



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

Newsletter dated
September 14, 2023

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



Sunday -
September 17, 2023

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

GATHERING

Prelude
Opening Song VT 49 *All Who Are Thirsty*
Welcome & Announcements
Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs STJ 18 *Over My Head*
VT 467 *Taste and See*
Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading Romans 14:1-12 (NRSVUE)
Message ***“Judgement and Accountability, Life and Death”***

RESPONDING

Song of Response VT 797 *We Are People of God’s Peace*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song VT 387 *We Are One in the Spirit*
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)



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- ✝ 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.
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*** Church Social – There will be a Church Picnic on Sunday, October 1. The event will begin at 1:00 and will take place at the Miller Pool House. There will be pickle ball, corn hole, pumpkin painting, and other outdoor games. Lunch will be provided. Plan to come and spend the afternoon together.**

Lighthouse Ministries: Mark your calendars! The Lighthouse Open House and Marketplace Fundraiser is just around the corner! Join us on September 23rd 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. To learn more about the event and/or register visit, 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. Thanks for supporting the youth of southeast Canton!

FISH Collection – September 17th & 24th

Time for our Quarterly FISH collection! 100% of the donations received will go to serve our community members in need. To participate you can pick up a brown bag at the back of the church, fill it with the requested items and bring it back by September 24th. The items are:

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers and Facial Tissue

* You may also donate through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH

Mental Health First Aid Training: This is a free training taking place on October 21st from 9:00-3:30. Lunch will be provided. The deadline to register is October 13th. For more information and to sign up go to: <https://form.jotform.com/MHFACollborative/102123-maple-grove-mennonite.big>

MCC Annual Meat Canning: Canning is taking place at the Gerber Buiding on October 13th, 14th and 16th from 4:55am – 9pm. Donations are also needed. Flyer is on the foyer church bulletin board with more information.

Congregational/Pastoral Reviews - due back to church by September 25

The purpose of a Congregational/Pastoral review is to affirm and strengthen the Pastor and the congregation in their relationship and ministry. This is a routine review that Maple Grove will be completing as a full congregation every 3 years as a normal component of professional development. The reviews have been placed in mailboxes of Maple Grove's active attendees high school age or older. Any reviews not picked up on Sunday will be mailed to your home. Please return your completed, signed review to the church by September 25 or leave in the return box located below the mailboxes. If you have any questions, please see a member of Ministry of Administration: Adam W., John K., Jade L., Brenda L., Sam M., Scott S.

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

Ongoing News

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.

The third Sunday of each month is Education Sunday;

on July 16th, non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

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. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, the church treasurer.

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. Thanks for your help!

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. The meals are Tater Tot Green Bean Casserole and Chickenetti, and there are frozen brownies for dessert. 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 began August 1 & 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. This is a great way to donate to FISH just by doing your regular grocery shopping! Thanks for your support of this project! - *Ministry of Outreach*

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

Ministry of Congregational Care: Harold Beachy, Paul Bontrager, Dan Dutcher, Clara 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-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12): Youth Room-Basement