



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))



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

Newsletter dated  
 October 26, 2023

Sunday  
 October 29, 2023



**Message:** Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Jill Liechty  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song  
 Welcome & Announcements

HWB #6 *Here in This Place*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
 Offering – General Fund

*Lord I Need You  
 Lead Us Back*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading  
 Message

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (NRSVUE)

***The Bystander Effect***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #142 *Brothers and Sisters of Mine*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
 Benediction/Blessing  
 Postlude

STS #114 *God Has Chosen Me*

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)



On Sunday, November 5, we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to take time to prepare your hearts for Communion Sunday.

## 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)

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- ✝ Pray for Alexi Deuzoumbé and his family that they may soon be reunited.
  - ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Tom Lubbers, Rachel Weaver, Cindy Fleming
  - ✝ 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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## Thank You for Congregational/Pastoral Reviews

The Ministries of Administration & Congregational Care would like to thank the congregation for taking the time to fill out the Congregational/Pastoral reviews. MOA and MOCC have compiled the information and will use it to guide the church in the coming years. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding the results of the reviews, please feel free to talk to any of the members of the Ministry of Congregational Care: Dan Dutcher, Paul Bontrager, Clara Sommers, Harold Beachy



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- Wednesday – November 1
    - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
    - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall @ 1pm
  - Sunday – November 5
    - Communion Sunday
  - Sunday – November 12
    - Pulpit Exchange with St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
    - Maple Grove Welcomes Pastor Angel Jackson
  - November 12 & 19
    - Thanksgiving Collection for Lake Township FISH
  - Wednesday – November 29
    - Return Christmas gifts for Lighthouse Ministries

***Please note that the Love Our Community Gala Event on November 18 has been canceled. LOC is planning a night to gather & celebrate after the new year – more details to follow on this event.***

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### The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, November 1

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.

### Puzzle time will be every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month.

There will be puzzles in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. 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!



## **Deck the Halls & Stock the Store**

**Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse.**

In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity that comes with a parent's ability to provide for their children.

- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services. Take a tag from the board.
- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse. Affordable means the gifts are marked down 75% so that the parents are buying at 25% of the purchase price.
- Please make sure that every gift has the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging.
- Please tape the tag on the gift.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Wednesday, November 29.**

Any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:  
Harold Beachy, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler or Sheryl Weaver

## Other News

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org) or [dmayes@hartvillethriftshoppe.org](mailto:dmayes@hartvillethriftshoppe.org).

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at [secretary@maplegrovenononoite.org](mailto:secretary@maplegrovenononoite.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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](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, 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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
Youth (Grades 9-12): Youth Room-Basement