



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 6, 2024

Sunday
 June 9, 2024

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Michael Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song VT #532 *Be at Rest*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs *Christ is Mine Forevermore
 Lord I Need You*
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture 1 Samuel 8:4-11,16-20 (NRSVUE)
 Message ***Recalculating: God's Plan Sustaining***

RESPONDING

Song of Response HWB #327 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song STS #34 *You are Holy*
 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)



On Sunday, June 23, we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to take the next two weeks to prepare your hearts for Communion Sunday.



- ✝ Congratulations to Blake & Evie Sommers who were married last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.
- ✝ Pray for Cierra Miller's son Barrett who was in the Pediatric ICU at Akron Children's Hospital with bronchitis and released on Wednesday. Pray that he continues to recover and get stronger.
- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Alice Rini, Lura Bowin's sister, on hospice; Carol Sommers recovering from gallbladder removal surgery; Sheryl Weaver recovering from open-heart surgery; Sam Miller recovering from hip replacement surgery; Marty Miller recovering from an infection; 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.



Pray for those who are preparing to be baptized: Briana Geiser, Emme Liechty, Braidon Miller, Luke Sommers, Sawyer Sommers and James Yoder.

There will be 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 invited to attend both baptisms. Refreshments will be enjoyed after the baptism at the Sommers (please bring lawn chairs).



Offering last Sunday, June 2

General Fund	\$ 3,950.00
My Coins Count	1,200.00
Refugee Family	1,000.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	200.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 6,350.00</u>

Attendance: 61



- Sunday – June 9 - Baptism Class during SS hour in Youth Sunday School Room
- Sunday – June 16 - Father's Day
- Sunday – June 23 - Communion Sunday & 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
- Mon.-Fri. – July 15-19 - VBS with Evermore Community Church

Lura Bowin is having a garage sale June 12-14 at her home: 1009 Woodland St. SW in Hartville.



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.”**

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.**



 **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.

WASH Facts (triple-threat-wash-EN.pdf (unicef.org))

- **Globally, 600 million children still lack safely managed drinking water.**
- **Unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) is still responsible for the deaths of around 400,000 children under the age of 5 each year, or 1,000 every day.**
- **The challenge of extending WASH services to children in need is further compounded by water scarcity, floods and cyclones – all exacerbated by the climate crisis.**

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 start collecting your change - the banks are on a table in the foyer.

Maple Grove was recognized in the Hartville Migrant Ministry's recent newsletter as this month's community partner:

Community Partner Spotlight

This month's community partner shout out goes to Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Our organization continues to be blown away at Maple Grove's support for our organization and its mission. Each year, this incredible congregation makes sure our wonderful migrant families have what they need for a successful transition back to Ohio for the summer months. Not only does Maple Grove support HMM with financial and in-kind donations, but also through the generous donation of their time and talents.

A special shout out goes to Myron Weaver, who spent his winter weekends renovating our Center's front office; and John Koshmider for handling all of the IT updates along the way. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness!



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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 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 \(mcc.org\)](http://International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) | Mennonite Central Committee (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.

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

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