



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 29, 2023

Sunday
 October 1, 2023



Message: Drew Strait
Worship Leader: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements

STS #31 *Jesus, Be the Center*

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

STS #113 *I Will Stand in the Congregation*
 STJ #56 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message ***Challenging Political Idolatry with the God Who Serves***

Luke 22:24-27 (NRSVUE)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #816 *Guide My Feet*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

STJ #74 *Now Go in Peace*

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, October 1, Maple Grove welcomes Drew Strait, Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS). Drew will provide an overview of Christian nationalism and the impact it has on the church and nation. There will be a combined Sunday School class in the Fellowship Hall with Drew as well.

More information about Christian nationalism can be found at the Seminary website: [What is Christian nationalism? | Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary \(ambbs.edu\)](https://www.ambbs.edu/what-is-christian-nationalism/).

Here is information on the online short course Drew is offering



Please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care if you have any questions.

HOLY BIBLE

ONLINE SHORT COURSE
Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace
 With **Drew Strait, PhD**
 Oct. 25 – Nov. 21, 2023

- online
- four weeks
- no grades or papers!

Gain strategies for challenging White Christian nationalism with Drew Strait, Associate Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins:

- ▶ Explore realistic, everyday and effective nonviolent resistance for congregations.
- ▶ Interact with Drew during optional weekly video meetings.
- ▶ Find out what Jesus' whole life teaches us about countering oppression.

What participants are saying:

"Fantastic class — I feel well resourced, with further reading options to continue to grow my understanding. I wish I could get all leaders in our congregation to sit with this material." — Jolene Miller, Roanoke, Illinois

"This was a great class! I learned a lot and appreciated the opportunity to connect with others concerned about this topic." — Karl Shelly, Goshen, Indiana

Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50!

Learn more:
ambbs.edu/nationalism

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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 – October 1 @ 1pm
 - Wednesday – October 4
 - Saturday – October 21
 - Church Picnic – Miller Pool House
 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
 - Mental Health First Aid Training @ Maple Grove
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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)

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 – please bring a lawn chair. 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

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, October 4

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.

Maple Grove Mennonite Church is hosting a free Mental Health First Aid Training, given by Mental Health First Aid Collaborative, on Saturday October 21st from 9:00am to 3:30pm.

The training uses a variety of methods to empower and equip persons to better address mental health situations. There will be some pre-training work to be completed online before the in-person training. The deadline to register is October 13th - lunch is provided. For more information visit [About MHFA - Mental Health First Aid](#) and to register go to [Mental Health First Aid Registration Link](#). Contact Pastor Nathanael if you have any questions.

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.

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!



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 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*

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

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