



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



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

Newsletter dated
 September 12, 2024

Sunday
 September 15, 2024



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

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song STJ #5 *Come and Be Light for our Eyes*
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer
 Leader: We gather to worship God,
People: Who loves us and continues to create us in His image;
 Leader: Who gifts us with diversity and shapes us in a community;
People: Who gives Jesus Christ to offer forgiveness and show us how to live;
 Leader: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,
People: To seek justice, to be ambassadors of peace, and live together in love and equality;
 Leader: Who invites us to join in the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all humanity,
People: and whose presence, grace, and love sustains us in our living.
 Leader: To God be all glory, honor, and praise!
People: We gather to worship God!

PRAISING

Praise Songs *Goodness of God*
VT #551 *Beautiful Things*
 Offering – *Education Fund*

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Colossians 1:1-20 (NRSVUE)
 Message ***The Continuing Conversion of the Church***

RESPONDING

Song of Response HWB #362 *Help Us to Help Each Other*
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song STJ #31 *He Came Down*
 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)



- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver going through chemotherapy treatments; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer; Brenda LaTulippe's niece Christina Blough recovering from jaw joint replacement surgery.
- ✝ Pray for Harold & Nancy Beachy's friend Michelle having open heart surgery.
- ✝ Pray for Nathanael & Savanah as Nathanael prepares to return from his Sabbatical.
- ✝ 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.



- Sunday – Sept. 22 - Guest Dan Miller, Ohio Conference Interim Minister
- Sunday – Sept. 29 - Nathanael's first Sunday back after Sabbatical
- Sunday – Oct. 6 - World Communion Sunday
- Saturday – Oct. 26 - Extraordinary Women's Conference at First Christian Church



Offering last Sunday, September 8, 2024

Attendance: 78

General Fund	\$ 8,432.50
Refugee Family	750.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 9,332.50</u>



This Sunday concludes Myrri's time as Maple Grove's Sabbatical Fill Pastor. Ministry of Congregational Care would like to thank him for his service through this time. Nathanael's Sabbatical is over September 22nd and he will be back in the office the week of September 23rd. Dan Miller with Ohio Conference will bring the message on September 22nd.

Mark your calendars – the Women's Conference at First Christian Church is coming up.

Tickets were bought as a group back in February to attend the Extraordinary Women's Conference on Saturday, October 26, at First Christian Church in Canton (6900 Market Ave N.). There are two tickets still available – contact Sheryl Weaver if you are interested. The conference is from 8:30am-4:00pm. More information on the event can be found at [Canton, OH 2024 - Extraordinary Women \(ewomen.net\)](http://Canton, OH 2024 - Extraordinary Women (ewomen.net)).



Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser – September 14

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.

Hartville Migrant Center Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Fundraiser – October 12

Join us on Saturday, October 12, from 8am-12pm at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 2952 Edison St NW in Uniontown for a pancake breakfast. All proceeds from this pancake breakfast will benefit the Migrant Center. The Hartville Migrant Center provides free medical, dental, and counseling services to immigrants and migrants who do not have medical insurance. Due to a significant increase in patient visits, our budget is being stretched and we must raise more money to cover all the associated medical costs. Please contact Terry Smith at 330-354-6419 if you have any questions.

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.

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 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, Jill Liechty

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 Basemen	