



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 4, 2023



Sunday - May 7, 2023

Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #9 *Come Away from Rush and Hurry*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: God is in our midst, forming us to be God's own people.

People: *Though the way may be difficult, God will be with us.*

Leader: We need not fear.

People: *In the Lord we will take our refuge, for God is our strength.*

Leader: Come to the Lord who will surround you with God's own righteousness.

People: *Lord, open our hearts and our spirits so that we may faithfully follow You. AMEN.*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

STS #115 *Beauty for Brokenness*
Speak O Lord

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 7:55-60 (NRSVUE)

Message

Surely I'm Stephen... Right?

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Jesus, Take All of Me

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

STJ #74 *Now Go in Peace*

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)

✝ 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 10 @ 6pm - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church
- Sunday – May 14 - Mother's Day
- Bible Memory Recognition
- Saturday – May 20 - Work Day @ Hartville Migrant Center
⇒ Volunteers needed 9am-1pm
- Sunday – May 21 - Graduation Sunday
- Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Sunday – May 28 - Pentecost Sunday
- Monday – May 29 - Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21 - Vacation Bible School with Evermore

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, April 30

General Fund	\$ 4,460.00
Charity Fund	120.00
Special Designation	1,100.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,680.00</u>

Attendance: 74

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





Bible Memory Update: The Bible Memory program is completed and there will be a recognition of all the participants next Sunday, May 14, instead of May 21 as previously scheduled. The children will be reciting Psalm 23 and are very excited to share with the congregation. Please see Savannah Hofstetter Ressler if you have any questions.



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

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 – 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. 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.

- *Every two minutes, a child under five dies from a preventable waterborne illness.*
- *Without safe drinking water, families rely on contaminated water that makes them sick, and they cannot wash their hands like they should.*
- *Access to safe water and sanitation reduces the spread of disease, saving lives in the process.*

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.ambse.edu/journey, or contact your pastor, or Dick Barrett at ohioconferenceminister@gmail.com or [937-935-2549](tel:937-935-2549).

“Sunday Drive” Concert @ Hartville Kitchen on May 25
On Thursday, May 25th, the gospel trio “Sunday Drive” will present a fun, family-friendly show at the Hartville Kitchen. The matinee concert starts at 1:00 p.m. with doors opening at 12:30 p.m. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to [Sunday Drive Concert Matinee - Hartville Kitchen Restaurant & Shops](#) or call 330-877-9353. For more information about “Sunday Drive,” click [here](#) to visit their website.

The Friends of the Lake Community Library will be holding a Book Donation Drop off Event on two upcoming Saturdays, May 6 & June 3, from 10:00am to 12:00 at the Lake Community Library. We will be accepting clean, gently-read books, games, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, research materials or manuals, magazines, VCR or cassette tapes, or dictionaries. The book sale dates are June 14-17. Proceeds of sale go to assist Lake Community Library programs. Contact the library for more information.

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