



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
 March 2, 2023



Lent 2 – March 5, 2023
Shaped by New Birth – Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSV)

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Children’s Time: Jim & Marty Miller

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song STJ #2 *Come, Walk With Us*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Song of Reflection VT #572 *Let This Mind Be in You*
Call to Worship & Prayer
 Leader: Lift your eyes to the hills—where does your help come from?
People: ***Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.***
All: ***Let us worship our God, who watches over us now and always.***

PRAISING

Praise Songs STS #72 *We are Often Tossed and Driv’n*
 VT #737 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Children’s Time
 Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4a (NRSV)
 Message ***Shaped by New Birth***

RESPONDING

Song of Response HWB #395 *Here I Am Lord*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we need new birth. Paralyzed by doubts, dead in our stubbornness and guilt, walking in blindness, our hearts are hardened to Your love. We confess to the Lord . . .

(Silent Prayer)

Leader: Jesus, You have come to put the world right, to give life to the dead, and to call into existence a people born from above.

ALL: *Break in by Your creating Spirit. Send forth Your fresh wind. And open the way to real life, eternal life. Amen.*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY

Subscribers to Leader are welcome to photocopy, adapt, and project the Lenten worship materials.

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)

“Created in the Image of God, Shaped by Jesus” is the theme of the Lent-at-Home worship guide from the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). The worship guide can be downloaded from the MEA website: [Lent at Home 2023 \(mennoniteeducation.org\)](http://Lent at Home 2023 (mennoniteeducation.org)). Printed copies of the worship guide along with “Stations of the Cross” coloring pages are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary and on the literature rack at the church – please help yourself.



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- ✝ Pray for Sara Mae Miller who was in Mercy Hospital with some health issues and is being moved to a rehab facility.
 - ✝ Pray for Twila Miller who went to Mercy Hospital on Wednesday with health concerns.
 - ✝ Pray for Lura Bowin who is recovering from a fall.
 - ✝ Pray for others with concerns: Barbara Volk and her family with health issues; Harold & Nancy Beachy’s daughter Kim and Harold Beachy’s sister Shirley with some health issues.
 - ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters all over the world and pray for 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.
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Offering last Sunday, February 26

General Fund	\$ 3,570.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,570.00</u>

Attendance: 66

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



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!

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

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.

Family Ministry has a few more 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. 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



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!

Faith & Family Night for the Cleveland Cavaliers Game – March 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

Church families are invited to the Faith & Family Night game for a discounted ticket price by clicking [here](#). See the poster on the bulletin board at the church for more information.

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

Ohio Conference is offering a Missional Workshop entitled “Outward Church: Mobilizing the church wherever you are,” on Saturday, April 15, 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. 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.**

Announcements & Prayers for March from Ohio Conference:

(Copies of all are posted on the Conference bulletin board in the hallway at the church.)

- Please remember Ohio Conference congregations, pastors and related ministries in your prayers. The March-April issue of [Prayer Prompter](#) has been compiled by Dan Hooley, Prayer Coordinator for the Ohio Conference.
- *Prayer Vine*, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The March issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available.

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

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartsville, 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