



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
 August 1, 2024

Sunday
 August 4, 2024



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

All Who Are Thirsty

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Loving God, you call us together as Your people;

People: Each of us is unique with differing gifts and talents.

Leader: Transform our hearts with Your love, that we may love generously without judging.

People: Transform our eyes, that we may see Your grace.

Leader: Transform our hands, that we may be part of ministries that promote hope and peace.

People: Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ working for peace and justice,

All: Gathered to worship and sent out as disciples to serve.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Goodness of God
 You are my King (Amazing Love)
 This is the Promise*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture

Romans 12:1-13 (NRSVUE)

Message

Seriously, You Think I Have Some Kind of Spiritual Gift?

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STJ #72 *One is the Body*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

I Saw the Light

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)



Christian sympathy is extended to Diamond Howell on the passing of her grandfather, Dennis Howell. He passed away on Monday, July 29, and a memorial service will be held on September 28 at 2pm at Evermore Community Church. Pray for Diamond that she may find comfort and peace through Jesus at this time of loss.



- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Sara Mae Miller; Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver who had surgery to remove a tumor; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer.
- ✝ 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 as they prepare to travel to the United States.
- ✝ 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.

Sara Mae Miller has Covid and is not allowed any visitors till after August 9. If you would like to send her a card, her address is St. Joseph's Assisted Living, 1882 Knob St. B-6, Louisville OH 44641. Please note this address is different than the one listed in the Church Phone Directory.



- Wednesday – August 7 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Saturday – August 10 - Picnic & Concert w/Herm, Vince & Wayne @ Kevin Graber's
 - Picnic @ 5:30 / Concert @ 6:30pm
- Sunday – August 11 - Herm, Vince & Wayne – Sharing & Singing for Sunday's service
- Sunday – August 18 - Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Sunday – August 25 - Church Sunday Out – Service, lunch & afternoon @ Lake Mohawk

Refugee Family Update from Brenda LaTulippe

The Mykhaylyuchenko family (pronounced: "me ky u jenko") is scheduled to fly into Detroit on Wednesday, August 7, and after clearing customs, arrive in Hartville around 7-8pm. We'll give them a day to rest up and then start getting them acclimated to the area.

If you've ever moved into a new town, a new state, and/or a new country, think about all the things you need to figure out: where are you going to get your hair cut? what's the best place to get gas? to get groceries? to bank? should I bother getting a library card? is there a youth sports league? how about sports for the adults? coffee shop? pharmacy? Ice cream?

You can help with this: **See the Maple Grove Welcome Wagon display in the lobby.** Give recommendations for businesses you're familiar with and let us know about if you're willing to help by taking Christina and/or Vlad to your favorite place/s. This would be a good way to introduce yourself to them and spend a little time with them.

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. **Note:** Midway Mennonite also sponsored a Ukrainian family, who arrived in the States in June. Twila's sister goes to Midway and said that they had a church member who was no longer able to drive and donated their car to the family. Anyone out there thinking about giving up driving?

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, July 28

Attendance: 70

General Fund	\$ 1,750.00
Refugee Family	2,500.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,300.00</u>

You're Invited! Saturday, August 10, Picnic & Concert @ Kevin Graber's

Herm, Vince & Wayne concert will be at Kevin Graber's house Saturday evening, August 10, with a picnic starting at 5:30 and music at 6:30pm. There will be BBQ ribs, sweet corn, potato salad and anything you would like to bring along to share. Bring a lawn chair. Bring friends. All are welcome!

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, August 7



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day, or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

FISH Collection – August 18: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on August 18th. Brown bags with a list of needed items are available in the church foyer.

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, August 18. You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. Needed items are:

- Breakfast Items (i.e.; cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, etc.)
- Condensed soups
- Crackers
- Shampoo



Acme Community Cash Back Program for FISH begins August 1st

Acme Stores' Community Cash Back Program began August 1 and will run through February 15, 2025. If you shop at Acme, save your receipts and bring them into the church – a collection box is available under the mailboxes. Lake Township FISH can turn these in at the end of the program and Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. This is a great way to donate to FISH just by doing your regular grocery shopping! Thanks for your support of this project! - *Ministry of Outreach*

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe needs YOU!

Young or old, male or female, much time to offer or only a couple hours a week or month - we are continuing to look for more volunteers to help us in our mission. Currently we could use help in ELECTRICAL, SHOES, HANG&TAG, AND RUNNING TEXTILES AND WARES TO THE FLOOR. Orientation and training are provided, and hours are very flexible for our volunteers. We love that our work helps keep things out of the landfills and allows for more years of use and enjoyment. You can come in and fill out a Volunteer Information Form in person, or go to our website at Hartvillethriftshoppe.org, go to the Volunteer tab ([Volunteer Application | Hartville Thrift Shoppe](#)), submit, and our Volunteer Coordinator will contact you. Store hours Monday thru Saturday 10am-5pm and we are open until 8pm on Thursdays. Address - 938 West Maple Street in Hartville. Come and join us as we serve the Lord in this way!

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