



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
November 18, 2022

Sunday's Service November 20, 2022

Last of 5-part Sermon Series on Anabaptism

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Julie Yoder
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager



GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

STJ #18 *Over My Head*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

STJ #27 *God of the Bible
Build Your Kingdom Here*

Offering – Education Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:8; Matthew 5:9; Luke 9:23-24; Romans 12:14-21 (NRSV)

Message

***Anabaptism:
Peace and Justice***

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing & Prayer

STJ #61 *How Can We Be Silent*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

VT #793 *We Are Marching*

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)



Today we extend Christian sympathy to the family of Mabel Weaver. Mabel passed away on Monday and the funeral was held on Friday. Our prayer for the family is that they may find comfort and peace through Jesus during this time of loss.



- ✝ Pray for those from our congregation with health concerns: Rachel Weaver who is back at GentleBrook recovering from a fall; Becky Lubbers who had hand surgery, Carol Sommers who had back surgery, and Kami Sommers who had foot surgery.
- ✝ Pray for Sheryl Weaver who is having a hysterectomy on Tuesday.
- ✝ Pray for Sara Mae Miller who has moved 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.



Offering Last Sunday, November 13

Attendance: 71

General Fund \$ 2,645.00

Total Offering \$ 2,645.00

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on November 20th, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

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.

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!

Please Note: The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The newsletter will be printed and distributed on Wednesday, November 23.
Please have all items for the newsletter to Cindy by Tuesday, November 22. Thank you!



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

Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the winter quarter which begins December 4th. SS quarterlies for the spring quarter will be ordered the end of December. Please let Rhoda Sommers know how many quarterlies your class will need. The *Rejoice* devotional magazine for the winter quarter has been placed in the mailboxes of those who have requested to receive it. If you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the list to receive *Rejoice*, please let Rhoda Sommers know or contact Cindy in the church office. Thank you – Ministry of Education



Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – Last Sunday to collect is November 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. Any questions, please contact Harold Beachy with Ministry of Outreach. Thank you so much for your support to make this event a success!



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 – there is a basket to collect the cards by the giving tree.
- 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.

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. If you are purchasing a gift card, there is a basket by the Lighthouse board for gift cards.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Wednesday, November 30.**

Any questions, please contact Holly Miller.

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



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.



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.

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

In our current issue, learn about the MDS long-term response to Hurricane Ian in Florida, read about volunteers responding to Hurricane Fiona in Atlantic Canada, a new web page with volunteer opportunities closer to home, and information on the up-coming MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania in February. Click [here](#) to read more. A paper copy is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Christmas at Malone – Friday, December 2 & Saturday, December 3

The Malone University Department of Music is delighted to announce our annual Christmas concert on December 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center for Worship and Fine Arts. This year's concert theme is **Savior of the Nations, Come!** Tickets are available at [Christmas at Malone | Malone University](#) for \$10 & \$15. Tickets may also be purchased at the door for \$15.00.

Oak Grove Mennonite Church's 34th annual "Search for the Christ Child" – December 4

Experience the Christmas story as it happened over 2000 years ago! Join fellow searchers on a 45 minute, indoor-outdoor, walk-through experience, as we re-enact the events of the very first Christmas! Come & go between 5-7pm on Sunday, December 4, at Oak Grove Mennonite Church located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville – dress warmly! Bring a canned good or toiletry item for People to People Ministries. The tour is handicap accessible.

Lake Township Historical Society's Annual Dinner & Silent Auction is Friday, December 2, at the Hartville Kitchen. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., seating for dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$35 per person. For reservations, call Rosie Vadasz at 330-877-3780. Reservation deadline is November 28. Copies of their newsletter are available on the literature rack at the church with more details and a reservation form that can be mailed to the Historical Society's address.

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-4 th Grade:	Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8):	Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12):	Youth Room-Basement