



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 8, 2024

Maple Grove welcomes Herm, Vince & Wayne for a morning of music and sharing on Sunday morning.



Herm, Vince and Wayne

The music of Herm and Vince originated in 1978 on a small college campus in Hesston Kansas. Their energetic vocals blended with extraordinary ease and seemed made for each other. Very quickly, they became a hit duo on and off campus.

After college they added Herm's brother Wayne as a bass player and vocalist and played in restaurants, clubs and honkey-tonks around Sarasota Florida, gathering a growing base of followers by playing covers of popular songs of the day by artists such as Merle Haggard, John Prine, Kris Kristofferson, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and more. In addition to playing cover songs, they were also writing and playing original songs like "Sarasota," "Colorado you're on my Mind" and "Musician's Song."

Calling themselves "Free Spirit" they attempted to organize a tour in 1980 with this flier.

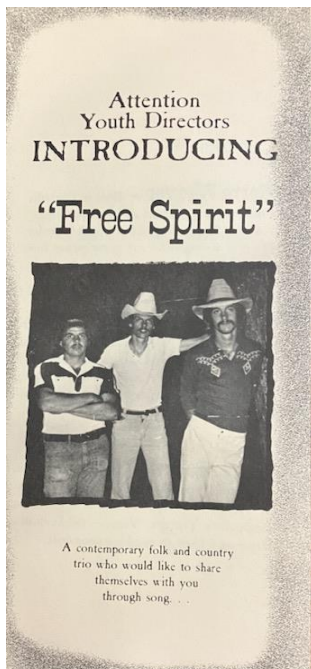
Delivering straightforward, honest music with passion while having fun doing it was their M.O. and it was hard not to like! They honed a signature sound while building a base of followers that cheered them on.

With aspirations of Nashville on the horizon, they also encountered the new realities of careers, girlfriends and starting families. Reluctantly they separated ways and postponed their music dreams for another day.

Forty years later, Vince and Herm met again at a music retreat high in the Colorado Rockies. Outside the retreat house a bitter cold raged, while inside a warm fellowship of friends were singing loud, joyful music. At the urging of friends, Herm and Vince played a few original songs from 40 years earlier. To the surprise of the humble gathering, their music flowed easily and came to life once again. It's "as if they'd never stopped playing" someone said!

This experience was the spark that rekindled their music. So, they decided to give it another go. Today, Herm, Vince and Wayne play a mix of the songs they wrote 40 years ago alongside present day compositions. The old tunes harken back to a time of youth, innocence and searching, while the new bring together honest melodic perspectives on life after forty years of living, loving, raising families, experiencing tragedies, and broken dreams...a music that is surrounded in goodness and JOY!

([Heartfelt Music of Our Lives | Herm, Vince and Wayne \(hermvinceandwayne.com\)](http://Heartfelt Music of Our Lives | Herm, Vince and Wayne (hermvinceandwayne.com)))





Sunday - August 11, 2024

Message: Herm, Vince & Wayne
Worship Leader: Myrri Byler
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Have you not known?

People: Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

Leader: Have you not heard?

People: God does not faint or grow weary.

Leader: Have you not known?

People: God's understanding is unsearchable.

Leader: Have you not heard?

People: God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Leader: Have you not known?

**People: Those who wait for God will renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

Leader: We come to hear.

All: We come to know. Thanks be to God.

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Herm, Vince & Wayne

RESPONDING

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Sending & Prayer for Dillon Weaver

SENDING

Sending Song

Herm, Vince & Wayne

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude



Next week is Youth Sunday in which worship will be planned and led by the youth.
Please plan to join us!



✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer.

✝ 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 the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Christina, Vlad, Jr., and daughter, Emilia.

✝ 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.



The VBS Committee would like to thank everyone for all their donations for snacks, and volunteers for all their help with VBS this year! We had a wonderful week and kids loved it!
Kim Weaver



- 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 - 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.)



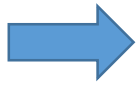
Offering last Sunday, August 4, 2024

Attendance: 74

General Fund	\$ 3,087.92
Education Fund	4,270.00
Refugee Family	6,200.00
My Coins Count	721.00
Lake Township FISH	525.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	300.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 15,103.92</u>

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

Herm, Vince & Wayne concert will be at Kevin Graber's house on 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!



Please join us after the service next Sunday, August 18, for a carry-in and a time of fellowship to meet our Ukrainian family, the Mykhaylyuchenko's.



Church Sunday Out @ Lake Mohawk – August 25

For Sunday, August 25, 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.

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 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*

Everence Workshops – August 15 & 20: Everence is holding Investments and Annuities Workshops to help gain confidence on your journey with the basics of investments and annuities. The workshops are presented by Darius Meraj and Roger Dishong, Everence Financial Consultants, in Kidron on August 15 and 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.

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

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartsville, 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