



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))



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

Newsletter dated  
 June 8, 2023

***On Sunday we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for this time.***

Sunday – June 11, 2023



**Message:** Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Lois Bontrager  
**Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song *Forever Reign*  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *Let It Rise  
 We Will Dance*  
 Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4 (NRSVUE)  
 Message ***The Spiritual Discipline of Celebration***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response HWB #288 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*  
 Communion  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *Stand in Your Love*  
 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-Voces 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 95-year old sister, for the challenges she faces with aging and her mobility. Pray that she can continue to receive home health care and pray for Lura as her caretaker.
- ✝ Pray for Julie Yoder's friend, Karen Nicholson, who is undergoing treatment for advanced breast cancer.
- ✝ 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; Rob Richardson, Tom Johnson's brother-in-law, 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 – June 14 @ 1pm - Puzzle Time in Fellowship Hall
- Thursday – June 15 @ 9am - Help Family Ministry prepare Freezer Meals
- Sunday – June 18 - Father's Day
- Friday-Saturday – July 7-8 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Ctr.
- Sunday – July 16 - Family Fun Day @ Lake Mohawk after Church
- Monday-Friday – July 17-21 - Vacation Bible School @ Evermore



**Offering last Sunday, June 4**

General Fund	\$ 2,320.00
Special Designations	1,550.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 3,870.00</b>

**Attendance: 72**

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!





**There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14<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.

**Family Ministry will be preparing freezer meals on Thursday, June 15, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the church.**

*All are welcome to come and assist with preparing the meals!* The freezer meals are for sharing with those who need a little help. We'll be making Tater Tot Green Bean Casserole and Chickenetti. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry

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

***4 Sundays left to collect!!***



**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.

**Water is essential to life, yet millions of people live without it.**

- ✝ **160 million children suffer from stunting and chronic malnutrition linked to water and sanitation.**
- ✝ **1.7 billion people – 1 in 4 – lack access to a toilet.**
- ✝ **More people have a mobile phone than a toilet.**

**Help provide water, the gift of life! Ways to give:**

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- Take a mission bank home and collect 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!





**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) Fundraiser – June 12**

LOC is having a fundraiser on Monday, June 12, from 6pm-10pm at Smoke on the Water restaurant on Portage Lakes. The address is 562 Portage Lakes, Drive, Akron. All you can eat buffet is available for \$24.99 per adult, kids pricing available. All food proceeds will be donated to LOC. We are excited to have a night together. We will have food, 50/50 raffle, beautiful views and great company! This event will be a perfect place to bring your friends and family! Thank you for your support of Love Our Community!

**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](mailto: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