



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
 July 13, 2023

Sunday
 July 16, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song STS #50 *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs *Living Waters*
Hear the Call of the Kingdom
 Offering – *Education Fund*

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NRSVUE)
 Message ***The Work, The Soil***

RESPONDING

Song of Response VT #297 *You are Salt for the Earth*
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song VT #812 *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*
 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 those with health concerns: Sylvia Miller, 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; Cheri Windham's former daughter-in-law, Jeanette Dingedine, for healing from injuries sustained in a car accident.

✝ 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.



- 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
- Sunday – July 30 – after church - Rachel Weaver's 90th Birthday Celebration
- Thursday – August 3 - Serve LOC Summer Meal @ Memorial Park (Dinner - 5:30-7:30pm)



Offering last Sunday, July 9

General Fund	\$ 2,720.00
Education Fund	600.00
Special Designations	121.57
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,441.57</u>

Attendance: 76

Online giving thru PayPal available on website or via this QR code

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on July 16th, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.



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!

Offering Envelope Numbers

In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Kami Sommers. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General Fund with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education Fund. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, the church treasurer.

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!



Church News

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!

90th Birthday Celebration for Rachel Weaver on July 30 – All are invited!

Rachel turns 90 on July 22nd and the family is planning an all-church birthday celebration for her after church on Sunday, July 30th. We will have a meal with cake & ice cream for dessert. All are invited to help celebrate - please no gifts, cards are welcome!



Vacation Bible School starts Monday, July 17, and goes through Friday, July 21.

Maple Grove is partnering with Evermore Community Church and it will be held at Evermore each morning from 9am-11:30am (with the exception of Monday which will begin early at 8:30am). VBS is for kids ages 4 through incoming 6th graders. Please register for the grade that your child has recently completed when registering – you may register online [here](#). 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!

Thank you to all those who signed up to volunteer and those who sent in donations for snack time at VBS! If you have any questions, please contact 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

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 on Sundays 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.

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