



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 6, 2023, 2023

Sunday
 July 9, 2023



Message: Myrri Byler
Worship Leader: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

More About Jesus

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Exalted
 Be Unto Your Name*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

Luke 1:49-53; Matthew 7:12 (NRSVUE)

***Doing Good Stuff for Others:
 Confucius and Jesus at the Relief Sale***

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #299 *New Earth, Heavens New*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

HWB #420 *Heart with Loving Heart United*

*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: 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.

To Maple Grove church family,

We feel deep appreciation for the generous help and support from our friends at Maple Grove. The meals, help with moving, and everything that was done for us. And most of all for your love and caring. Blessings, Lura Bowin & Alice Rini



Alice's new address is: GentleBrook Homestead, Alice Rini, Room 230
850 Sunnyside St. SW, Hartville OH 44632



My Coins Count goal was met and exceeded – grand total will be available soon.
Thanks to all who participated!!! Ministry of Outreach



- Wednesday – July 12
 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
 - Puzzle Time in Fellowship Hall – 1pm
- 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, July 2

General Fund	\$ 4,150.00
Special Designations	11,600.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 15,750.00</u>

Attendance: 51

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!



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, July 12



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. **Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work!** Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

There will also be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 12th.

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 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.

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

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 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.

REGISTER TO BID ONLINE

Secure Online Bidding via Proxibid Please visit 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