma his body endured he is blind in his left eye and only has partial vision in his right eye. He is now off of dialysis and is gaining strength each day. Thank you for your faithful prayers, they were felt and made a difference in his life. We are so grateful!
University Hospital did a story on his incredible journey. Below is the link.
https://www.uhhospitals.org/Healthy-at-UH/articles/2022/10/home-to-hartville

Offering Last Sunday, November 6 **Attendance: 59**

General Fund	$ 2,210.00
Education Fund	600.00
Special Designation	250.00
Total Offering	$ 3,060.00

PLEASE NOTE: Cindy will be out of the office on Monday and working Tuesday, Thursday & Friday next week.

Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Event – November 13

Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Group's next activity will be on Sunday, November 13, at Sky Zone Trampoline Park in Canton (4381 Whipple Ave NW). All children in Kindergarten - Grade 8 are invited to attend! You can meet the group at Sky Zone at 4:30 p.m. or you can meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. for a ride to and from Sky Zone. We will jump from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Suggested cost is $10 per child. If you have any questions, please contact Michael or Ruth Yoder.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16. 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 Savanah Hofstetter Ressler.

The 100-year anniversary committee would like to announce that we will use the Sunday school time on Sunday, November 27th, to celebrate 100 years at Maple Grove. We plan to have the updated history of Maple Grove ready for purchase. We've extended an invitation to the author, Elwood Yoder, and he will likely attend the event.

You are encouraged to invite guests to the celebration! Extend an invitation to family members, out-of-town guests, former members and interested visitors. We will be gathering during our Sunday School time that morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. with an informal snack/breakfast time from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

A Call for Artifacts:

The committee is also requesting that members of Maple Grove bring in historical artifacts and photographs related to the history and the larger church community. Examples of this will be provided over the next several weeks during announcements. Please bring your artifacts over the next several weeks and we will provide a display table in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out a note card to accompany your artifact and explain what it is. Thank you for your participation.

-The 100-year Anniversary Committee:
Michael Yoder, Gary Sommers, Clara Sommers, Rhoda Sommers & Lee Yoder

From Ministry of Gifts Discernment

The following members have agreed to serve on committees beginning January 1, 2023. Many agreed to serve another term on their committee. Ministry of Gifts Discernment appreciates everyone's willingness to serve. And thank you to those coming off committees the end of the year: Nancy Beachy as an Usher and Vee Miller on Family Ministry.

Committee	Member	Term Expires end of year
Building & Grounds (3-year term)	Larry Hills	2025
Charity (7-year term)	Dan Dutcher	2029
Family Ministry (2-year term)	Betty Miller Marsha Miller	2024 2024
Food Committee (2-year term)	Becky Lubbers	2024
Ushers (2-year term)	Jim Miller Leroy Sommers	2024 2024

The Ministry of Gifts Discernment:
Vee Miller, Charla Sommers, Vernon Sommers, Michael Yoder

Outreach Ministry

Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – November 13 & 20

Maple Grove is collecting boxed stuffing mix for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach this year. Our goal is to collect 250 boxes of stuffing mix! We will also collect $10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. You may also make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for FISH. **The collection Sundays are November 13 & 20**.

The Thanksgiving Outreach will be at Evermore Community Church on Tuesday, November 22. Volunteers are needed that Monday and Tuesday. People can use this link to sign up to volunteer: https://bit.ly/FISHVolunteer. Any questions, please contact Harold Beachy with Ministry of Outreach. Thank you so much for your support to make this event a success!

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.

Deck the Halls & Stock the Store

Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse. In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity that comes with a parent's ability to provide for their children.

- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services.
- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse. Affordable means the gifts will be marked down at least 25% of the purchase price.
- Please make sure that every gift has the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging.
- Please tape the tag on the gift.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Wednesday, November 30.**

Any questions, please contact Holly Miller.

'TIS THE Season OF Giving

love OUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

It's time for LOC Christmas 2022!
This event is a time dedicated for our local schools, businesses, churches, and individuals to partner together to alleviate some of the burden that the holiday season can bring upon so many families. This year, we will be offering a combination of gift cards and items at a fraction of the cost to local families in need, including necessities like new blankets, socks, toiletries, and gently used winter weather gear. Families will also have the opportunity to shop the LOC Warehouse!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Purchase gift cards for $10, $20, $40 or $60 – see the Christmas giving tree in the church lobby, and take a tag for the amount you would like to spend. Suggestions of where to purchase gift cards are printed on the back of the tag.
  - ➢ Label gift card(s) with gift amount and return to the church.
- If you wish to purchase physical gifts, visit LOC Christmas website and select one of the stores listed under the Gift Wish Lists. A Charity List of requested items is shown for each store.
  - ➢ Return the **UNWRAPPED** gift to the church.

Please send in all donations to the church by Wednesday, November 30th.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Miller. For more information about Love Our Community and to sign up to volunteer, visit Love Our Community's website www.loveourcommunity.net.

Support Adriel's Angel Tree Project: Each $25 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift for an Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Please help Adriel reach their $5,000 goal to assure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive a Christmas gift from their wish list in time for the holiday. Visit Adriel Angel Tree to make an online donation or mail a check with the memo "Angel Tree" to Adriel at PO Box 188 West Liberty, OH 43357.

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 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

Advent Season Resources: "Restoration is Near!" is the theme of the Advent at Home 2022 worship guide now available from Mennonite Church USA (MC USA). Using the theme developed for *Leader* magazine, the guide offers weekly and daily Scriptures from the lectionary texts, worship rituals, prayers, activities, and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for Advent through Epiphany. Click here to go the website for a digital copy or to print a copy. Contact Cindy in the church office if you would like a printed copy.

You're invited to a special celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift on November 22!
This live, virtual event will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network, which has raised more than $250 million over the last 50 years for the work of MCC at home and around the world. All while providing affordable secondhand goods and community connection. Let's celebrate that legacy! The virtual event will take place at 8 p.m. EST / 7 p.m. CST. Register online to reserve your spot today at thrift.mcc.org/celebrate50.

***Behind the Hammer* is the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service.**
Each issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. Click here to view the digital version of *Behind the Hammer*. Copies of the *Behind the Hammer* magazine are available on the literature rack at the church.

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		**Children/Youth Classes**	
Women's Class:	Room 1-Education Side	PreK-4th Grade:	Rooms 7-8
Mixed Intergenerational Class:	Room 2-Education Side	Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8):	Rooms 3-4
Men's Class:	Room 9-Hallway	Youth (Grades 9-12):	Youth Room-Basement
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's:	Basement		