



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
 January 10, 2025

Sunday
January 12, 2025



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Michael Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider

GATHERING

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Opening Song
 Call to Worship

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

When the Stars Burn Down (Blessing & Honor)
How Deep the Father's Love for Us

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture
 Message

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (NRSVUE)

Letting the Dove Descend

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STS #121 *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

STJ #44 *The Love of God*

Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314
 HWB- Hymnal Worship Book (blue) STJ-Sing the Journey (green)
 VT-Voices Together (purple) STS-Sing the Story (purple)



✝ Pray for Becky Lubbers who is having knee surgery on January 17th.

✝ Pray for Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder who has cancer.

Pray for others with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Herm Weaver going through chemotherapy treatments; Twila Miller's sister Elnora Yoder with cancer; Nancy Beachy's friend Mary Ann recovering from open heart surgery; Jeremy Graber, Kevin Graber's nephew, recovering from surgery; Lois Bontrager recovering from gallbladder surgery.

✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Krystyna, Vlad and Emilia.

✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé and his wife Gloria & their family.

✝ Pray for Santa Jinaina, the IVEP volunteer from Zambia, who is working at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe for her year-long term and moving in with her new host family in January.

✝ 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.



- Wednesday – Jan. 15 - Annual Reports due back to Church Office
- January 21, 2025 - 500th year Anniversary of Anabaptism
- Sunday – Feb. 2 - Annual Meeting after a Carry-in lunch
- Saturday – Feb. 15 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends – Bring your Acme receipts to the church



Offering last Sunday, January 5, 2025

Attendance: 74

General Fund	\$ 3,521.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	200.00
Total Offering	<u>\$ 3,721.00</u>



Annual Congregational Business Meeting & Carry-in – February 2, 2025



The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, February 2. The meeting will begin after a carry-in (approximately 1:00 p.m.) An email has been sent to the chairperson of each committee and ministry requesting an updated report for 2024.

We are asking that you please turn in your reports to Cindy in the church office by Wednesday, January 15 – thank you!

Acme Community Cash Back Program runs through Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Please bring your receipts 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.



Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on February 28 - March 1!

A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Fairlawn Mennonite Church to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. We invite you to make comforter tops (60" x 80") and backs (65" x 85") for use at the Comforter Bash. Comforter backs and tops should be marked for Sarah or MRC and dropped off by February 1 at the MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road).

For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.

Dates: Friday, February 28 (9:30am-8:00pm) and Saturday, March 1 (9:00am-2:00pm)

Location: Fairlawn Mennonite Church - 8520 Emerson Rd, Apple Creek, OH 44606

Hartville Reunion in Sarasota – February 2

For those from Hartville living in or visiting in the Sarasota, Florida area, we would love to have you join us at the Hartville reunion on Sunday, February 2, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sarasota Community Church (4041 Bahia Vista St. Sarasota, FL 34232). Please bring a hot and cold dish to share, along with your own serving utensils. All paper products and silverware will be provided. For any questions please contact Bert or Glenda Yoder at 330-704-3645 or 330-704-1015

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.

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:** **Friday – 8-11am**

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	