



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 9, 2023



Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 12th.
 Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



Lent 3 – March 12, 2023
Shaped through Thirst – John 4:5-26 (NRSVUE)

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Michael Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Children's Time: Jim & Marty Miller

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Welcome & Announcements

Song of Reflection

VT #701 *You Are All We Have*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Come, let us bow down in worship.

People: *Let us kneel before the Lord our maker;*

Leader: for the Lord is our God,

People: *we are the people of God's pasture,*

All: *we are the flock under God's care.*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*All Who Are Thirsty
 How Great Thou Art*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

John 4:5-26 (NRSVUE)

Message

Shaped through Thirst

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STJ #82 *Water Has Held Us*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we long for living water. We thirst for life. And yet we have drunk deeply of resentment; we have savored self-centeredness. We confess to the Lord . . .
(*Silent Prayer*)

Leader: Today, O God, let us hear Your voice.

ALL: Give us this living water so we may never thirst again. Amen.

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #838 *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

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)



✝ Pray for Sylvia Miller who is having knee surgery on Wednesday.

✝ Pray for Arrie Ledsome's brother-in-law Wendyl Kandel who is recovering from heart surgery. Pray for his comfort and healing as he has a long recovery ahead of him.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Sara Mae Miller who has been moved to a rehab 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.

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

Below is an address for Sara Mae if you would like to send her a card or go for a visit:

Sara Mae Miller, Room 405
St. Joseph's Senior Living
2308 Reno Drive
Louisville, OH 44641



Offering last Sunday, March 5

General Fund	\$ 3,592.00
Education Fund	80.00
My Coins Count	419.00
Special Designation	500.00
Total Offering	\$ 4,591.00

Attendance: 62

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!

Wednesday Fellowship Time – March 15 @ 1:00 p.m.



There will be a time of fellowship on Wednesday afternoon in the Fellowship Hall starting at 1:00 p.m. This is a “meetup” for crocheting, coloring, for those interested in learning how to watercolor, or just to visit. Everyone is welcome – bring friends, family or neighbors and join in this time of fellowship. Any questions, please contact Clara Sommers or Vee Miller.

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.**

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