



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

Newsletter dated  
August 25, 2023

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))

Sunday  
August 27, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetler Ressler  
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers  
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song VT 120 *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs VT 111 *10,000 Reasons*  
STJ 61 *How Can We Be Silent*  
Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8-21 (NRSVUE)  
Message *Midwives of Justice*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response STS 124 *My Soul Cries Out*  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song HWB 407 *We are People of God’s 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 those with health concerns: *Sylvia Miller, Rachel Weaver, Jill Liechty*
- ✝ 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 – September 6 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting



### 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 to be enjoyed during the Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship. Thanks for your help!

### The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, September 6th



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.

#### **To include something in the newsletter, please contact Kami by Wednesday – thank you!**

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartville, OH 44632 Phone: 330-877-2400  
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 (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