



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))



Maple Grove  
*Newsletter*

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

Newsletter dated  
 January 19, 2023



Anabaptist  
 World Fellowship  
 Sunday

January 22, 2023

**Message:** Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Myron Weaver  
**Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song *The Power of Your Love*  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

Praise Song *Living Hope*  
 Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31; 1 Peter 1:3-6 (NRSV)  
 Message *Jesus Christ: Our Hope*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *Hymn of Heaven*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *Hope of the Nations*  
 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 Ruth Hills who had knee surgery on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- ✝ Pray for Cindy Fleming's family on the passing of her mother-in-law, Theresa Fleming.
- ✝ 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 15-Education Sunday**

**Attendance: 75**

General Fund	\$ 2,040.00
Education Fund	1,723.00
Special Designation	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 8,763.00</u>



The 2022 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. If you would like your giving statement mailed to you, please contact Cindy in the church office.

**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.

**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!



**There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25.**

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.

**Annual Congregational Business Meeting & Youth Fundraiser Lunch – January 29, 2023**



The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting next Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, after the Youth Group has a haystack fundraiser luncheon.

*All are welcome to stay for lunch and attend the meeting!*

The Annual Report booklets have been emailed to you or placed in your mailbox if you do not use email. There are a few extra copies available under the mailboxes. Please let Cindy in the church office know if you would like a printed copy in your mailbox.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Administration (Adam Weaver, John Koshmider, Perry Miller, Marty Miller, Jade Liechty & Scott Sommers).



**Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Event – Sunday, February 5, 4-6pm**

The Kids Club/Jr Youth Group for grades K-8 will meet at the church on Sunday, February 5, for a Make Your Own Pizzas and Valentine Fun Night. We will meet from 4-6pm. Please see Ruth or Michael Yoder if you have any questions.



**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



**The January-February 2023 issue of the Ohio Mennonite Evangel from Ohio Conference is now available.** Click [here](#) to read the issue online; paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church

## **Mental Health First Aid Workshop – February 25 @ St. Jacob’s Lutheran Church**

Learn how to support your friends, family and neighbors. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance abuse among adults. You'll build skills and confidence you need to reach out and provide support to those who are struggling. You'll also learn how to help connect them to appropriate support. St. Jacob's Lutheran Church (1460 State St. NE) is sponsoring this workshop on: Saturday, February 25, beginning at 8am. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/223494023289156>. **Registration deadline is February 4.** Lunch will be provided. Pastor Nathanael is planning to attend and welcomes any to attend with him.

## **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.**

## **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).

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

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Website: [www.mgmennonite.org](http://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](mailto: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 – 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