



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



Maple Grove
Newsletter

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

Newsletter dated
 February 22, 2024

Terry Shue will bring the message at Maple Grove next Sunday, March 3rd.



Lent 2 – February 25, 2024
Christ Among us: Showing Us Faith

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Come as You Are

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory!

People: **All you descendants of Jacob and Rachel,**

Leader: come.

People: **All who are isolated and feel alone,**

Leader: come.

People: **All who are hungry,**

Leader: come.

People: **All who wander,**

Leader: come.

People: **Come, from all ends of the earth.**

All: ***Come, you who seek God, proclaim God's glory, and walk in faith.***

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Your Love Never Fails
 Beautiful Savior*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Romans 4:13–25 (NRSVUE)

Message

Christ among Us, Showing Us Faith

Ohio Conference invites you to cover its upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 1-2 in prayer. Please pray for everyone involved, including Dan Miller, Interim Conference Minister; Ken Sims, Moderator; Paula Snyder Belousek, Assistant Moderator; Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi, Conference Consultant; and Meghan Larissa Good, guest speaker. Pray for the Spirit to be present as delegates discern, worship, learn and fellowship together. Pray for Pastor Nathanael, Paul & Lois Bontrager and Larry & Ruth Hills who will all be attending from Maple Grove.



- Wed. – Feb. 28
 - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall – 1pm
 - Wednesday Meal – 6pm
 - Lenten Guided Prayer Time Sharing– 7pm
 - Kids’ Club/Jr. Youth work on Derby Cars – 6:45-8pm
- Friday-Sat. – March 1 & 2
 - Annual Conference Assembly for Ohio Conference @ Sharon Mennonite Church, Plain City
- Sunday – March 3
 - Sermon Guest Terry Shue
 - Derby Car Race – 5pm
- Wed. – March 6
 - Ladies’ Sewing & Comforter Knotting
 - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall – 1pm
 - Wednesday Meal – 6pm
 - Lenten Guided Prayer Time Sharing– 7pm
- Sunday – March 10
 - Daylight Saving Time begins – Spring forward!
 - Youth/Youth Mentor Mystery Dinner – 5pm



March 6, 13 & 20	Wednesday Meal	6:00 p.m.
	Lenten Guided Prayer Time	7:00 p.m.
March 24	Palm Sunday	
March 28	Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.
	Light meal followed with service of Communion & Footwashing	
March 29	Good Friday	
March 31	Easter Sunday Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	Worship	10:00 a.m.

Lenten Guided Prayer – “Hungering for Hope”

The prayer guide for the week of February 25 “Embodying Rebirth” has been emailed to the church distribution list and paper copies are available on the table in the church lobby with the newsletters. Please join us Wednesday to share a meal and share your experiences with the “Hungering for Hope” prayer guide this week. The meal is at 6:00 p.m. and the sharing time afterwards at 7:00 p.m. Monetary donations for the food are welcome. Please note that everyone is welcome whether you come for the meal only or stay for the group experience.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Worship:

Lois Bontrager, Renee Koshmider, Joe Weaver or Pastor Nathanael.

Offering last Sunday, February 18, 2024-Education Sunday

Attendance: 92



General Fund	\$ 1,585.00
Education Fund	30.00
Charity Fund	20.00
Alexi Deuzoumbé Mission	100.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 1,735.00</u>



Sunday School materials have been placed in the classrooms for the spring quarter which begins March 3rd. Sunday School quarterlies for the summer quarter will be ordered beginning of April. Please let Kim Weaver know how many quarterlies your class will need by end of March. Thank you – Ministry of Education



Derby Car Race: Kids' Club/Jr. Youth will be making Derby Cars during the month of February. The Race date will be held on Sunday, March 3, at 5pm. The congregation is invited to attend. Work on the derby cars for the Kids' Club/Jr. Youth Group is as follows:

- Wednesday, February 28 Painting Car Details and Talent Show
- 6:45-8:00pm (start after Wed. meal)
- Sunday, March 3 @ 5:00pm Derby Car Race in Church Fellowship Hall

There will be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28.

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, please contact Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.

Youth & Youth Mentor Event – March 10

There will be a "mystery" dinner on Sunday, March 10, for the Youth and the Youth Mentors. This will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Geiser.

Family Ministry has NEW 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 – there is Tater Tot Casserole, Chili, Broccoli Cheese Soup and homemade bread. 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, Holly Miller, Marsha Miller

From Hartville Thrift Shoppe – Volunteers Needed!

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is so fortunate to have all of our great volunteers and they are a joy to work alongside each week! We are looking to increase our volunteer numbers especially in the following areas: Books, Electronics, Shoes, and Videos/Music. Of course we welcome volunteers in other areas as well. You can go to our website at www.HartvilleThriftShoppe.org and submit a Volunteer Information Form there, or come into the store and fill one out in person. We couldn't do what we do without our volunteers. Come and join our wonderful team!

- The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a volunteer with a truck who would be interested in, willing to, hook up to our trailer and go out into the community to pick up furniture that people are willing to donate but cannot transport. This could be 1, 2, or 3 days a week depending on your availability and how many calls we get. The Thrift Shoppe would pay for gas and provide a helper. Please contact Phil Stauffer at the store at 330-877-2769 or let one of us know if/when you are in the store.



Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 8-9: A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Fairlawn Mennonite Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.

Dates: Friday, March 8 (9:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, March 9 (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Location: Fairlawn Mennonite Church - 8520 Emerson Rd, Apple Creek, OH 44606

The Friends of the Lake Library will hold a Book Drop off event on March 2 at the Lake Community Library from 12:00 to 2:00pm. We will accept clean, gently-read books, games, cds, dvds, and puzzles. We cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, research materials or manuals, cassette tapes, or dictionaries. The Book Sale will be June 20-22 in the Lake High School Cafeteria.

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

In our current issue: Kevin King shares his insights on Jesus' passion for sharing meals, learn how MDS volunteers are finding additional work along the Texas border, and find out why one woman says MDS is the light of Canada. Click [here](#) to read more. A paper copy is posted on their mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

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.

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– Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Holly Miller, Marsha Miller

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-1pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-8am-noon; 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