



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 20, 2023

Sunday
 July 23, 2023



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

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #545 *Be Thou My Vision*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

People: **We need not look up to find God, we need only to look around:
 within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.**

Leader: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,

People: **We need only listen to the music of life, the words of children,
 the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

ALL: We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

HWB #99 *We Praise Thee, O God
 Word of God Speak*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSVUE)

Message ***Surely, the Lord is in this place and I did not know it***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #601 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #599 *He Leadeth Me*
 (Verses 1-3)

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 Jill Liechty and Lee Yoder who are both recovering from surgery.

✝ 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; Cheri Windham's former daughter-in-law, Jeanette Dingedine, for healing from injuries sustained in a car accident.

✝ Pray for the family of Tom Johnson's Uncle Dennis. Tom's uncle passed away last week. Pray for peace for his Aunt Naomi.

✝ 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 my Church Family:

Thank you for all the prayers that were lifted up for me when I was sick.

Blessings, Sylvia Miller



- Sunday – July 30 – after church - Rachel Weaver's 90th Birthday Celebration
- Wednesday – August 2 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Thursday – August 3 - Serve LOC Summer Meal @ Memorial Park
 - Food Prep starts 2:30pm
 - Volunteer to serve meal starts 4:30pm
- Sunday – August 20 @ 10:30am - Worship Service @ Perry & Betty Miller's Pond

Please note: There will not be puzzle time this Wednesday, July 26.



Offering last Sunday, July 16-Education Sunday

General Fund	\$ 3,600.00
Education Fund	100.00
Special Designation	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,750.00

Attendance: 58

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!





Maple Grove's total for My Coins Count was \$39,180.64 - plus the \$20,000 match brings the amount gifted to the Ohio Relief Sale for MCC water projects to \$59,180.64! What a blessing! Thanks to all who participated!!! Ministry of Outreach

Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship @ Church

Join us Sunday mornings before Sunday School – Everyone is welcome!

Baked goods are needed for next three Sunday mornings: July 23, July 30 & August 6.



The baked goods can be homemade or store bought. Please contact Barb Dutcher if you are willing to help. If you would like to help with supplying donuts and/or baked goods on any Sunday throughout the year, 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 to be enjoyed during the Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship. Thank you!



Are you interested in exploring membership at Maple Grove?

If so, we would love to discuss that with you. Please reach out to Pastor Nathanael if you would like to learn more. A new member reception is being planned in the coming weeks.

- Ministry of Congregational Care

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!

Sunday Worship Service on August 20

On Sunday, August 20th, we will be gathering back at Perry & Betty Miller's pond for our morning service at 10:30am. This is in lieu of our church campout Sunday this year. There will not be Sunday School classes that morning. Following the service, a pizza lunch will be served, and we are hoping everyone will stay to play some games after lunch. Please bring lawn chairs. If you have any questions, please see a member of Ministry of Congregational Care.



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.

You are encouraged to volunteer – click [here](#) to sign up as a Summer Meal Volunteer. Contact Pastor Nathanael if you have any questions.

✝ **Maple Grove is providing the dinner on Thursday, August 3rd.** Volunteers are needed

– a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the church for:

- Help prepare the food on Thursday at 2:30pm at the church – 4 volunteers needed.
- Prepare angel food cake dessert & bring to the church by 4pm on Thursday – 5 needed.
- Help serve the meal at the park & interact with the community for fellowship time. Be at the park at 4:30 – 12 volunteers needed.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl Weaver or Becky Lubbers – Thank you!



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.

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.

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.)

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



Haroldo Nunes, Executive Director of Open Arms Hispanic Ministries, has announced his resignation, effective at the end of July 2023. He plans to move to Florida to be closer to family. An Open House for Haroldo and his family will be held on July 30 from 3 - 5 pm at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church (14367 Hackett Rd, Kidron). Open Arms wants to celebrate and express appreciation to Haroldo for his 17 years of ministry with Open Arms. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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

In our current issue, Kevin King shares some lessons learned in the wilderness; learn about an MDS family project bringing a new look to a campground in Wyoming; and hear a long-time project director talk about why he continues to serve with MDS. Click [here](#) to read more – a copy of the newsletter is posted on the bulletin board at the church.

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