



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
 February 16, 2023



On Sunday, we welcome Dan King and his wife Jeanette to Maple Grove.
 Dan & Jeanette live in Dover and have two married sons in Chicago and Austin. Dan is a former pastor from Beech Mennonite Church and currently on the Ministry Development Team with Ohio Conference.

February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday



Message: Dan King
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

Open the Eyes of My Heart

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – *Education Fund*

*Creation's King
 Holy is the Lord*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

Matthew 17:1-9 (NLT)

The Cloud of God's Presence

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #232 *Christ Upon the Mountain Peak*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

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 Barbara Volk and her family as her daughter has been diagnosed with cancer and one of her brothers is entering a care facility for dementia. Pray for strength for her as she continues to provide total care for the brother who lives with her.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim and Harold Beachy's sister Shirley with some health issues; Pastor Nathanael's Spanish teacher Adriana and her husband who has been diagnosed with cancer.

✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters all over the world; remember those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria; and pray for all those involved with the relief and recovery efforts due to these natural disasters.

✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Pray for those affected by violence and hate everywhere on a daily basis.



Thank you to Sam Miller for the delicious chocolate candies he made and were passed out to the congregation last Sunday. You are appreciated Sam!



Offering last Sunday, February 12

General Fund	\$ 4,280.00
Lake Township FISH	45.00
100-Year Book Sales	20.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,345.00</u>

Attendance: 64

Online giving thru PayPal available on website or via this QR code



The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;
on February 19th, 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.

Please note the change in the taking of the offering.

An offering basket will be available at the back of the sanctuary for you to drop your offering envelope before the service begins. The basket will be brought to the front of the sanctuary during the offertory music to be blessed during the offertory prayer. You may also place your offering in the basket after the service.

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!



Church News

Family Ministry has scheduled a game night at the church for this Sunday, February 19, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome!



We'll have pizza at 5:30. Bring your favorite game to play and come enjoy the fellowship time! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family

Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Marsha Miller & Sheryl Weaver

Ash
Wednesday



Ash Wednesday – February 22: Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and marks 40 days until Easter, excluding Sundays. This first day of Lent reminds us that new life with Christ involves a daily

surrendering of the old life, and the first step on this Lenten journey invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness by the imposition of ashes.

For the practice of Ash Wednesday this year, there will be a guide set up in the Library at the church for a self-led time of reflection, and Pastor Nathanael will be in the Sanctuary for the imposition of ashes. The church will be unlocked from 11am-6pm on Ash Wednesday for this time of reflection and imposition of ashes. We invite all to participate as we begin our journey through Lent.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22.

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.

Mark Your
CALENDAR



Congregational Discernment Meeting is on Sunday, February 26 @ 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Outreach Ministry

Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your support of the recent "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection for Lake Township FISH. Many items were donated and a total of \$45 was collected over the last two Sundays. Thank you for your generosity. What a blessing for FISH!

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry TACO TUESDAY – March 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will hold its annual Taco Tuesday fundraising dinner March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Dutch Kitchen located at 14278 Lincoln Way E, Dalton, OH 44618. Please RSVP by March 10 to kelsey@openarmshispanicministry.org or 330-466-7845 (call or text).

Ministry highlights will be shared and a freewill offering will be taken. Invite a friend and join us!



Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers' Tour

The Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers is an auditioned touring chamber choir now in its 44th year. For this year's spring break tour, they are performing at Mennonite churches and schools in Ohio and Indiana. The theme of this year's program is "Local and Global: Songs of Peace and Justice," and will feature styles and composers from the Shenandoah Valley as well as a variety of others from around the world to look at aspects of peace and justice. Programs are free of charge, and a love offering will be taken to support the choir's travel expenses as they are also touring Mennonite Churches in the Netherlands and Germany in May.

- The choir will perform a concert at First Mennonite Church in Canton on Saturday, March 4, at 6:30 pm., and at Millersburg Mennonite Church on Sunday, March 5, at 6:30 p.m.
See the poster on the bulletin board at the church for other tour dates.

Mennonite Disaster Service publications of *On the Level* and *Behind the Hammer*:

- In the current issue of *On the Level*, read about the MDS Annual Celebration in Lancaster, PA and check out the videos from the gathering; and a volunteer writes about the transformative experience during her time at Monte Lake, BC. Click [here](#) to read more.
- *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*.

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

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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)

- 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