



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 23, 2023

Sunday - May 28, 2023
 Pentecost Sunday



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Worship Leader:

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

Holy Spirit

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Mighty to Save
 Jesus Messiah*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message ***Everyone a Prophet: Living in the Spirit***

Numbers 11:24-30 (NRSVUE)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Revival

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

Stand in Your Love

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; Barbara Volk and her family with health issues; Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim.
- ✝ Pray for Rob Richardson, Tom Johnson's brother-in-law, who has been diagnosed with cancer. Praise that the cancer is slow growing and being monitored. Pray for his continued good health.
- ✝ 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.



- Monday – May 29 - Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- Sunday – June 4 - Guests Danae King – MCC Great Lakes and Phil Stauffer & Brenda Latulippe – Thrift Shoppe
- Wednesday – June 7 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Sunday – June 11 - Communion Sunday
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21 - Vacation Bible School @ Evermore

Please Note: Cindy is on vacation from Wednesday, May 24, through Wednesday, May 31, and will work Thursday & Friday, June 1 & 2. Please have all items for the newsletter to Cindy by Thursday morning, June 1st – thanks!



Offering last Sunday, May 21-Education Sunday

General Fund	\$ 1,650.00
Education Fund	1,810.00
Lake Township Fish	580.00
Special Designations	1,750.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,790.00</u>

Attendance: 70

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!



Ministry of Outreach would like to thank the congregation for your support of the recent collection for Lake Township FISH. Many items were donated and a total of \$580 was collected. Thank you for your generosity!



Church News



On Sunday, June 11, we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. You are encouraged to take the next weeks to prepare your hearts for this time.



Registration is open for Vacation Bible School which is the week of July 17-21.

Maple Grove is partnering with Evermore Community Church again and it will be held at Evermore each morning July 17-21 from 9am-11:30am (with the exception of Monday which will begin early at 8:30am). VBS is for preschoolers age 4 through 5th grade. Please register for the grade that your child has recently completed when registering – you may register online by clicking on this link:

<https://evermorecc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1762357> or contact Kim Weaver for assistance. The theme is "Mission: Deep Sea" focusing on the wonders of creation. On the last day of VBS, there will be an end of the week celebration involving water games! Maple Grove will be supplying snacks for the week of VBS. Sign-up sheets will be available soon for donating snacks and for volunteering. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.



My Coins Count offering goes to MCC (Mennonite Committee Central) 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.

In 2020, 5.8 billion people used safely managed drinking-water services – that is, they used improved water sources located on premises, available when needed, and free from contamination [Drinking-water \(who.int\)](https://www.who.int). The remaining 2 billion people without safely managed services in 2020 included:

- *1.2 billion people with basic services, meaning an improved water source located within a round trip of 30 minutes;*
- *282 million people with limited services, or an improved water source requiring more than 30 minutes to collect water;*
- *368 million people taking water from unprotected wells and springs; and*
- *122 million people collecting untreated surface water from lakes, ponds, rivers & streams.*

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!

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!



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.

MCC Great Lakes is seeking a Program Director: This role is responsible for the direction and oversight of MCC Great Lakes programs and church engagement. This position is expected to connect with constituent churches, groups, and partner organizations to work together and advance the mission of MCC. The full-time position will preferably be located at one of the main Great Lakes offices, but the location is flexible within the region where MCC is an authorized employer. Bilingual fluency in Spanish and English is preferred. Apply online by June 25 at mcc.org/gl-program-director. For more information, contact Wesley Wilder at WesleyWilder@mcc.org.

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

Website: 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)

- 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