



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
 May 9, 2024

*Thank you to the ladies who are sharing on Mother's Day:
 Sami Miller, Kami Sommers, Nancy Beachy and Ruth Hills.*

Sunday
 May 12, 2024



Worship Coordinator: Jill Liechty
Worship Leader: Michael Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Offertory: Julie Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

HWB #26 Holy Spirit, Come with Power

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Holy Forever
 Revelation Song*

VT #546 There Is a Line of Women

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Message

Mother's Day Panel

RESPONDING

Parent-Child Dedication
 Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #509 See the Children Here Before Us

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

HWB #105 Christ, We Do all Adore Thee

*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)*

Community Commitment and Child's Blessing for Parent-Child Dedication

Nathanael: You have offered Barrett Phineas Miller to the strong and tender care of God.

ALL: *We rejoice with you and give thanks for the gift of your child. With God as our guide, we will share in your child's nurture and well-being. We will support, by our example and words, your efforts to provide a loving and caring home where trust in God grows and Christ may be known. Our prayers are with you and for you. May our shared life and witness help you grow as a family in faithfulness and joy.*

People: **God, maker of galaxies who numbers the hairs on our heads, we praise Your name for the goodness of creation and for all the blessings of this life.**

Nathanael: We give You thanks for Barrett. As Jesus took children into His arms and blessed them, each child is held and blessed, and belongs to Your reign. By Your grace, raise Barrett and all our children to Your glory.

People: **Through Your Spirit, lead them to faith in Christ, sustain them in times of misfortune and danger, and let the love they give and receive abound. In Your power, grant eternal life, through Jesus Christ. Amen**



Once again, thank you to Sam Miller for making chocolate roses for Mother's Day!
Always appreciated and enjoyed!



✝ Pray for the family of Sam DeKuiper, a friend and baseball teammate of Koby Miller's, who was killed in a car accident. Pray for the family and the baseball team as they process this tragedy.

✝ Pray for Sheryl Weaver whose open-heart surgery went very well; the doctor said it was a success and she might be home for Mother's Day. Pray for healing and God's presence in her time of recovery.

✝ Pray for Sam Miller who had hip replacement surgery on Wednesday and recovering at home.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Marty Miller recovering from a blood infection; Carol Sommers recovering from gallbladder removal surgery; Lura Bowin; Rachel Weaver; Myron & Sheryl Weaver's friend Bob Brown.

✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé and his family that they may soon be reunited as they continue to work at the immigration process. Pray for the process to move forward quickly.

✝ Pray for the refugee family Maple Grove is planning to sponsor.

✝ 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.



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Offering last Sunday, May 5

General Fund	\$ 6,693.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	300.00
My Coins Count	398.50
Total Offering	<u>\$ 7,391.50</u>

Attendance: 74



- Sunday – May 12 - Baptism Class during SS hour in Youth Sunday School Room
- Mother's Day & Parent-Child Dedication
- Return items for Migrant Center Welcome Bags
- Sunday – May 19 - Pentecost & Graduation Sunday
- Secret Prayer Sisters Kick-off Dinner – 5pm @ the Church
- Wed. – May 22 - Puzzle Time in the Fellowship Hall - 1pm
- Monday. – May 27 - Memorial Day – Church Office Closed
- Fri.-Sat. – July 12-13 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- Mon.-Fri. – July 15-19 - VBS with Evermore Community Church

There is an ultimate frisbee pickup game each Thursday at the church at 5pm. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring friends! If you have any questions, contact Savannah Hofstetter Ressler.



Building & Grounds Committee would like to thank all who helped spruce up the outside and clean the inside at the church on Wednesday. Please stop and take a look at the dishes and other items set out by the mailboxes and claim any that belong to you – thanks!



Church News

Refugee Family Update: We are moving forward with sponsoring the refugee family and starting the process for the paperwork to be turned in. Brenda LaTulippe has agreed to be the sponsor for Maple Grove. We will keep you updated as the process moves along. **Donations can be made by marking your offering envelope "Refugee Family."**



Pentecost

Pentecost Sunday is May 19 and we will be having a children's time during the service – "The Spirit's Flame is Within You." It will include a portrayal of a campfire and marshmallow roast, and s'more treats will be given out to everyone. We encourage everyone to be a part of our Pentecost Sunday and we look forward to sharing with the children the meaning of Pentecost.

A Secret Prayer Sisters Kick-off Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 19, at 5pm at the church.



This will be an opportunity to join Maple Grove's Secret Prayer Sisters group and have a prayer sister to care for throughout the year. A revealing banquet will be set up for the following May to find out who your secret prayer sister has been for the year! **If you would like to participate, please sign up on the bulletin board at the church by May 12.** If you are interested in joining but unable to attend the dinner on May 19, please note that on the sign-up sheet and a form will be given to you to fill out beforehand. Names will be randomly selected for your secret prayer sister the week after the dinner and Cindy in the church office will advise you by either email or through your mailbox of who your prayer sister is. Please see Kami Sommers if have any questions.

