



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 15, 2024

Sunday
 August 18, 2024



Message:	Myrrl Byler	Offertory Music:	James Yoder
Worship Leaders:	Sophia Sommers & Gary Sommers	Offertory Prayer:	Sawyer Sommers
Scripture Reader:	Luke Sommers	Visuals:	Briana Geiser Diamond Howell Emme Liechty
Song Leader:	Isabelle Liechty		
Panel Participants:	Isabelle Liechty, Braidon Miller, Kaydri Sommers & James Yoder		

GATHERING

Prelude	
Opening Song	"Firm Foundation" by Cory Carnes
Welcome & Announcements	
Call to Worship & Prayer	

PRAISING

Praise Songs	<i>Goodness of God Blessed Be Your Name</i>
Offering – Education Fund	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture	I Timothy 4:6-18 (The Message)
Panel Discussion	<i>Back to School with Kaydri, Izzie, Braidon and James</i>

RESPONDING

Song of Response	"Gratitude" by Brandon Lake
Congregational Sharing/Prayer	

SENDING

Sending Song	"How He Loves" by David Crowder Band
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)



Please join us after the service on Sunday for a carry-in and a time of fellowship to meet our Ukrainian family, Vlad, Christina, Vlad and Emilia.



✝ Pray for the students, administrators, faculty and staff who are preparing to return or have returned back to school.

- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer.
- ✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Christina, Vlad and Emilia.
- ✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé and his wife Gloria & their family that they may soon be reunited as they continue to work at the immigration process.
- ✝ 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 – August 18 - Youth Sunday & Back-to-School Sunday
- Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Carry-in after the service – Meet the Mykhaylyuchenko family
- Sunday – August 25 - Church Sunday Out – Service, Lunch & afternoon
@ Lake Mohawk – Service starts 10:30am
(No coffee & donuts before the service.)
- Monday – Sept. 2 - Labor Day (Church Office Closed)



Thanks for Your Support!

Offering last Sunday, August 11, 2024

Attendance: 97

General Fund	\$ 2,970.00
Refugee Family	700.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,820.00</u>



Sunday School materials have been placed in the adult classrooms for the fall quarter which begins September 1st. Sunday School quarterlies for the winter quarter will be ordered mid-October. Please let Ministry of Education know how many quarterlies your class will need. Thank you – Ministry of Education

Our Daily Bread devotionals for September-November 2024 are now available on the literature rack at the church. Please help yourself!

FISH Collection – Items due back to church on August 18. Needed items are:

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



You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH.

Church Sunday Out @ Lake Mohawk – August 25

Next Sunday, Ministry of Congregational Care will have our worship service, lunch and fun activities in the afternoon at the pavilion at Lake Mohawk in Malvern.



- The service will begin at 10:30am with lunch at noon. (There will not be coffee and donuts before the service.)
- Drinks and food will be provided.
- Bring lawn chairs, bathing suit & towel as needed.

Please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care if you have any questions.

Mykhaylyuchenko (pronounced: "me ky u jenko") Family Update from Brenda LaTulippe

Thanks for your donations and help getting Vlad, Christina and their children to the US and into their furnished townhouse. They are making their way through a maze of forms and other things needed to establish residency in the US and get (little) Vlad registered in school. Vlad is scheduled to start school at Lake Elementary on Tuesday (the 20th) with his class.

They applied for social security numbers the second full day they were in the States but until they get them, we are unable to insure a vehicle in their name, get Ohio Driver's license, switch the utilities to their name, open a bank account, etc. They are used to being in a city where they could walk to shops, go out to eat, go to the park (all the things we do without thinking about it). Here they are at the mercy of other people to take them places, and as you can imagine there are times they feel dependent, isolated and lonely.

You can help – Invite them over for a meal, take them out for a meal, offer to take them to the park, to your kid's soccer game, swimming, anywhere they can get out of their place and interact with other people; it doesn't have to be a long time. They have plenty of food at home but they really need to be able to make connections with other people and get out of their house (which they love and are very thankful for). Lois or Brenda would be glad to connect you with them or you can contact them directly (see Lois or Brenda for cell phone numbers).

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



Everence Workshop – August 20: Everence is holding an Investments and Annuities Workshop to help gain confidence on your journey with the basics of investments and annuities. The workshop is in Hartville on August 20 at 6pm. Contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or northeastohio@everence.com for directions and to reserve your spot.

