



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 6, 2023

*Our Easter Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes.
 All are welcome to join us for Easter breakfast at 8:30 before the service.*



Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023
Fully Alive in Christ – Acts 10:34–43 (NRSVUE)

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #333 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Leader: We thank You, God, that You have answered us and have become our salvation.

**People: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.***

ALL: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: *Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #361 *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory
 Jesus Messiah*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 10:34–43 (NRSVUE)

Message

Fully Alive in Christ

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #346 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord, we stand in awe at the thought of Your resurrection.

People: **Can this really be true? Did this really happen? What kind of power is this?**

Leader: What does this mean for our lives? For Your church?
We confess to the Lord . . .

(Silent Prayer)

Leader: Lord, heal our every thought of disbelief in Your presence and power.
As You revealed Yourself to Your followers on that day, come to us with Your delight and love.

ALL: With joyful hearts, we renew our relationship with You. Amen.

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #340 *Lift Your Glad Voices*

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 those alone or away from their family on Easter.

✝ 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.



- Sunday – April 16 - Guest Myrri Byler will bring the message
- Sunday – April 30 - Guest Dick Barrett will bring the message
- Wednesday – April 19 @ 4pm - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting
- Wednesday – April 26 @ 8am - Ministry of Administration Meeting
- Wednesday – May 10 @ 6pm - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church



Offering last Sunday, April 2

General Fund	\$ 5,121.50
Special Designations	1,550.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,671.50</u>

Attendance: 81

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

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!



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!

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.

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 task of collecting water tends to fall on women and children between the ages of eight and 13.*
- *The average distance that someone in a developing community walks to fetch water is 3.75 miles.*
- *When you fill a 5-gallon jug with water, it weighs 44 pounds.*

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, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler



The Hartville 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!**

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.

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

Ohio MCC Bike Ride – July 15-16: You're invited to join a group of riders as they gather on July 15-16 near Columbus, Ohio, to bike 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC's peace projects around the world. Base camp and overnight camping will be at the Prairie Grass Trailhead on the Ohio to Erie Trail in London, Ohio. We will head north towards Columbus one day, while heading south towards Cedarville the other. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride

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

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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