



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))



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

Newsletter dated  
 January 12, 2023



On Sunday, we welcome Eric Coblentz to Maple Grove.  
 Eric will be bringing the message and sharing about his family's missionary work in Indonesia.

**January 15, 2023**



**Message:** Eric Coblentz  
**Worship Leader:** Gary Sommers  
**Song Leader:** Lois Bontrager

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

STJ # 19 *I Will Call Upon the Lord*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
 Offering – *Education Fund*

STJ #97 *The Lord is My Light  
 Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
 Message

Mark 9:14-29 (NIV)

***Faith Tested***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #601 *Lead me, Guide me*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
 Benediction/Blessing  
 Postlude

STJ #78 *We Will Walk With God*

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 is having knee surgery on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.

✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver's brother, John Yoder, recovering from a car accident; Tom Johnson's sister, Brenda Richardson, recovering from a liver transplant.

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

✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world, and those involved with the relief and recovery efforts due to the natural disasters.



**Offering last Sunday, January 8, 2023**

**Attendance: 68**

General Fund	\$ 6,179.50
Education Fund	600.00
Special Designation	1,500.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 8,279.50</u>

**The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;**

on January 15<sup>th</sup>, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



**The 2022 year-end giving statements should be available next week.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**New work schedule for Cindy, Church Secretary, for 2023.** Cindy will be working 3 days a week – Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. The newsletter and Sunday's order of service will be finalized and printed on Thursday each week. Please have all items that you would like included in the newsletter or to be part of the worship service to Cindy by Wednesday evening each week. Thank you!

## 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!



### Annual Congregational Business Meeting – January 29

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The meeting will begin after the Youth Group has a fundraiser lunch. An email has been sent to the chairperson of each committee and ministry requesting an updated report for 2022. If you haven't already turned in your report, please submit your report as soon as possible. *Thank you!*



### DON'T FORGET: 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, and Apple Crisp. 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



### Everence College Scholarship for 2023-2024 – Applications due by February 28

Everence is continuing its college scholarship program for the 2023-24 school year and will be accepting applications through **Feb. 28, 2023**. The program awards scholarships of \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$3,000. To be eligible the student or the student's parent must own or be using an Everence product. For more details or to apply, visit [everence.com/college-scholarships](https://everence.com/college-scholarships).

### Click [here](#) for the recent issue of Toolkit; the quarterly newsletter from Everence.

Paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

### **Missional Workshop – April 15 @ St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin**

Ohio Conference is offering a Missional Workshop this year instead of its annual Missional Conference. Entitled “Outward Church: Mobilizing the church wherever you are,” this workshop will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at St. Francis Spirituality Center in Tiffin, Ohio. Mauricio Chenlo, Minister for Church Planting at Mennonite Mission Network, will be facilitating this day-long event. During this interactive workshop, participants will see replicable examples of Jesus’ approach to mission. They will also have ample time to work on, develop, and receive feedback on their own missional ideas. This is an excellent workshop for a missional outreach team to attend together to work on a missional idea. Registration fees are based on the number of people attending together from a congregation. Click [here](#) for the Conference website for more information on the workshop, or see the brochure posted on the bulletin board at the church.

**Pastor Nathanael is planning to attend. If you would like to attend, please let Nathanael or Cindy in the church office know by Monday, March 27, so registration can be done as a group.**

### **2023 Annual Conference Assembly for Ohio Mennonite Conference – March 3-4**

Central Christian School in Kidron will host the Ohio Mennonite Annual Conference Assembly on March 3-4. The theme for this year is “Doing Life Together: Rooted and Grounded in Love,” based on Ephesians 3:16-21. Click [here](#) for more information and to register online. Paper copies of the registration form are available on the literature rack at the church. Registration price increases after February 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group

(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 – 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