



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
 July 11, 2024

Sunday
 July 14, 2024



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

STJ #3 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund

*His Mercy is More
 All Things New*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
 Message

Acts 8:26-40 (NRSVUE)

Is Church Really for Everyone?

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #390 In Christ there is no East or West

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

VT #455 Make Us One

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)



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- ✝ *Congratulations to Joe and Leah Weaver who were married on Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their new life together.*
- ✝ *Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver and Alice Rini (Lura Bowin's sister) who are both on Hospice Care; Lura Bowin; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer; Nancy Beachy's sister Hazel recovering from a fall and brother-in-law Jake with cancer; Diamond Howell's grandfather Dennis Howell.*
- ✝ *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.*
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- Fri.-Sat. – July 12-13 - OH Mennonite Relief Sale @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- Sunday – July 14 - Return Household Items for Refugee Family
- Fun Summer Activity Day for Post-High & Youth Group
- after church @ Steve & Holly Miller's
- Monday – July 15 - Ministry of Gifts Discernment Ballots due back to church
- Mon.-Fri. – July 15-19 - VBS with Evermore Community Church – 9am-11:30am
- Sunday – August 11 - Herm, Vince & Wayne – Sharing & Singing for Sermon Time
- Sunday – August 25 - Church Sunday Out – Service, lunch & afternoon @ Lake Mohawk

Request from Myrri

I would appreciate some help and input as I prepare sermons in the coming weeks. If you feel so led (no pressure), please respond to all or a few of the questions below anytime in the next week or two. You can email responses, text them or if you want to leave a voice mail or call me, that works too.

1. What are several characteristics of a successful church or what do you think makes a church successful?
2. If someone who has just moved into the Hartville area asked you why you attend Maple Grove, what would be your one or two sentence answer?
3. How does being a part of this congregation most help you in the development of your own spiritual life/journey?
4. What is the best way for you to make a contribution in our congregation, or what gifts/talents do you bring to the church?
5. If you could change one thing about your church experience at Maple Grove, what might that be?
6. What part of being involved in this congregation gives you the most joy?

Thank you, Myrri Byler



Thanks
for Your
Support!

Offering last Sunday, July 7

Attendance: 63

General Fund	\$ 2,695.00
My Coins Count	5,050.00
Refugee Family	2,700.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	1,600.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 12,045.00</u>



My Coins Count goal for the \$20,000 matching funds was met and exceeded – grand total will be available soon. Thanks to all who participated!!! Ministry of Outreach



[Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Store \(ohiomccreliefsale.org\)](http://ohiomccreliefsale.org)

Relief Sale Schedule of Events

All events inside the air-conditioned Mount Hope Event Center!

(8076 SR 241, Millersburg, Ohio 44654)

Friday Evening, July 12

- 4pm Silent Auction, Food Stands, Artisan's Market, Quilter's Corner & Auction Displays Open
- 6pm Volleyball Tournament
- 6:30pm Music by the Walhonding Amish Youth Group

Saturday, All Day, July 13

- 7am **Fuel up for Sale Day Breakfast**
Pancakes, Fresh Sausage, Eggs & More!
- 7:30am 1K Kids' Fun Run; 5K Run and Walk for Relief to follow at 8am

Saturday, All Day, July 13 (continued)

- 8am Artisan's Market, Quilter's Corner, Auction Displays & Food Stands Open
- 9am **Live/Online Auction**
Quilts, wall-hangings, locally-made quality furniture, tools, toys and "Experiences" will sell to the highest bidders!
Thousands of Dollars of Gift Cards donated by Ohio's Amish Country business will sell live and online!
- 10:30am **Children's Auction**
Toys for children 12 and under, auctioned by a youth auctioneer-in-training!

Nominees for Maple Grove Ministries – Ballots due back to the church by July 15

Ministry of Gifts Discernment has sent ballots to Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1, 2024. **Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Monday, July 15.** A box is available by the mailboxes at the church to collect the ballots or you may return them to the church office. Any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Vee Miller, Charla Sommers, Vernon Sommers, Jr., Michael Yoder.

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.



Vacation Bible School is the week of July 15-19 from 9am-11:30am at Evermore Community Church (Monday starts at 8:30am for registration). VBS is for preschoolers age 4 through 5th grade. Click on this link for more info: [The Great Jungle Journey 2024 - Evermore Community Church \(churchcenter.com\)](http://churchcenter.com)

Maple Grove is supplying snacks for the week of VBS.

- **Food Donations Needed!** Please bring in donations to the church by Saturday – July 13.
- **Volunteers Needed!** Two volunteers are needed each day to assist with preparation and serving of daily snack time. Please sign up if you are willing to volunteer.

Thanks for your help! If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.

Refugee Family Update from Brenda LaTulippe

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. Our request for sponsorship has been submitted and we're waiting for US Citizenship and Immigration Services to review/rule.

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

Christmas in July-Household Items: Many items are needed to stock the house and make it functional. Please see the display in the church lobby for specific things that are needed – there are still a few tags on the board. If you're able to help with any of them, pull the tag, purchase the item and bring them in by Sunday, July 14.

The Fundraising Committee has set a goal to raise \$25,000 as a starting point to help our Ukrainian family. Over half of this dollar amount is scheduled to be used to purchase a reliable car for the family. If anyone has a reliable vehicle that they would be interested in donating to this cause, please contact Steve Miller.

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

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 Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Myrrl Byler: Sabbatical Fill Pastor

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