



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
 April 27, 2023



On Sunday, we welcome Dick Barrett and his wife Mary to Maple Grove. Dick is the Conference Minister for Ohio Mennonite Conference. He began his assignment as Conference Minister in the fall of 2018 on a part-time basis and began his full-time work with Ohio Conference in January 2019. Dick previously pastored at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty. He was associate pastor at Oak Grove from 2002-2006 and lead pastor from 2006-2018. Dick and Mary reside in West Liberty.

April 30, 2023



Message: Dick Barrett
Worship Leader: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

HWB #327 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Peace in Christ
 Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

John 21:1-19 (NIV)

Come, Follow Me!

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STS #39 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

STS #40 *We Will Follow*

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)

✝ Continuing prayers for Lori Dennis and her family navigating the fallout from the fire at her daughter's apartment building.

✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver, 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 – May 3
 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting (Lunch provided – bring a guest!)
 - Puzzle Time – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday – May 10 @ 6pm
 - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church
- Sunday – May 21
 - Bible Memory Recognition
 - Collection for Lake Township FISH
- 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 23

General Fund	\$ 10,490.00
Special Designation	1,250.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 11,740.00</u>

Attendance: 59

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!

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



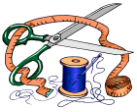
Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship @ Church

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!

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd – lunch provided & bring a guest!




Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship. **We are asking everyone to bring a guest - lunch will be provided!** Spend the day or come for just a bit - we enjoy each other's friendship while we work! If you have any questions, please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver.

There will also be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3rd.

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.

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 & Savannah Hofstetter Ressler

FISH Collection – May 21: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on May 21st. Brown bags with a list of needed items will be available on May 7 & 14. Please bring items to the church by May 21st. You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH:

- Cereal
- Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter
- Toothbrushes/paste



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.

- *The World Health Organization says good health and cleanliness require 8 gallons of water a day per person.*
- *Two-thirds of US household water use is in the bathroom - 4-6 gallons per toilet flush and 2 gallons for brushing teeth.*
- *A small drip from a faucet can waste as much as 34 gallons of water a day.*

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

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- Take a mission bank home and start collecting your change (banks are by the mailboxes).
- Drop your change in the wishing well in the church lobby.

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!



MCC Great Lakes thanks you for making the 2023 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a great success!

We surpassed our goal and knotted a total of 220 comforters thanks to the help of 240 volunteers on Friday and 135 volunteers on Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world. Save the date for next year's event on March 8-9, 2024, at a new location at Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek.

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.

Camp Luz Summer Camp Programs

Camp Luz is offering eight weeks of camp programs this summer for children ages 4-18. This year's theme is "United in Christ" based on Philippians 2:1-4. Brochures with the camp dates and rates are available on the literature rack at the church, or go to www.campluz.com.

Ohio MCC Bike Ride – July 15-16: This July a group of bike riders in Ohio will be raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) peace projects. Participants in the Ohio MCC Bike Ride will be riding 100 miles on the Ohio to Erie Trail July 15-16, using the London, Ohio, trailhead as a starting point on both days. See [Ohio MCC Bike Ride to raise funds for MCC peace projects - Ohio Mennonite Conference](#) for more details.

Announcements & Prayers for May 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 May-June issue of [Prayer Prompter](#) has been compiled for your use.
- *Prayer Vine*, a publication of Mennonite Mission Network, lists daily prayer requests for mission workers serving in locations around the world. The May issue of [Prayer Vine](#) is now available.

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

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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