



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
 October 3, 2024

*Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation with believers from around the world.
 We encourage you to take time to prepare your hearts for World Communion Sunday.*

Sunday
 October 6, 2024



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
 Opening Song
 Welcome & Announcements
 Call to Worship & Prayer

Living Waters

PRAISING

Praise Songs

 Offering – General Fund

*May the Peoples Praise You
 Shout to the North*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
 Message

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12 (NRSVUE)

A Way Through and a Way Out

RESPONDING

Communion
 Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STS #31 Jesus, Be the Center

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

HWB #118 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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.
- ✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Krystyna, 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, especially with the recent Hurricane Helene.



- Sunday – Oct. 20 - Fall Church Social/Cook-Out – 1pm @ Hartville Marketplace
- Saturday – Oct. 26 - Extraordinary Women's Conference at First Christian Church
- Sunday – Nov. 3 - Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)



Offering last Sunday, September 29

Attendance: 71

General Fund	\$ 1,110.00
Special Designation	5,000.00
Refugee Family	3,000.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	1,300.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 10,410.00</u>

PLEASE NOTE: Cindy Fleming is having surgery on her hand on October 9 and will be out of the office for 4-6 weeks. Kami Sommers will be taking care of the newsletter in her absence.
To include something in the newsletter, please contact Kami by Wednesday each week – thank you!



Fall Church Social/Cook-out – October 20 @ 1pm

Family Ministry has scheduled a church social for Sunday, October 20, starting at 1pm at the Hartville Marketplace. This is a cook-out with all food and drinks provided. There will be games including corn hole, sack races, a bouncy house and pumpkin painting. All ages are welcome! **Please bring lawn chairs.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Holly Miller & Marsha Miller

Women's Conference at First Christian Church – October 26

The Extraordinary Women's Conference is on Saturday, October 26, at First Christian Church in Canton (6900 Market Ave N.). There is still 1 ticket 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)).

- Meet at Maple Grove at 8:00 am if you want to carpool.
- Bring a packed lunch – a bottle of water will be furnished.
- Holly Miller & Kami Sommers have invited us to have a follow-up dinner at their house at Lake Mohawk in the evening after the conference to re-cap our experience from the day. We will carpool to Lake Mohawk and return Saturday evening



Mennonite Disaster Service is responding to the devastation of Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina. Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) volunteers are in western North Carolina responding to the impacts of Hurricane Helene with equipment to move debris, mud, and downed trees. MDS is accepting donations for the recovery effort. Please pray for the people impacted by the hurricane and the volunteers as they respond. Visit MDS.org to see the latest volunteer needs or to make a donation. Check donations can be mailed to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Write "Hurricane Helene" on the memo line.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) responding to the crisis in Lebanon and Gaza: Up to a million people in Lebanon have been displaced in the last few days due to increasing military attacks. And the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza continues. You can donate and **provide relief today**. MCC continues to respond to the needs of displaced people in Lebanon and Gaza. MCC is providing relief to recently displaced people in Lebanon with food, hygiene, bedding and psychosocial support. Please pray for an end to the violence and for a just peace in Israel and Palestine. Donate online at mcc.org/palestine-israel.

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 metcalfjt@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! 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.

Conversation and Central American Cuisine – October 19

You're invited to join Wooster Mennonite Church (1563 Beall Ave, Wooster, OH 44691) for a fundraiser meal on Saturday, October 19 from 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a wonderful Central American meal and hear from special guest speaker Abraham Diaz, Immigration Program Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Funds raised will go towards building a kitchen at an MCC-supported shelter for migrants in Mexico.

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.

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 Pastor Nathanael, Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler: Pastor (pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org)

- **Office Hours:** **Monday 9am-1pm; Tuesday thru Thursday-8am-noon**

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 Basement	