



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 30, 2023



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday observes Jesus's triumphant and joyful entrance into Jerusalem, marked by jubilant crowds waving palm branches, which symbolize victory over sin, peace, and eternal life.

On Maundy Thursday, we will celebrate communion together as well as demonstrate our commitment to a servant's life by washing feet. A light meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the service following immediately after the meal. We invite all believers to come to this service, giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for this time.

For Good Friday, Pastor Nathanael has prepared devotions that will be available in the church lobby. Please help yourself to the devotions as we commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross with prayer and meditation.

Our Easter Sunday Celebration will begin with sharing breakfast together at 8:30 followed by worshipping together at 10:00 a.m. "Resurrection Sunday – *Fully Alive in Christ*"



Palm Sunday – April 2, 2023
Called to Worship – Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Michael Yoder
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Let us rejoice in all our Lord has done,

All: ***for it is marvelous in our eyes. Hosanna!***

We bless the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

STS #113 *I Will Stand in the Congregation*

HWB #51 *Let the Whole Creation Cry*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:1-11 (NRSVUE)

Message

Called to Worship

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #306 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we are isolated and alone; our failures are visible for all to see. Our days pour out like sand, our years fade and are gone. We are afraid to hope. We confess to the Lord . . .

(Silent Prayer)

Song of Reflection: VT #691 *How Long, O Lord*

Leader: Lord, we trust in You. Redeem us now, we pray.

ALL: To You, Lord, we commit all our hope and all our worship. Amen.

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #260 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

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)



Easter Sunday Breakfast – April 9 @ 8:30 a.m.

If you are planning to join us for Easter Sunday breakfast, please sign up and note how many are attending from your family. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the church or let Cindy know in the church office. *This is only for planning purposes – all are welcome to join us for breakfast Easter Sunday whether you are signed up or not!*

The Food Committee has posted sign-up sheets for breakfast items if you would like to bring something to share.



- ✝ Pray for Lori Dennis' daughter. Her apartment building caught on fire. No one was harmed by the fire, but they are working on storing belongings and navigating other related challenges.
- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Sara Mae Miller at St. Joseph's Senior Living Facility; Twila Miller; Lura Bowin; Barbara Volk and her family with health issues; Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim and Harold Beachy's sister Shirley with some health issues; Arrie Ledsome's brother-in-law Wendyl Kandel who is recovering from heart surgery; Rob Richardson, Tom Johnson's brother-in-law, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by violence and hate. Pray for peace and justice for everyone in the world.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters, and those involved with the relief and recovery efforts.



- Tuesday – April 4 @ 3:30pm - Ministry of Education Meeting
- Tuesday – April 4 @ 4pm - Ministry of Worship Meeting
- Wednesday – April 5 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- - Puzzle Time – 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday – April 6 @ 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Meal & Service
- Friday – April 7 - Good Friday Devotions
- Sunday – April 9 – Easter! - 8:30 am - Easter Breakfast
- (No Sunday School classes) - 10am - Easter Service



Offering last Sunday, March 26

General Fund	\$ 5,947.00
Education Fund	1,638.00
Special Designation	<u>1,250.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 8,835.00</u>

Attendance: 68

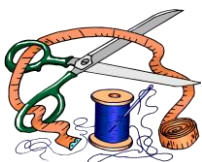
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Receiving of the offering

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

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, April 5



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

There will also be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5th.

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.



Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Event – April 16

A Kids' Club and Jr. Youth bowling event is planned for Sunday, April 16, from 4-6pm at Spins Bowl in Akron. Join us for bowling and pizza. Suggested price is \$5 per child. If you have any questions, please see Ruth and Michael Yoder.



Ministry of Outreach has kicked off the My Coins Count offering which goes to MCC at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on July 7-8 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center.

My Coins Count monies help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world.

➤ ***A staggering 784 million people, or 1 in 10, live without basic access to safe water.***

Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world! Ways to give:

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- Drop your change in the wishing well at the church

Maple Grove has an offer of matching funds for My Coins Count up to \$20,000. For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000. So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we'll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale!

The Migrant Ministry Grand Reopening Event is May 2nd, from 6-8:00 p.m.

An Open House is planned for Tuesday, May 2, to thank those who have been supporters of the ministry as well as a way to have others see how they can be involved. We are so excited to have the opportunity for you to see the newly renovated space as well as learn about upcoming programs for the workers and their families for the 2023 season. The event will include light refreshments, music and a night of fun! All proceeds go to the Migrant community. Please send an RSVP by April 15th to Leigh Ann De La Cruz at hmcvolunteercoord@gmail.com or 330-877-2983. Thanks!

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