



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
 November 2, 2023

On Sunday, we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for this time.

Sunday
 November 5, 2023



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Julie Yoder
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song *Here I Am to Worship*
 Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
People: to be God's servants in the service of all,
 Leader: to share in Christ's Baptism and eat at His table,
People: to join Christ in His passion and victory.
 Leader: "Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God."
People: All who love are born of God and know God.
ALL: Let us worship God together!

PRAISING

Praise Songs *We Fall Down
 Speak, O Lord*
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Matthew 23:1-12 (NRSVUE)
 Message ***The Humble Servant: Great and Exalted***

RESPONDING

Song of Response *HWB #307 Will You Let Me be Your Servant*
 Communion
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *VT #810 Go, My Friends, In Grace*
 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)



**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5th.
Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!**



- ✝ Pray for Alexi Deuzoumbé and his family that they may soon be reunited.
- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Tom Lubbers, Rachel Weaver, Cindy Fleming
- ✝ Pray for all the lives lost in Palestine and Israel. Pray for peace and for an end to the violence.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by violence and hate all over the world.
- ✝ 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.



*I am deeply grateful for all of the words and tokens of appreciation I have received this month! Savannah and I are blessed to be a part of this community of faith. From y'all I have seen and received the abundant love of Jesus; this is a cherished gift. I look forward to many more years of community and service together. Thank y'all so much!
In Christ, Pastor Nathanael*



- Sunday – November 12 - Pulpit Exchange with St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
Maple Grove Welcomes Pastor Angel Jackson
- November 12 & 19 - Thanksgiving Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Wednesday – November 29 - Return Christmas gifts for Lighthouse Ministries

Ministry of Worship is looking for Greeters for Sunday mornings

Greeters will be at the main doors in the foyer to greet the congregation and hand out welcome packets to new attendees. Greeters will be 1 to 2 persons or a family unit and sign up for a month at a time. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the church foyer. Greeters are to be in the foyer from 9:15 - 9:35 and 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. If you are willing to be a greeter, please write your name down on the month you are available to serve. Any questions, please contact Lois Bontrager.

Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – November 12 & 19

 Maple Grove is collecting **boxed stuffing mix** for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach this year. Our goal is to collect 250 boxes of stuffing mix! We will also collect \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. You may make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for FISH. The collection Sundays are November 12 & 19. The Thanksgiving Outreach will be at Evermore Community Church on Tuesday, November 21. Volunteers are needed that Monday and Tuesday. People can use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/FISHVolunteer>. Any questions, please contact Harold Beachy with Ministry of Outreach. Thank you so much for your support to make this event a success!



Deck the Halls & Stock the Store

Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse.

In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity that comes with a parent's ability to provide for their children.

- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services. Take a tag from the board.
- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse. Affordable means the gifts are marked down 75% so that the parents are buying at 25% of the purchase price.
- Please make sure that every gift has the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging.
- Please tape the tag on the gift.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Wednesday, November 29.**

Any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach:
Harold Beachy, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler or Sheryl Weaver

Other News

LOVE OUR COMMUNITY BURGERS & BLANKETS on Wednesday, November 8th, from 6-9:00 p.m. at Bethany Mennonite Church. Bring friends, scissors and fleece blanket kits! On this night, the community comes together to make hundreds of blankets for Love Our Community.

Hartville Thrift Shoppe News

- The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a part-time (3 days a week) Volunteer Coordinator. Brenda Latulippe is retiring and we are looking for someone to fill the role of Volunteer Coordinator – see the job description on the bulletin board at church. If you are interested, please contact Phil Stauffer at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.
- We are also looking for some volunteers for the book department. If you are interested in scanning books for our Amazon room and putting books on the retail floor, please stop in the store and talk with Phil Stauffer or Denise Mayes or email us at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org or dmayes@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org 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