



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
 January 26, 2023

January 29, 2023

*What does the Lord
 require of you?*

**DO JUSTICE.
 LOVE KINDNESS.
 WALK HUMBLLY.**

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #11 *Mountain of God*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs

STJ # 18 *Over My Head*
 STJ #13 *My Soul is Filled with Joy*

Offering – General Fund

VT #207 *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Message

What does the LORD require of you?

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STJ #56 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STJ #78 *We Will Walk with God*

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 with health concerns: Ruth Hills recovering from knee surgery; 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 22

Attendance: 73

General Fund	\$ 6,700.00
Charity Fund	10.00
Special Designation	<u>500.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 7,210.00</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 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!

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Tuesday, January 31st

PLEASE NOTE: SEWING IS ON TUESDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY & LUNCH IS PROVIDED!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. **Spend the day or come for just a bit - lunch is provided this month!** Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Annual Congregational Business Meeting & Youth Fundraiser Lunch – January 29



This Sunday is the Annual Congregational Business Meeting after the Youth Group 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 extra paper copies available under the mailboxes.
- 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.



FISH Collection –February 5th & 12th



The Ministry of Outreach is having a collection for Lake Township FISH as part of their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" project to tackle hunger. 100% of the donations received for this event will go to Lake Township FISH to serve our community members in need.

- *Did you know that 1 in 3 students struggle with food insecurity right here in our community? Food insecurity is when they aren't sure where their next meal will come from and whether their family will have enough to meet their basic needs. FISH food pantry can help meet these needs.*

If you would like to help, brown bags are available at the church for collecting non-perishable food and hygiene items (cereal, condiments, pasta sauce, crackers, baking mixes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, soap, etc.).

Please bring items to the church by February 12th – Super Bowl Sunday.

You may also donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH.

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



To Maple Grove Mennonite Church from Lighthouse Ministries in Canton:

We'd like to thank you for all the ways you supported the Lighthouse this year. Through prayers, financial support, and volunteer hours given, the impact of the love and support surrounding the Lighthouse was felt deeply. With your help we were able to do and be a part of some really cool things. Here are some highlights:

- New additions to our After-School Enrichment Schedule. Students in this program began taking pottery, cake-decorating, and drama classes at the Lighthouse this fall. These hands-on experiences have sparked creativity and engaged imaginations in new ways.
- We have officially launched our C2 Saturdays programming. Last year our pilot Strings program, in collaboration with the Canton Symphony Orchestra, providing weekly music lessons to Lighthouse students was a huge success! This year we have extended Strings to run all year and added more classes.

As fellow Kingdom citizens committed to impacting the world around us, we start this new year looking forward to continuing to be a safe place where young changemakers from our neighborhood learn, play, and are challenged to grow. Thank you for your partnership in this work. *Darin Nissly, Executive Director Lighthouse Ministries*

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe

938 W. Maple Street, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone 330-877-2769



January 21, 2023

Maple Grove Mennonite Church
2121 Smith Kramer St. NE
Hartville, OH 44632

Dear Partnering Church,

Congratulations!!!

Thanks for your support as a partnering church, board members and volunteers from your congregation, and as donors and customers, the Hartville Thrift Shoppe was able to donate \$1M plus to MCC in 2022.

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe also contributes to **local charities** such as

- Lake Township FISH food pantry and SH Agape Bread Ministry by providing rent-free space
- Local schools' C.A.R.E programs in the form of HTS gift cards for student use as determined by the CARE administrators
- Service grants for eight individuals who participated in a variety of volunteer work.

Individuals from your congregation contributed more than 1,116 hours during 2022, including:

Nancy Beachy, Mary Hilmer, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler, Sylvia Miller, Vee Miller and Brenda LaTulippe.

In addition, Dan Dutcher and Perry Miller serve on the Board of Directors and Brenda LaTulippe is the Volunteer Coordinator.

Our current volunteers are our best recruiting tool and, in 2023, one of our focus areas will be volunteer recruitment. Potential volunteers from Maple Grove have great role models to follow.

Without partnering churches such as Maple Grove, the Hartville Thrift Shoppe would not be successful in supporting the work of MCC.

Thank you!!!!

Phil Stauffer, Executive Director
for the Hartville Thrift Shoppe



Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove for 2023-2024 School Year

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, Maple Grove has available a grant program for students enrolling in colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Copies of Maple Grove's policy and the application form can be accessed from Maple Grove's website by clicking [here](#). There are paper copies available on the literature rack in the foyer or contact Cindy in the church office.

Any interested students should return the application to Maple Grove's Treasurer, John Koshmider, by March 31, 2023.

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.



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 till 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/223494023289156>. **Registration deadline is February 4.** **Pastor Nathanael is attending and welcomes any to attend with him. Please let Nathanael or Cindy know if you need help with registering online.**

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.

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

In our current issue, get more details on how to register for the MDS Annual Celebration in Pennsylvania next month; read the latest on the MDS response to flooding in Eastern Kentucky; and learn how MDS Canada volunteers are helping hurricane victims in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Click [here](#) to read more. A paper copy is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Prayer Vine, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The February issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available. A paper copy is posted on the Conference bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

MCC Essay Contest for Youth in High School– Submissions due February 24

The annual MCC U.S. National Peace & Justice Ministries essay contest highlights the perspectives of youth on significant public policy issues. Are you a youth who attends a Mennonite high school or an Anabaptist church? This contest is your opportunity to express your views in essay format on critical issues facing U.S. society. Submissions are due February 24, 2023. The grand prize is \$1,000! Find out more about the high school essay contest at: <https://bit.ly/2023MCCEssayContest>.

Job Opportunity: The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking to fill a Donated Goods Manager position. This is a full-time, salaried position with benefits paying between \$38-48k depending on experience. Click [here](#) for more information and a copy of the job description.

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