



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
(Online at [www.mgmennonite.org](http://www.mgmennonite.org))



Maple Grove  
Newsletter

*Disciples of Jesus,  
Revealing His Kingdom  
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
and Service Together*

Newsletter dated  
April 13, 2023



On Sunday, we welcome Myrri Byler to bring the message at Maple Grove. Myrri and his wife Ruthie are from the Hartville area. Myrri grew up in the Beachy Amish church, and after high school Ruthie and Myrri taught at Hartville Christian School. Their first overseas stint was with Rosedale Mennonite Missions in West Berlin for four years in the early 1980s. After grad studies, they spent several years teaching English in China. Myrri became director of China Educational Exchange, an inter-Mennonite agency in 1990. They first lived in Winnipeg and then moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia. They have lived in China at various times during the past 30 years. Myrri has also been an adjunct professor at EMU. More recently, they have lived in Thailand, relating to groups of churches in Asia who want to know more about Anabaptists and Mennonites. Last summer they decided to move "back home," a decision they feel quite good about! They have two adult children. Welcome Myrri & Ruthie!

**April 16, 2023**



**Message:** Myrri Byler  
**Worship Leader:** Gary Sommers  
**Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
  
Offering – Education Fund

*Above All  
O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
Message *Peace be with you...Now let's eat*

Luke 24:33-43 (NRSVUE)

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

*Christ is Mine Forevermore*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

*HWB #332 Blessed Assurance*

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-Voces Together (purple)



✝ Pray for the family of Judy Sommers Overholt, Leroy and Marvin Sommers' mother. Judy passed away April 6<sup>th</sup> and the funeral was held on Wednesday. Pray that the family may find comfort and peace in Jesus during this time of loss.

✝ 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.



- Wednesday – April 19
  - Puzzle Time in Fellowship Hall – 1pm
  - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 4pm
- Wednesday – April 26 @ 8am
  - Ministry of Administration Meeting
- Saturday – April 29 / 4-6pm
  - Kids' Club/Jr. Youth @ Spins Bowl
- Sunday – April 30
  - Guest Dick Barrett will bring the message
- Wednesday – May 10 @ 6pm
  - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church
- Sunday – May 21
  - Bible Memory Recognition
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8
  - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21
  - Vacation Bible School with Evermore



#### **Offering last Sunday, April 9**

General Fund	\$ 2,867.00
Education Fund	600.00
Special Designation	3,000.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,467.00</u>

**Attendance: 108**

#### **The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;**

on April 16<sup>th</sup>, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

#### **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!

#### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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



## 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, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 Savanah Hofstetter Ressler.



### Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Event – Date changed to Saturday, April 29

A Kids' Club and Jr. Youth bowling event is planned for Saturday, April 29, 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.

### Bible Memory Recognition – May 21

Bible Memory participants will be recognized on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. The last Sunday to recite verses is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see Savanah Hofstetter Ressler if you have any questions.



### Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night at Church – May 10 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Building & Grounds Committee is planning a spring cleaning & outside work night at the church on Wednesday, May 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We'll need everyone's help to be able to clean the entire church as well as spruce up the outside in one evening. So bring your buckets, rags, ladders, wheelbarrows and shovels, and join us for an evening of work and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Building & Grounds Committee:

AJ Geiser, Larry Hills, John Raber & Savanah Hofstetter Ressler

### The Hartville Thrift Shoppe needs a host family for an international volunteer coming to Hartville from late August through the following July with MCCs IVEP program.

The volunteer, Daisy Toews, is from Paraguay. Information on the volunteer is posted on the bulletin board at the church. Click [here](#) for information on the IVEP program.



Mark your calendars for VBS this summer – July 17-21! It will be combined with Evermore Community Church again this year. More details will follow. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.



**My Coins Count offering goes to MCC at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on July 7-8 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center.** With your support, MCC works with local partners to make sure people have access to clean water closer to their homes, both today and in the future. **You can share the life-giving resource of water today:**

- ✚ \$35 – for a rainwater storage tank
- ✚ \$50 – pipe spring water to a village
- ✚ \$100 – help dig a well

**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
- Take a mission bank home and start collecting your change (banks are by the mailboxes)

***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!***

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:  
Harold Beachy, Holly Miller, Savanah Hofstetter Ressler



**Join us for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 21-22!**

A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Kidron Community Park to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit [mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash](http://mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash).

**Dates:** Friday, April 21 (10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 22 (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)

**Location:** Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

**Click [here](#) for the online bi-monthly newsletter from Ohio Mennonite Conference.**

Paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

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

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Website: [www.mgmennonite.org](http://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](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))

- Office Hours: Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-1-3pm; Friday-Sabbath

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8

Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4

Youth (Grades 9-12): Youth Room-Basement