Summer Sunday School Class for Post-High and Youth Students:



The Post-High students and Youth Students are invited to join in fellowship and discussion with a Sunday School class that will meet in the Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning starting at 9:30am through the summer. Vee Miller will be leading the class. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ministry of Education members Ruth Yoder, Kim Weaver, or Sunday School teacher Vee Miller.

Ministry of Worship is looking for Greeters for Sunday mornings

Greeters are at the main doors in the foyer to greet the congregation and hand out welcome packets to new attendees. Greeters should be at least 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 asked to be in the foyer from 9:15 - 9:35 and 10:15 - 10:30 am. 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.



Welcome Bags - Hartville Migrant Ministry Welcome Bags: Pastor Nathanael and Ministry of Outreach are asking the congregation for help with welcome bags for the migrant workers. Nathanael is asking the congregation to donate at least 5 Married Welcome Bags and 20 Outreach Bags. Below is a list of requested items for each – if you would like to donate items, **please bring to the church by Sunday, May 12.** You may also donate to the project through the offering – a suggested monetary donation for each bag is shown with the requested items, or donate directly through Migrant Ministry at [Hartville Migrant Ministry: Welcome Bags 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](http://Hartville Migrant Ministry: Welcome Bags 2024 (signupgenius.com)). If you have any questions, please see Pastor Nathanael or a member of Ministry of Outreach.

- **OUTREACH BAGS:** Body wash; Bath sponge or wash cloth; Shampoo/conditioner; Men's deodorant; Men's razors; Shaving cream. Suggested monetary donation in lieu of items: \$30
- **MARRIED WELCOME BAGS:** Set of Full/Queen Sheets; (2) Pillows; (2) Sets Bath Towel; (2) sets of razors (1 man & 1 woman or 2 generic); (2) Deodorants (1 man & 1 woman); Toothpaste; (2) Toothbrushes; Body Wash; Shampoo & Conditioner. Suggested monetary donation in lieu of items: \$65



My Coins Count offering will go to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale on July 12-13 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center. My Coins Count raises money for water projects sponsored by MCC to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities all over the world.

- ***The task of collecting water tends to fall on women and children between the ages of 8 & 13.***
- ***The average distance that someone in a developing community walks to fetch water is 3.75 miles.***
- ***When you fill a 5-gallon jug with water, it weighs 44 pounds.***

Give the gift of water! Ways to give:

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- Drop your change in the coin vortex at the church
- Take a mission bank home and start collecting your change - the banks are on a table in the foyer.



Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking to hire a paid position for Warehouse Associate II.

This would involve lifting, receiving furniture, baling clothing, etc., and possible some heavy equipment operation as appropriate. This is a full time position, working Monday-Saturday with a day off during the week. Pay would be commensurate with experience. Come and join the Hartville MCC Thrift team and know that your work not only provides pay, and work with great people, but the knowledge that every hour is a gift to the community and the world through our support of MCC (Mennonite Central Committee). Please contact us at the store and ask for either Bob or Phil at 330-877-2769.

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for a family to host an IVEPer this year starting in late August. IVEP stands for International Volunteer Program through MCC. You can learn more about being a host family at [International Volunteer Exchange Program \(IVEP\) | Mennonite Central Committee \(mcc.org\)](https://www.mcc.org). A family can host for the full year (end of August 2024-July 2025) or half the year (August-February or February-July). Families receive a \$450.00 per month stipend to help offset costs. We are looking for families who can provide a private room within the home and serve as a bridge to church, community, activities, and places of interest. The best families are ones who are looking to include the IVEPer in the family versus simply providing food and boarding. If you are interested in being a host family or would like more information about the IVEPer, please contact Phil Stauffer (pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org) or Julie Yoder (jyoder@hartvillethriftshoppoe.org) at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe. You can also call them at 330-877-2769. There is also a flyer with information about the IVEPer on the bulletin board at the church.

Lake Township FISH Annual Golf Classic – June 22

Registration and hole sponsorships are now available for the 2024 FISH Golf Classic on Saturday, June 22. The outing will be at Paradise Lake Country Club with a shotgun start at 2pm. Go to [2024 Golf Outing | Lake Township FISH](#) for more information and to register and sponsor a hole.

Ohio MCC Bike Ride – July 13-14

You're invited to join a group of bicycle riders as they gather on July 13-14 near Kidron, Ohio, to bike 100 miles over two days (approximately 50 miles each day) to help support MCC's Gaza relief fund. Base camp and overnight camping will be in Kidron with the route on Saturday making a stop at the Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride or email OhioBikeRide@gmail.com

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

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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

Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes

PreK-4th Grade: Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4
Mixed Post-High & Youth
(Grades 9-12) Fellowship Hall