



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
 September 22, 2023

Sunday
 September 24, 2023



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #545 *Be Thou My Vision*
 (Verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

Welcome & Announcements

PRAISING

Praise Songs

How Firm a Foundation
 (Verses 1, 4, 2)
Trust in You

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading

Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSVUE)

Message

The Search for a Homeland

RESPONDING

Song of Response

I Will Follow

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

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)



October 1st is World Communion Sunday when we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation with believers from around the world. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for World Communion Sunday.

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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 & recovery efforts.
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| • Sunday – September 24 | - Collection for Lake Township FISH |
| • Monday – September 25 | - Congregational/Pastoral Reviews due back to church |
| • Wednesday – Sep. 27 @ 1pm | - Puzzle Time in Fellowship Hall |
| • Sunday – October 1 | - World Communion Sunday |
| • Sunday – October 1 @ 1pm | - Church Picnic – Miller Pool House |
| • Wednesday – October 4 | - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting |
| • Saturday – October 21 | - Mental Health First Aid Training @ Maple Grove |
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FISH Collection – September 24 is last Sunday to collect.

Needed items are: **Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers and Facial Tissue**

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

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. 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.

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, September 27th. 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.

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! Any questions see a member of Family Ministry:

Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Marsha Miller and Sheryl Weaver

Mental Health First Aid Training at Maple Grove: This is a free training taking place on Saturday, October 21st from 9:00-3:30. Lunch will be provided. The deadline to register is Oct. 13th. For more information and to sign up go to [10.21.23 Maple Grove Mennonite BIP \(jotform.com\)](https://www.jotform.com)

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*

Other News

MCC Annual Meat Canning: Canning is taking place at the Gerber Building 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.

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.

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

In our current issue: MDS is hiring several positions; the important role of cooks at an MDS projects; and moving words of gratitude at the closing of the project in Cape Breton. Click on this link to read more: [On the Level - MDS September 2023 \(constantcontact.com\)](https://www.constantcontact.com)

*To include something in the newsletter, please contact Kami Sommers by Wednesday
– 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. 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.

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

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