



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.  
 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 (Online at [www.mgmennonite.org](http://www.mgmennonite.org))



Maple Grove  
*Newsletter*

*Disciples of Jesus,  
 Revealing His Kingdom  
 Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
 and Service Together*

Newsletter dated  
 June 22, 2023

Sunday  
 June 25, 2023



**Message:** Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Michael Yoder  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song HWB #102 *To God Be the Glory*  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *Great Are You Lord  
 Take My Life*  
 Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-3 (NRSVUE)  
***Hospitality: Holy and Healing***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response VT #811 *Use Us, God*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song VT #568 *Christ Has No Body Here but Ours*  
 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.*

✝ Pray for Alice Rini, Lura Bowin's sister, who is moving to GentleBrook on June 27. Pray for a smooth transition for her and pray for Lura as she adjusts to the change.



✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver, Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim; Julie Yoder's friend, Karen Nicholson, undergoing treatment for advanced breast cancer; Tom Johnson's Uncle Dennis who is on hospice and his Aunt Naomi for peace.

✝ 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.



To our Friends at Maple Grove Mennonite Church  
Thank you for your continued support. We truly appreciate your generosity; it helps us to meet our neighbors' unseen needs in real time. We couldn't do this without you!  
With gratitude, Kelli Viscounte and the LOC (Love Our Community) Team



- Wednesday – June 28 @ 1pm - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall
- Monday-Saturday – July 3-8 - Pastor Nathanael attending MC USA Convention & Delegate Assembly in Kansas City
- Tuesday – July 4 - Church Office Closed for Independence Day
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Wednesday – July 12 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Sunday – July 16 from 2-6pm - Family Fun Day @ Lake Mohawk after Church (Meet @ church 1:15pm to carpool)
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21 - Vacation Bible School @ Evermore
- Friday – July 21 @ 6pm - Baby Shower Open House for Cierra Miller
- Thursday – August 3 - Serve LOC Summer Meal @ Memorial Park (Dinner - 5:30-7:30pm)



Thanks for Your Support!

### Offering last Sunday, June 18-Education Sunday

General Fund	\$ 2,200.00
Education Fund	291.75
Special Designations	8,344.85
Total Offering	<u>\$ 10,836.60</u>

Attendance: 73

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!



### Family Ministry has NEW freezer meals available to share with those in need!

These can be taken to someone in the church or a neighbor or a friend who could use some help. The meals are in the freezer in the church kitchen and labeled with heating instructions. The meals are Tater Tot Green Bean Casserole and Chickenetti, and there are frozen brownies for dessert. Please let Cindy in the church office know what you are taking and who it is going to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry:

– Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Marsha Miller, Sheryl Weaver

### There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### All-Church Social: Family Fun Day after Church @ Lake Mohawk – July 16 from 2-6:00pm



Family Ministry has scheduled a Family Fun Day to be held after church on July 16<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm. This outdoor event will be held at the pavilion at Lake Mohawk.

All ages are welcome! To carpool, we will meet at the church at 1:15pm. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Marsha Miller & Sheryl Weaver

### Attention Ladies & Girls: You're Invited to a Baby Shower Open House – July 21

Family Ministry is having a baby shower for Cierra Miller on Friday, July 21, in the Fellowship Hall at the church. It will be an open house beginning at 6:00 p.m. A light meal will be served. We are suggesting you bring a children's book rather than a card to help her build up a library for the baby. We hope that you can join us!

### Help is needed with Preparation of Egg Rolls for the Relief Sale on July 5 & 6

Egg rolls are one of the most popular items at the Relief Sale. Pam Blough is coordinating the prepping and rolling of the egg rolls this year and looking for volunteers for July 5 & 6. Help is mostly needed on Thursday, July 6, with rolling the egg rolls beginning at 9am at the Hartville Kitchen. Please bring your own ¼ cup measuring cup and contact Pam Blough if you are willing to help.



