



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 29, 2024

Sunday
 September 1, 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

Standing on the Promises

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*God Would You Forgive Us
 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
 Message

Looking Out for Others

1 Corinthians 8:4-13 (NRSVUE)

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #719 Jesus, Help us Live in Peace

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

Build Your Church, Lord

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)



Ministry of Congregational Care would like to thank Steve & Holly Miller and Scott & Kami Sommers for hosting the congregation at Lake Mohawk last Sunday. What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for everyone. Thank you for your generosity and hospitality.



✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver going through chemotherapy treatments; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer; James Eklich's nephew Blaine recovering from an auto accident; Brenda LaTulippe's niece Christina Blough having jaw joint replacement surgery on September 3rd.

✝ 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.

✝ 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.



- Monday – Sept. 2 - Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
- Wednesday – Sept. 4 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – Lunch provided!
- Tuesday – Sept. 10 - Lake Township FISH Annual Banquet & Silent Auction
- Saturday – Sept. 14 - Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser

PLEASE NOTE: The church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day. Cindy will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 3-5.



Offering last Sunday, August 25, 2024-Church Sunday Out

Attendance: 74

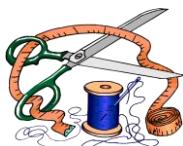
General Fund	\$ 440.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 440.00</u>

Offering Sunday, August 18, 2024-Education Sunday

Attendance: 80

General Fund	\$ 2,100.00
Education Fund	1,839.50
Special Designation	1,000.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	300.00
Lake Township FISH	<u>75.00</u>
Total Offering	<u>\$ 5,314.50</u>

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, September 4 – lunch provided!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Spend the day or come for just a bit – we enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Lunch is provided this month. Contact Twila Miller, Margaret Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Request for Scrapbooking Supplies: The children's Sunday School class will be making scrapbooks this year once a month during their Sunday School time. We are looking for donations of scrapbooking supplies – stickers, letters, extra paper, etc. Anything will be helpful. If you have any supplies, please place them on the countertop in the hallway where education supplies are kept. Any questions, please see Sheryl Weaver. Thank you!



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

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares our need for volunteers at our warehouse in Mississippi, read the latest on our flood response in Vermont, meet an inspirational 22-year-old volunteer and get the back story on a popular MDS photo. Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser – September 14

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.

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 14-18 – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

Canning For Relief for 2024 will happen in the Gerber Building in Kidron (3970 Kidron Road, behind Central Christian School) starting Monday, October 14, through Friday, October 18. Start and finish times will vary this year – to schedule a work time, call/text/email Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 or metcalft@aol.com. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer at the church with more information.

Love Our Community “Men Who Cook” Fundraiser – October 15

Get your taste buds ready to attend the 2nd Annual Love Our Community “Men Who Cook” fundraiser on Tuesday, October 15, at Hartville Marketplace & Flea Market from 6-9pm. Featuring local community members who whip up their favorite appetizer, side dish, main dish, or dessert in sample-size portions for you to try! Chefs will be competing for multiple awards, and you get to vote! However, it is not all about the Men Who Cook! Watch the table turn as teams compete in the tablescape competition as well! In addition to enjoying a gourmet feast, you’ll have the opportunity to bid on exciting auctions items, and participate in fun activities and games with all proceeds going towards Love Our Community programs. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets, as well as for information to become a chef for the evening, become a sponsor, or donate to the silent auction.

NEEDED: IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program through MCC) host family from February-July 2025. Hello our Partnering Churches and greetings from the Hartville Thrift Shoppe! We are happy to report that we have a host family for our coming IVEPer's first 6 months! Praise God! **SO we are looking for a host family for the second half of her stay - from February until the end of her time here, likely in July.** Our new IVEPer's name is Santa Jinaina, and she is 23, from Zambia. See Santa's bio on the bulletin board at the church. We "met" her on Zoom last week and she is very much looking forward to her year here with us - as are we. Please give this prayerful consideration and contact Phil Stauffer or Julie Yoder at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe at 330-877-2769 if you have interest/questions. You would have the opportunity to meet her in the next 5-6 months as well. Praying for her next host family - will it be 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.

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.

To include something in the newsletter, please email [Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org) by Wednesday each week – thank you!

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: Dan Dutcher, Paul Bontrager, Harold Beachy, Clara Sommers (Jill Liechty-9/1/24)

Prayer Chain Contacts: Jen Geiser and Kami Sommers

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AVAILABLE

Adult Classes

Women's Class	Room 1-Education Side
Men's Class	Room 9-Hallway
Mixed Intergenerational Class	Room 2-Education Side
Mixed 30's-40's Class	Basement

Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes

PreK-5 th Grade	Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 6-8):	Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12) & Post-High	
Youth Room in Basement	