Lake Township FISH Annual Banquet & Silent Auction – September 10

This annual fundraiser for FISH is Tuesday, September 10th, at the Hartville Kitchen. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm and the program begins at 7pm. This is FISH's main fundraiser and we hope to have a full house for an evening of great food and entertainment. The entertainment this year will be The Cleveland Keys “Dueling Pianos.” This will be a unique entertainment experience as well as an additional fundraiser for the evening. Anyone can make a donation to be able to put in requests for songs. Larger donations bump your song to the top of the play list while other guests can make donations to make your song STOP playing! This year, there is an offer of matching funds up to \$15,000 by The Christ Foundation, an Impact Partner of FISH. Tickets are \$30 and a table can hold 8-10 guests. Please contact Harold Beachy for tickets by August 25 or go to [ANNUAL BANQUET | Lake Township FISH](#).

Lighthouse Ministries’ Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser – September 14

Mark your calendars! The Lighthouse Open House and Marketplace Fundraiser is just around the corner! Join us on Saturday, September 14th, anytime between 10am–3pm for an immersive experience where you will connect with Lighthouse staff, support our student entrepreneurs, and see first-hand what our students experience at the Lighthouse. Bus tours will be available again this year, by registration. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 and due to the generosity of our sponsors, the first \$10,000 given will be matched! To learn more about the event and register if you plan to attend, visit www.cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse. Can't make it but still want to help the Lighthouse reach its goal? Donations can be made at www.cantonlighthouse.org/give or by mailing a check to Lighthouse Ministries 1931 3rd St SE Canton, OH 44707. Thanks for supporting the youth of southeast Canton!

Navigating Your Grief Course @ Evermore Community Church – September 8-November 10

“Navigating Your Grief” is for those who have lost a loved one. It is a 10-week course utilizing *GriefShare* videos to help people at all stages of grief obtain the tools to move forward. You’ll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what’s “normal” in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you’ll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support and comfort each step of the way. Topics include understanding your grief journey, self-care, loneliness and sadness, how grief affects your relationships, questions for God, hope and resilience. New session starts **Sunday, September 8th – November 10th from 8:30-10am** at Evermore Community Church, 1470 Smith Kramer St. Hartville. Call Evermore church office to register: 330-877-2050 or email info@evermorecc.org. Family members and supportive friends are encouraged to attend as well. There is no charge for the course. For further information contact Jean Just, email jean@thejusts.org

The July-August issue of “Ohio Mennonite Evangel – News & Views of Ohio Conference” is now available. Click [here](#) to read the current issue – paper copies are available on the literature rack at the church.

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!

IVEP OPPORTUNITY! The Hartville Thrift Shoppe has been given a wonderful opportunity to again host an IVEP'er (International Voluntary Exchange Program)! There is a young woman from Zambia, coming to PA next week, whose placement is in jeopardy there. And we were asked if there was any possibility of hosting her here. We are thrilled! BUT it means we must act very QUICKLY! We would be open to splitting the year. So would you, or do you know of anyone who would be willing to host this young woman (bio below) for 6 or 12 months? Please contact Phil Stauffer or Julie Yoder ASAP to find out more, at 330-877-2769.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION and look forward to hearing from her soon-to-be host family!

Santa JINAINA (Zambia)

Age: 23F **Education:** Economics (graduate April 2024) **Language(s):** English rated 19.1/20
Santa enjoys playing guitar, reading, meditation, connecting with her church, learning more about music and economics. She is also in a gospel band and loves to explore new places. When Santa has breaks from school work, she sings on the church praise team and before university she was a Sunday school teacher. At school she is the chairperson of Chialpha, an interdenominational Christian fellowship that meets once a week. Santa has not yet had a formal job, but she has been a volunteer at the UN Fund Program Agency for a month collecting data and the Zambia Public Health Institute for 2 months talking about COVID-19 vaccines. She is currently doing an internship at the Ministry of Commerce. Santa's references describe her as calm, friendly, optimistic, dedicated leader, social cooperative, considerate, self-motivated, patient, empathetic, articulate and teachable.

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

Acme Community Cash Back Program runs 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.

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)

Myrri 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