**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 80% of households without safe water, women and girls are responsible for gathering the day's water. [Water and Gender | UN-Water \(unwater.org\)](https://www.unwater.org/)*
- ✝ *This takes women and girls away from activities like working and going to school, trapping them in a cycle of poverty.*
- ✝ *The average distance that someone in a developing community walks to fetch water is 3.75 miles, and the average weight of a 5-gallon jug of water is 44 pounds.*

**Share the love of Jesus with a thirsty world!**

- **Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count" – last Sunday to collect is July 2<sup>nd</sup>!**
- **Drop your change in the coin vortex in the church lobby.**
- **If you took a bank home to collect for My Coins Count, please bring back to church!**

***We have met the \$20,000 offer of matching funds for My Coins Count!  
Two Sundays left to collect!***



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Love Our Community (LOC) Summer Meals**

For eight years, Love Our Community has partnered with the community to make summer meals available to hundreds of kids and families in Lake Township as well as others challenged by food insecurities, many who are senior citizens. Meals are served from Memorial Park closed pavilion near Lake Elementary School (335 Park Lane Dr. SW, Hartville). **Lunches are on Monday's from 12-2pm and dinners on Thursday's 5:30-7:30pm in June, July & August.**



**Maple Grove will be providing the dinner on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – more details to follow on how to help with this project.** You are encouraged to volunteer on other days as you can – click [here](#) to sign up as a Summer Meal Volunteer. See the flyer on the bulletin board at the church with more information. Contact Pastor Nathanael if you have any questions.



**Maple Grove’s Jr. Youth & Children’s Sunday School Classes Participating in MCC School Kit Challenge – 10,000 School Kits to Help 10,000 Kids**

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Without these items, many kids in places like Syria, Ukraine and South Sudan can’t get the education they desperately need. **MCC is having a challenge for 10,000 school kits to be donated during the month of August.** The Jr. Youth & Children’s Sunday School classes are excited to take on this challenge and need your help! Below is a list of the items needed in each school kit – please bring new items only. *If you would like to help with this project, you may start bringing items to church now as the Sunday School classes will work on this project each Sunday this summer - final day to send donations is August 13.* Any questions, please see Rhoda Sommers (Jr. Youth teacher) or Sheryl Weaver (Children’s Sunday School teacher).

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all-metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes.

**To include something in the newsletter, please contact Cindy by Wednesday – thank you!**

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 Website: [www.mgmennonite.org](http://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](mailto: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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
 Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
 Youth (Grades 9-12): Youth Room-Basement

Click [here](#) to go the Relief Sale website. The forms for donations, brochures with the schedule of events, and the current newsletter can be found [here](#). Copies of the Relief Sale brochures are in your mailboxes at the church – extra copies are available on the literature rack.

# 58th Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction

# JULY 7 & 8, 2023

New Date & Location  
**MOUNT HOPE, OHIO**  
Mount Hope Event Center,  
8076 State Route 241, Millersburg, OH 44654

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION • FOOD • QUILTS • TOOLS • FURNITURE *and Fun!*



## Schedule of Events

All events inside the air-conditioned Event Center!

### Friday Evening, JULY 7

- 4pm Silent Auction, Food Stands, Artisan's Market  
Quilter's Corner & Auction Displays Open
- 6:30pm Music by John Schmid
- 6pm Volleyball Tournament contact Jodi, 330-466-0236

### Saturday, All Day, JULY 8

- 7am **Fuel up for Sale Day Breakfast**  
Pancakes, Fresh Sausage, Eggs and More!
- 7:30am 1K Kid's Fun Run; 5K Run and Walk for Relief  
to follow at 8am
- 8am Artisan's Market, Quilter's Corner,  
Auction Displays and Food Stands Open
- 9am **Live/Online Auction**  
Quilts, wallhangings, locally-made quality furniture,  
tools, toys and "Experiences" will sell to the highest bidders!  
*Thousands of Dollars of Gift Cards* donated by  
Ohio's Amish Country businesses will sell live and online!
- 10:30am **Children's Auction**  
Toys for children 12 and under, auctioned  
by a youth auctioneer-in-training!



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**

*Funds raised at this event are donated to Mennonite Central Committee, the disaster relief organization of the Mennonite Church. Learn more about MCC and its activities, visit [mcc.org](http://mcc.org).*

## REGISTER TO BID ONLINE

**Secure Online Bidding via Proxibid** Please visit [ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org) to sign up for online bidding. Some larger items will not shippable. Please read item descriptions for details.

For more information: President–Brenda LaTulippe, 330-933-6372 Auctioneer–Eli Troyer, 330-317-9259 Quilts–Susan Hofstetter, 330-465-5814  
Large Items – Peter Dunn, 330-464-5501 5K Run/Walk–Register at [ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org)