



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 18, 2023

Sunday - May 21, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Gary Sommers
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song HWB #599 *He Leadeth Me*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs *God Would You Forgive Us
 All Things New*
 Offering – *Education Fund*
 Blessing for Collection for Lake Township FISH

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-14 (NRSVUE)
 Message ***So Heavenly minded, no earthly good...***

RESPONDING

Song of Response STJ #63 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer
 Recognition of Graduates

SENDING

Sending Song STS #114 *God Has Chosen Me*
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

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.*



On Sunday, we recognize those who have or will graduate this year.
Our high school graduates include Taelor Miller and Jacob Sommers.

- Taelor Miller – “I played basketball and soccer during my High School years. After graduation, I will be going to Madonna University in Michigan to play soccer and get a degree in Criminal Justice.”
- Jacob Sommers – “Throughout High School, I have participated in academic challenge, robotics, model UN, bowling, and 2 plays. After graduation, I am planning on going to The University of Akron for Computer Science.”

Our prayer for you as you walk this new path in life is that God gives you a clear sense of direction and that He blesses you along the way.



✝ *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.*



The children’s Sunday School class would like to give a “BIG” thank you to the church volunteers for the updated playground area. It is great to have somewhere to go outside and jump and play.



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| • Sunday – May 28 | - Pentecost Sunday |
| • Monday – May 29 | - Memorial Day – Church Office Closed |
| • Sunday – June 4 | - Guests Phil Stauffer & Brenda Latulippe, Hartville Thrift Shoppe, & Danae King-MCC |
| • Friday-Saturday – July 7-8 | - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr. |
| • Monday-Friday – July 17-21 | - Vacation Bible School with Evermore |

Please Note: Cindy will be on vacation May 24-31. The newsletter will be printed on Tuesday, May 23, this week. If you have something to be included in the newsletter, please send to Cindy by Tuesday morning. 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 14

General Fund	\$ 1,810.00
Special Designation	<u>1,300.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,110.00</u>

Attendance: 96

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;
on May 21st, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

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!

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 3rd 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.



Need for a couple muscles! If anyone would like to help Mary Hilmer move on Monday, May 22, at 6pm, please call or text Julie Yoder. Only need a few and shouldn't take long. Thanks!

Our Daily Bread devotionals for June-July-August 2023 are available on the literature rack at the church. Please help yourself!



Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the summer quarter which starts June 4th.

Sunday School quarterlies for the fall quarter will be ordered beginning of July. Please let Rhoda Sommers know how many quarterlies your class will need. And if you would like to be added to the list to receive the daily devotional magazine *Rejoice*, or no longer wish to receive it, please let Rhoda know that as well. Thank you – Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on May 21st.

If you would like to help out FISH, you may make a monetary donation through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH, and/or bring in the top 5 needed items which are: cereal, crackers, pasta sauce, peanut butter, toothbrushes/paste. *Thank you for your support of FISH!*



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.

- ✦ ***Water is necessary for life! People will not survive if they go more than three days without water.***
- ✦ ***MCC works around the world to help people dig wells and find sources of clean water.***

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!



Quilters needed at the Hartville Kitchen for Relief Sale!

There is going to be a quilt in the frame starting Thursday, May 25, that needs to be quilted to promote the Relief Sale's Quilt Auction in July. Please come anytime during Kitchen business hours. Get a group together, have lunch or dinner then quilt and have fun. If you have any questions, contact Freda Hathaway at 330-206-1528.



The May edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In our current issue: a West Virginia family finds a safe haven in an MDS-built home; a disaster survivor shares the terror of riding out Hurricane Fiona; and cooks share the joys and challenges of feeding an MDS crew. Click [here](#) to read more. A paper copy is posted on the bulletin board 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