



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
 June 20, 2024



Sunday we welcome Larry Rohrer to Maple Grove. Larry is the Interim Associate Conference Minister with Ohio Mennonite Conference. Larry joins Maple Grove to give a blessing as Nathanael starts his Sabbatical and to welcome Myrrl Byler as Maple Grove's Sabbatical Fill Pastor.

Sunday
 June 23, 2024



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Julie Yoder
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Offertory: Joe & Dillon Weaver
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

VT #111 *Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Children of God, Welcome!
 Welcome to this place of love and grace. Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news!

People: We are welcome, just as we are.

Leader: We are loved, just as we are.

ALL: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God together.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Creation's King
 Indescribable*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Job 38:1-11, 39-41 (NRSVUE)

Message ***Transcendent Mystery: Ravens, Lions, and Baby Clothes***

RESPONDING

Song of Response *Who Am I*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Commissioning for Sabbatical Larry Rohrer

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

VT #828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

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 those who are being baptized on Sunday: Briana Geiser, Emme Liechty, Braidon Miller, Luke Sommers, Sawyer Sommers and James Yoder.

There are two baptismal services on Sunday, June 23.

Briana and Emme are being baptized at 9:45 that morning before the worship service in the Dutcher's pool next door to the church. Braidon, Luke, Sawyer and James are being baptized at 6:00 p.m. at Scott & Kami Sommers'. The congregation is encouraged to attend both baptisms. Refreshments will be enjoyed after the baptism at the Sommers (please bring lawn chairs).



✝ *Pray for Nancy Beachy's sister Hazel who fell and broke her neck, and Nancy's brother-in-law Jake who has been diagnosed with kidney cancer.*

✝ *Pray for Diamond Howell's grandfather Dennis Howell. He has "end stage" of life health issues and she is his caregiver.*

✝ *Pray for those with health concerns: Alice Rini, Lura Bowin's sister, on hospice; Lura Bowin; Rachel Weaver.*

✝ *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.*

Dear Church Family,

I wanted to express my deep gratitude for y'all. It is truly a gift to be community with y'all and serve the role of Pastor here at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. I want to be proactive about my spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional health as a leader so that I might practice healthy ministry for a sustained period of time. This Sabbatical time will offer me space to develop, grow and do the intentional work of rest. My desire is to be Maple Grove Mennonite's Pastor for years and years to come; for this reason, I will enter into my Sabbatical time with joyful reverence expecting the Spirit of God to move in mighty ways in me and in all y'all!

In Christ, Pastor Nathanael



- Sunday – June 23 - Baptismal Sunday
 - ✚ Baptismal Service @ Dan & Barb Dutcher’s – 9:45am
 - ✚ Baptismal Service @ Scott & Kami Sommers’ – 6pm
- Monday – June 24 - Nathanael’s Sabbatical begins
- Fri.-Sat. – July 12-13 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- Sunday – July 14 - Fun Summer Activity Day for Post-High & Youth Group
 - after church @ Steve & Holly Miller’s
- Mon.-Fri. – July 15-19 - VBS with Evermore Community Church – 9am-11:30am
- Sunday – August 11 - Herm & Vince – Performing during Sermon Time
- Sunday – August 25 - Church Sunday Out – Service, lunch & afternoon
 - @ Lake Mohawk



Church News

Refugee Family Update

Thank you for your support of the refugee family. They are currently living in Germany with an aunt and are anxiously looking forward to relocating here. The paperwork is progressing and we have filed our request for sponsorship.

We’re putting together a group of people to make sure that everything that needs to be done gets done. We need someone to coordinate Social Services and Transition - helping them get Social Security cards and benefits and getting them familiar with the area (where to go for groceries, where to get your haircut, etc.) If you can fill this role, please let Brenda LaTulippe know.

Holly Miller and Lois Bontrager are coordinating donations of furniture and household items.

