



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
 March 28, 2024

*Our Easter Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes.
 All are welcome to join us for Easter breakfast at 8:30 before the service.*

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024
Christ Among us!



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager
Offertory: Julie Yoder
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Johnson

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #340 *Lift Your Glad Voices*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The stone has been rolled away, walls torn down.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The burial cloth removed, His body transformed.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John see and believe.

All: *We find the risen Christ among us who has made all things new!*

The tomb is empty, the way of Love has prevailed!

Leader: Peace be with you!

People: Peace be with you!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #346 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
 VT #361 *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Acts 10:34–43 (NRSVUE)

Message

Christ Among us!

RESPONDING

Song of Response

TMH #565 *I Know that my Redeemer Liveth*

Prayer of Rejoicing

Leader: Risen Jesus, You make all things new.

People: You call us by name to come to You.

Leader: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

People: You prepare a feast for us and wipe away all tears.

All: You bring life everlasting. We rejoice in Your salvation, Lord of all!

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

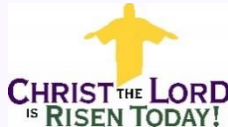
SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #285 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
(Verses 1, 3, 4)

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude



PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY

Subscribers to Leader are welcome to photocopy, adapt, and project the Lenten worship materials.

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)



✝ Pray for Ruth Yoder who is recovery from thyroid surgery.

✝ Pray for Sheryl Weaver who is dealing with heart issues and will be meeting with a cardiologist to schedule open-heart surgery.

✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Margaret Miller; Lura Bowin; Rachel Weaver; Nathanael's cousin Trevor Parish; Alta Bates' nephew Ray Miller; Myron & Sheryl Weaver's friend Bob Brown; and Harold Beachy's brother Darold.

✝ Pray for those alone or away from their family on Easter.

✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé and his family that they may soon be reunited.

✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Pray for those affected by violence and hate.

✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters, and those involved with the relief & recovery efforts.



Are you interested in exploring baptism and/or membership at Maple Grove?

If so, we would love to discuss that with you. Classes will be offered soon. Please reach out to Pastor Nathanael if you would like to learn more. *Ministry of Congregational Care*



- Wednesday – April 3 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall – 1pm
- Sunday – April 7 - Ministry of Outreach kicks off My Coins Count Fundraiser
- Sunday – April 14 - Sermon Guest Speaker Dr. Maurice Stutzman,
United for Ukraine (U4U) Program
- Bring in Bibles for The Way Out Prison Ministry
- Sunday – May 5 - Communion Sunday & Bible Memory Recognition
- Wednesday – May 8 - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church – 6pm
- Sunday – May 12 - Mother's Day & Parent-Child Dedication
- Sunday – May 19 - Pentecost & Graduation Sunday



Offering last Sunday, March 24, 2024

Attendance: 63

General Fund	\$ 4,072.00
Education Fund	1,748.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	300.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,120.00</u>



Please Note:

- Erin Cartner is looking for an apartment or mobile home to rent in the near future. If you know of a place that will accept a small dog, please let her know.
- Lake High School is performing the musical, The Little Mermaid, on April 11-13 (Thursday-Saturday) at 7pm and Sunday April 14, at 2pm in their Performing Arts Hall. James Yoder is playing violin for the pit orchestra during the performances. If you are interested in watching a fabulous show, please let James Yoder know and he can help get you tickets.
The show will sell-out, so reserve your seats early! Or click [here](#) to purchase tickets yourself.

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, April 3



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.

There will also be puzzle time in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3.

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.

The Way Out Prison Ministry “One Bible Initiative” asks churches in Ohio to donate just ONE Bible (new or gently used paperback) to a prison ministry in Ohio.



The Ministry of Outreach will be sending a Bible for this program. If you would like to contribute a Bible yourself, please bring to the church by April 14th and the Bibles will be sent all at once. There is a basket to collect the Bibles by the mailboxes. Or you can mail the Bible yourself to: The Way Out Prison Ministry, ATTN: Chaplain Wilcox, PO Box 5176, Akron, Ohio 44334. **NOTE: Only Paperback Bibles are permitted in the State Ohio Prisons.**



On Saturday, April 6th, there will be a fundraiser for Jason & Missy Schrock at Bethany Mennonite Church from 5-8pm. Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant is catering the meal and a dessert bar will be served. No tickets are needed. Missy is Jim Schrock’s daughter-in-law and has Cystic Fibrosis. Your donations will help cover medical expenses.

The Treble Singers Choir from Mount Vernon Nazarene University will perform at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 7, at 7pm. It is free of charge; however, there will be a free will offering taken up during the evening. Sonnenberg is located at 14367 Hackett Road in Kidron.

The Refuge of Hope Spring Fundraising Banquet is on Tuesday, April 9, at the Hartville Kitchen beginning at 5pm. RSVP’s are due by April 1 – go to [Spring Banquet | Refuge of Hope](#) or contact JoAnn Carpenter at 330-453-1785. See the poster in the church foyer for more info.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Fundraiser – April 26

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry will be having a family friendly stand-up comedy show at Grace Church in Berlin (5850 Co. Hwy 77, Millersburg). The fundraiser is on Friday, April 26, at 5:00 p.m. and features Brett Hollis & Bob Mortimer, two Christian comedians. This is in place of the annual Taco Tuesday. Bring the whole family – desserts provided. There will be a free-will offering taken for Open Arms Hispanic Ministry.

Lake Center Christian School Annual Benefit Auction – April 27 from 4-8pm

Our mission at Lake Center Christian School is to work together with churches and families to grow God's kingdom and raise disciples in Christ. The auction is the main form of fundraising for our K-12 school and goes towards the operating costs. \$25 event ticket purchase includes dinner and reserved table seating. The Online Auction is available April 17-27. All auction information can be found at [LCCS 38th Annual Benefit Auction \(ejoinme.org\)](#).

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!

The meals are in the freezer in the church kitchen and labeled with heating instructions - 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

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