



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
 (Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



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

Newsletter dated
 October 19, 2023

Sunday
 October 22, 2023



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Gary Sommers
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements

HWB #651 *I Owe the Lord a Morning Song*

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Who Am I
 Exalted*

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSVUE)

Is it lawful to pay taxes...?

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

I Surrender All

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

VT #759 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

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)



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- ✝ Pray for Alexi Deuzoubé and his family that they may soon be reunited.
 - ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Tom Lubbers, Rachel Weaver, Cindy Fleming
 - ✝ Pray for the extended family and friends of the Dunham family.
 - ✝ Pray for all the lives lost in Palestine and Israel. Pray for peace and for an end to the violence.
 - ✝ Pray for those affected by violence and hate all over the world.
 - ✝ Pray for peace and justice for everyone in the world.
 - ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters, and those involved with the relief & recovery efforts.
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- Wednesday – Oct. 25 & Nov. 1 - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall @ 1pm
 - Wednesday – November 1 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
 - November 12 & 19 - Thanksgiving Collection for Lake Township FISH
 - Saturday – November 18 - Love Our Community 1st Annual "Be The Love Gala"
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Puzzle time will be every 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month.

There will be puzzles in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25th. 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.

Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – November 12 & 19

Maple Grove is collecting **boxed stuffing mix** for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach this year. Our goal is to collect 250 boxes of stuffing mix!

We will also collect \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. You may make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for FISH. The collection Sundays are November 12 & 19.

The Thanksgiving Outreach will be at Evermore Community Church on Tuesday, November 21. Volunteers are needed that Monday and Tuesday. People can use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/FISHVolunteer>. Any questions, please contact Harold Beachy with Ministry of Outreach. Thank you so much for your support to make this event a success!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)

Other News

Love Our Community (LOC) 1st Annual “Be The Love Gala” – November 18 from 6pm-10pm

Join us for our 1st Annual “Be The Love Gala” on Saturday, November 18, at Raintree Golf & Event Center. We are so excited to gather together and celebrate 5 years of LOVING OUR COMMUNITY! Tickets are \$100 per person or \$700 for a table of eight. The evening begins at 6pm and includes dinner, silent auction, music and more. More information can be found at [LOC-Be The Love Gala - Love Our Community \(qqiv.com\)](http://LOC-Be The Love Gala - Love Our Community (qqiv.com)). If anyone is interested in or planning on attending, please contact Howard Miller.

Hartville Thrift Shoppe News

- The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a part-time (3 days a week) Volunteer Coordinator. Brenda Latulippe is retiring and we are looking for someone to fill the role of Volunteer Coordinator – see the job description on the bulletin board at church. If you are interested, please contact Phil Stauffer at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.
- We are also looking for some volunteers for the book department. If you are interested in scanning books for our Amazon room and putting books on the retail floor, please stop in the store and talk with Phil Stauffer or Denise Mayes or email us at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org or dmayes@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.

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

In our current issue: Kevin King shares the health benefits of being a volunteer; an old grocery store is transformed near Red Lake, Minnesota; and if you enjoy quilting, knitting or crocheting you'll want to learn more about the MDS Housewarmer Project. Click [here](#) to read more:

From MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) Responding to the Palestine and Israel conflict

As conflict has escalated in the region, MCC laments the violence and mourns all lives lost in Palestine and Israel. MCC remains committed to a just peace for all, and we invite you to join us in praying for an end to the violence. MCC is planning an emergency response to the current crisis with existing partners. Our response will focus on the humanitarian needs in Gaza, given the vulnerability of the population and lack of resources available to families. MCC's work will build on previous responses to the ongoing conflict, including the distribution of food and bedding. We are also planning to offer trauma healing support and housing reconstruction. Donate online at mcc.org/Palestine-Israel

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org by Wednesday each week – thank you!

Ongoing News @ Maple Grove

Coffee Time & Informal Fellowship @ Church – Sundays @ 9am

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!

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.

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.

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. 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

Acme Community Cash Back Program runs through February 15, 2024.

If you shop at Acme, save your receipts and bring them into the church – a collection box is available under the mailboxes. Lake Township FISH can turn these in at the end of the program and Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH.

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, Harold Beachy

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