Below is a list of needed items – please let Holly or Lois know if you are able to help with these:

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| • Bunk Bed | <u>All Kitchen items:</u> |
| • Dresser | - Pots and pans |
| • Crib | - Crock pot |
| • Dresser | - Trash can |
| • Queen Bed | - Silverware |
| • Dresser | - Knife set |
| • Round Kitchen Table | - Plates |

Thanks for the financial donations you've already made, your continued gifts are appreciated. Please continue to mark your offering envelope with "Refugee Family."



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Offering last Sunday, June 16-Education Sunday

Attendance: 60

General Fund	\$ 1,450.00
Education Fund	250.50
Refugee Family	2,500.00
My Coins Count	100.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,350.50</u>



Mark your calendars - Fun Summer Activity Day for Post-High & Youth Group – July 14

A pizza lunch on July 14th @ Steve & Holly Miller's lake house is planned following the Sunday worship service. We will carpool from the church. Please bring games, swimsuits, sunscreen, sunglasses, a towel, etc. Pontoon rides, a ski boat and boat skis are in the mix of activities. Or just enjoy the day relaxing and or playing games. In case of bad weather, the church Fellowship Hall is reserved. Any questions, please see Youth Sponsors Gary & Charla Sommers or Jade & Jill Liechty, or contact Vee Miller or Steve & Holly Miller.

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School which is the week of July 15-19 from 9am-11:30am at Evermore Community Church.

VBS is for preschoolers age 4 through 5th grade. Please register for the grade that your child has recently completed when registering. **Registration is limited and ends July 1st so sign up today at**

[The Great Jungle Journey 2024 - Evermore Community Church \(churchcenter.com\)](http://churchcenter.com)

For "The Great Jungle Journey," the kids will be setting off on a cruise through the jungle! Every day, our kids are bombarded with questions: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Was Noah's ark real? Why do I need to be saved? Can I trust the Bible? At this VBS, your kids will explore the Biblical answers

to these questions as they set off on an epic adventure from Genesis to Revelation. Amid sloths, butterflies, river dolphins, and dart frogs, your children will sail along on a fun jungle cruise, stopping at seven ports of call. These ports are the 7 C's of History: *Creation, Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, Cross, and Consummation*. Kids will discover how these events shape our world, and they will learn to reconnect the Bible to their everyday lives. **Maple Grove will be supplying snacks for the week of VBS. Sign-up sheets will be available soon for donating snacks and for volunteering. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.**



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

In our current issue: The MDS Cabinet Shop celebrates a new warehouse, the Peace Academic Center gets an unexpected boost and a bridge opens access to more than 25 families. Sign up to volunteer this summer and fall. Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org by Wednesday each week – thank you!

3 Sundays left to collect!!!



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.

Water is essential to life, yet millions of people live without it.

- † **160 million children suffer from stunting and chronic malnutrition linked to water & sanitation.**
- † **1.7 billion people – 1 in 4 – lack access to a toilet.**
- † **More people have a mobile phone than a toilet.**

Help provide water, the gift of life! 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 collect your change.

Maple Grove has an offer of matching funds for My Coins Count up to \$20,000. For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000. So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we'll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale!



Help Needed - Egg Rolls for the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale

Egg rolls are one of the most popular items at the Relief Sale. There is an opportunity to help with preparing and rolling the egg rolls, and manning the egg roll stand. Pam Blough is coordinating this and asking you to kindly consider giving some of your time on one or more of the following days:

- Wednesday, July 10th - Prepare the filling at Hartville Kitchen
- Thursday, July 11th - Roll egg rolls at the Hartville Kitchen
- Friday, July 12th - Volunteer at the stand - Mt. Hope
- Saturday, July 13th - Volunteer at the stand - Mt. Hope

Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board at the church, or you may call Pam Blough at 330-705-4720. *Thanks for your consideration! It's a fun opportunity - good fellowship, good cause!*



Click [here](#) to go the Relief Sale website for information on the event. Copies of the Relief Sale brochures are available on the literature rack.

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

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