



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 2, 2023

February 5, 2023

Peace:
One New Humanity



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

Living Waters

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NRSV)

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RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #803 *We Shall Overcome*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

STJ #109 *There is More Love Somewhere*

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.



Dear Maple Grove Mennonite Church: Thank you so much for your support of Love Our Community. We are so thankful you choose to partner with us to meet the needs of our neighbors. We receive calls every week from neighbors asking for help for themselves or for another person or family. Contacts come from employers, the police and fire departments, schools, churches, other organizations and neighbors. In 2022, we have had over 600 contacts to Love Our Community. We could not do this without you! You helped provide over 1900 meals to those in our community and Christmas support for hundreds of local kids. As we close out 2022, thank you for giving of your time, talent and resources. Kelli Viscounte and the LOC Team

Dear Maple Grove Mennonite Church: On behalf of our entire organization, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts to Lake Township FISH in 2022. In 2022, we collected 113,268 pounds of food, raised \$106,754 in funds and had volunteer hours equaling 3,415. We gave financial assistance of \$36,588 in housing support and \$24,006 in utility support. We served 1,262 individuals in our food pantry providing a total of 207,000 meals. Your commitment to helping our cause is genuinely appreciated! Kelsey Wood, Director, Lake Township FISH



Thanks for Your Support!

Offering last Sunday, January 29

General Fund	\$ 4,789.00
Youth Fundraiser Lunch	807.00
My Coins Count	<u>559.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,155.00</u>

Attendance: 77

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.

Online giving through PayPal is now available on the church website

Click on the "GIVE ONLINE" button on the top header of the website, or use this QR code. If you have any questions on this, please contact John Koshmider, Church Treasurer.



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.



Church News



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.

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8.

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.

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.



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



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. 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.**

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
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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