



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  
 September 1, 2023

Sunday  
 September 3, 2023



Message: Pastor Nathanael Hofstetler Ressler  
 Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager  
 Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song TMH 535 *How Great Thou Art*  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *Goodness of God  
 Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me*  
 Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:9-21 (NRSVUE)  
 Message ***"How Do We 'Make' Peace and Why Should We?"***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response STJ 56 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song Build Your Church, Lord  
 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)



- Sunday – September 3<sup>rd</sup> 5pm-7pm - Kids' Club, Jr. Youth and families pool party
- Wednesday – September 6<sup>th</sup> - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Saturday – October 21<sup>st</sup> 9am-3:30pm - Mental Health First Aid Training



- ✝ 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 and recovery efforts.

**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 this Wednesday, September 6th**

**We will be knotting a comforter for the family of the Dunham’s, that are neighbors to Michael and Ruth! If you would like to help, be here at 10 on Wednesday!**



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. **Lunch will be provided!** 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.

**Kids’ Club, Jr. Youth and Families Pool Party, September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pool Party and Pizza at Gary and Charla’s House on Sunday from 5-7! This is for the families of Kids’ Club and Jr. Youth. If you have questions contact Michael or Ruth Yoder.

**Lighthouse Ministries:** Mark your calendars! The Lighthouse Open House and Marketplace Fundraiser is just around the corner! Join us on September 23<sup>rd</sup> anytime between 10 am-3 pm for an immersive experience where you will connect with Lighthouse staff, support our student entrepreneurs, and see first-hand what our students experience at the Lighthouse. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 and due to the generosity of our sponsors, the first \$15,000 given will be matched! To learn more about the event and/or register visit, [www.cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse](http://www.cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse). Can’t make it but still want to help the Lighthouse reach its goal? Donations can be made at [www.cantonlighthouse.org/give](http://www.cantonlighthouse.org/give) or by mailing a check to Lighthouse Ministries 1931 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE Canton, OH 44707. Thanks for supporting the youth of southeast Canton!

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

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