



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
 June 29, 2023

Sunday
 July 2, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #49 *All Who Are Thirsty*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

People: *To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.*

Leader: What does God command of us?

People: *To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, all our mind, all our strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

Leader: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

People: *But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.*

ALL: *Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.*

Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #606 *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

VT #611 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSVUE)

You want me to what!?

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STJ #97 *The Lord is My Light*

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)

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 Lura Bowin and her sister, Alice Rini, as they both transition to the change of Alice now living at GentleBrook.

✝ Pray for healing for Cheri Windham's former daughter-in-law, Jeanette Dingedine, who had surgery to repair injuries sustained in a car accident.



✝ 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.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Pastor Nathanael will be out of town July 3-8. He can be reached via his cell phone (text) or contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care for any pastoral needs in his absence.
- The church office will be closed on Tuesday, the 4th of July - Cindy will be working Monday & Thursday.



- 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.
- Sunday – July 9 - Myrrl Byler will bring the message
- 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)



Offering last Sunday, June 25

General Fund	\$ 1,300.00
Special Designations	5,632.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,932.00</u>

Attendance: 59

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!

July 2 is last Sunday to donate to My Coins Count



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.

You can share the life-giving resource of water today through MCC:

- ✚ \$35 – for a rainwater storage tank
- ✚ \$50 – pipe spring water to a village
- ✚ \$100 – help dig a well

Help provide water, the gift of life!

Mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count” or bring in your change for the coin vortex!



Family Ministry has 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

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 16th 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.

Lake Mohawk is in Malvern. Dessert and drinks will be furnished. There will be a concession stand with BBQ and ice cream if you care to purchase any additional food.

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. Cierra is registered at Amazon. We hope that you can join us!



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 [here](#) 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 are on the bulletin board at the church for food & volunteering:

- **Food Donations Needed!** A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby. **If you would like to help, please sign up for the item(s) you will donate and bring to the church by Wednesday – July 12.**
- **Volunteers Needed!** Three volunteers are needed each day to assist with preparation and serving of daily snack time. You will need to arrive at Evermore at 8:30am. Please sign up if you are willing to volunteer.

Thanks for your help! If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.



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).

MCC School Kit Items (new items only) – copies of this list available by the mailboxes:

- 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. (**All-metal** sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or in the art supply section of retail office supply stores.)



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 3rd – 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.

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

In our current issue: volunteer work in Red Lake, Minnesota is empowering Native American homeowners; a new video features a unique program at Lancaster Mennonite School; and with open arms, there are new accommodations for volunteers in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Click [here](#) to read more – a copy of the newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

Lighthouse Ministries in Canton

The Lighthouse is looking for individuals willing to share their stories of how new growth and beauty have risen from the ashes violence leaves in its wake. Our goal is to affirm that the feelings and thoughts such as despair, anger, loss and grief are uniquely personal and at the same time felt by so many others. These stories (recorded and shared anonymously) will be used as part of an interactive community art exhibit at the Lighthouse meant to encourage those who have lost much at the hands of violence to also see that God has brought hope in the lives of others. These stories can offer hope that God can bring a newness of life in a space where evil has sought to bring desolation and/or the appearance that God is absent. We invite you to share your story anonymously at [this link](#).

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

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 Barn
- 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.

REGISTER TO BID ONLINE

Secure Online Bidding via Proxibid Please visit ohiomccreliefsale.org to sign up for online bidding. Some larger items will not be 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