



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.  
 Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.  
 (Online at [www.mgmennonite.org](http://www.mgmennonite.org))



Maple Grove  
*Newsletter*

*Disciples of Jesus,  
 Revealing His Kingdom  
 Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
 and Service Together*

Newsletter dated  
 July 18, 2024

Sunday  
 July 21, 2024



**Message:** Myrrl Byler  
**Worship Leader:** Myron Weaver  
**Song Leader:** Tom Lubbers  
**Greeters:** Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Opening Song

HWB #6 *Here in This Place*

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ.

**People: Members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.**

Leader: There are no outsiders here among us;

**People: No one has any special standing or bragging rights.**

Leader: For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.

**All: Let's join together in worship.**

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs

*Unity  
 The Family of God*

Offering – *Education Fund*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

Acts 11:27-30; 13:1-3; 18:24-28 (NRSVUE)

Message

***So, What Exactly Does a Church Do?***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response

HWB #362 *Help Us to Help Each Other*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song

*The Blessing*

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-Voces Together (purple)



✝ *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 sponsoring.*

✝ *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.*



- Sunday – July 21 - Education Sunday
- Festival of Nonviolence & Peacemaking  
3:00-7:00 p.m. at Nimisilla Park in Canton
- Sunday – August 11 - Herm, Vince & Wayne – Sharing & Singing for Sermon Time
- Sunday – August 18 - Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Sunday – August 25 - Church Sunday Out – Service, lunch & afternoon  
@ Lake Mohawk



**Offering last Sunday, July 14**

**Attendance: 62**

General Fund	\$ 8,720.00
Refugee Family	4,150.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 12,920.00</u>

**Refugee Family Update from Brenda LaTulippe**

**GOOD NEWS:** Our sponsorship of the refugee family was approved!!! Next is getting travel authorization from Customs and Border Patrol (usually only takes a couple of days). After approval, their flights can be booked - the travel costs are much less if we can book a few weeks in advance so they will most likely be here early to mid-August. It would be ideal if 7-year-old Vlad could start the school year with his classmates.

Their townhouse is coming together nicely, with furniture and furnishings. Thanks to Holly Miller and Lois Bontrager who worked putting the townhouse together - getting items, assembling furniture, hanging curtains, making it feel more like a home. Thanks to all of you who donated household items; we'll be checking to see what we're missing and let you know if we need more help.

The Fundraising Committee has set a goal to raise \$25,000 as a starting point. 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."***

## **Festival of Nonviolence & Peacemaking with RAWtools Demonstration– Sunday, July 21**

Maple Grove joins Lighthouse Ministries in sponsoring the Festival of Nonviolence & Peacemaking on Sunday, July 21, from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Nimisilla Park in Canton (1075 O'Jays Blvd. NE). It will be a look at the effects of gun violence in our community. There will be music, food, games and engagement with organizations committed to nonviolence and peacemaking, with a ceremony where guns are forged into garden tools. Plan to attend and help explore tangible ways to promote nonviolence and peacemaking in our community. More information on the event can be found at [FESTIVAL OF NONVIOLENCE AND PEACEMAKING | Together \(togetherneo.com\)](http://www.togetherneo.com)



**Relief Sale Update:** Thanks to all who worked so hard to make the 59<sup>th</sup> Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale a success! We don't have the numbers yet; it appears our totals will be under last year but still substantial. (And, the My Coins Count pump will stay at Maple Grove another year!)

So many talented Maple Grove folks contribute in many different ways to the sale from quilters, to IT expertise to Board members, corporate donors and sponsors who give space, products, expertise, time and money, folks serving at the sale, whether it's with the food, Silent Auction, taking items on stage for the live auction, or at the registration/check-out table and those of you who are customers. Special thanks to all who donated to My Coins Count.

All of your contributions are appreciated and benefit Mennonite Central Committee who will receive the proceeds and then turn them into Relief, Development and Peace for people in the US and 45 other countries around the world. In the name of Christ. Thanks, Brenda LaTulippe

## **Ministry of Worship is looking for Greeters for Sunday mornings**

Greeters are asked to be at the main doors in the foyer from 9:15-9:35 and 10:15-10:30 a.m. to greet the congregation and hand out welcome packets to new attendees. Greeters can be 1 to 2 persons or a family unit and sign up for a month at a time – the sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the church and the welcome packets are on the literature rack. If you are willing to be a greeter, please write your name down on the month you are available to serve. Please contact Lois Bontrager if you have any questions. Thank you!



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

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a letter of gratitude from Arcadia, Florida, volunteers install our 100<sup>th</sup> bridge allowing residents to travel home again, and homeowners are on the road to recovery thanks to volunteers working in Lytton, British Columbia. Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at [secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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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-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rooms 7-8  
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8): Rooms 3-4  
Mixed Post-High & Youth  
(Grades 9-12) Fellowship Hall