



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
 May 11, 2023

Sunday - May 14, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

STS #34 *You Are Holy*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund
 Bible Memory Recognition

Build Your Kingdom Here
 STS #124 *My Soul Cries Out*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message *The Spirit of Truth and The Commandments of Jesus*

John 14:15-21 (NRSVUE)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer
 Mother's Day Blessing

STS #63 *God, Fill Me Now*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

VT #793 *We Are Marching*

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)

Encouragement Cards - There are encouragement cards placed in every pew so that as the Spirit lays someone on your heart, you can share your thoughts and encouraging words with them. You may place the cards in their mailbox or give directly to them.



✝ 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 17
- Saturday – May 20
- Sunday – May 21
- Sunday – May 28
- Monday – May 29
- Sunday – June 4
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21
- Puzzle Time in Fellowship Hall – 1pm
- Work Day @ Hartville Migrant Center
⇒ Volunteers needed 9am-1pm
- Graduation Sunday
- Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Pentecost Sunday
- Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- Guests Phil Stauffer & Brenda Latulippe, Hartville Thrift Shoppe, & Danae King-MCC
- OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Vacation Bible School with Evermore

Please Note: Cindy will be on vacation May 24-31. The newsletter will be printed on Tuesday, May 23, that week. If you have something to be included in the newsletter, please send to Cindy by the morning of May 23rd. 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!



Offering last Sunday, May 7

General Fund	\$ 3,420.00
Education Fund	600.00
Special Designations	3,125.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 7,145.00</u>

Attendance: 66

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!



Bible Memory Recognition Sunday – May 14

On Sunday, we will recognize the children who participated in the Bible Memory program this past school year. The children will be reciting Psalm 23 and are very excited to share with the congregation. **Congratulations go out to:**

Brooklyn Geiser	Emme Liechty	Ayden Miller	Kiley Miller	Mason Miller
Lexi O'Neill	Taylor O'Neill	Paige Sommers	Shane Weaver	Miles Yoder

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17th.

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.

Work Day @ Hartville Migrant Center – May 20 from 9am-1pm

Volunteers are needed to help with the work day planned at the Hartville Migrant Center on Saturday, May 20th. Work will begin at 9:00 a.m. Maple Grove has committed a group to help with the indoor and outdoor work that is planned so please put this on your calendar and plan to volunteer if able. Please see Pastor Nathanael if you have any questions.

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

- 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.

- ***Globally, at least 2 billion people use a drinking water source contaminated with feces.***
- ***Microbial contamination of drinking-water as a result of contamination with feces poses the greatest risk to drinking-water safety.*** ([World Health Organization – Drinking Water Facts](#))

Help provide water, the gift of life! 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!



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.

“Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program” with AMBS (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary): When God calls someone to leadership, a journey begins. Perhaps you are on that journey. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Ohio Conference invites you to join “Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program.” This program is for lay leaders, pastors, church planters, and other emerging leaders who are called without specific training for ministry or who are exploring a call to ministry. The early registration deadline to apply for fall 2023 is July 11, with the final registration deadline on August 8, 2023. For more information visit www.ambs.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or [937-935-2549](tel:937-935-2549).

Behind the Hammer is the quarterly publication of Mennonite Disaster Service. Each issue brings you compelling and inspiring stories of volunteers helping to give people hope after disaster strikes. Click [here](#) to view the digital version of *Behind the Hammer* – magazines 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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 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