



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 5, 2023

Sunday
 October 8, 2023



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements

HWB #50 *Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah*

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Ancient Words
 Speak O Lord*

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message

Exodus 20:1-2, 18-21 (NRSVUE)

The Eleven Words

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

How Great is Our God

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

HWB #163 *Obey My Voice*

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 Deuzoumbé and his family that they may soon be reunited.
 - ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Ruth Hills, Rachel Weaver, Cindy Fleming
 - ✝ Pray for the extended family and friends of the Dunham family
 - ✝ 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 & recovery efforts.
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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)

Please note: The Mental Health First Aid Training class that was scheduled at Maple Grove for October 21st has been canceled. It will be rescheduled to a later date and more information will be provided soon. Please contact Pastor Nathanael if you have any questions.

Other News

Ohio Mennonite Conference bi-monthly newsletter can be accessed by clicking [here](#). The newsletter highlights a Women in Leadership Retreat Ohio Conference is sponsoring Feb. 2-3, 2024.

Volunteers Needed @ Thrift Shoppe: Are you retired or semi-retired and looking for a place to put your life long experience to use and benefit others at the same time? The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for you!! We can use help in most areas but due to age and illness, we have a number of openings in our electrical area. Volunteers check electrical items to make sure they are functioning properly and get them ready for sale on the retail floor. Openings are available any afternoon, and anytime on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. If this opportunity interests you and you'd like to find out more, you can fill out a volunteer info sheet online at <https://www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org/volunteer-application/> or contact Brenda Blough LaTulippe @ 330-933-6372.

MCC Connections Thrift Shop in Kidron is hiring a second Staff Assistant. This is a part-time paid position. (3 days/week [Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday/Saturday]). This person will provide additional support in the processing area and retail store. Apply online [here](#) or request an application by calling 330-857-7802, ext 1# or send an email to Michael@MCCconnections.com.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org or contact Kami Sommers 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, Hartsville, 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