



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



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

Newsletter dated  
 November 14, 2024

Sunday  
 November 17, 2024



**Message:** Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Lois Bontrager  
**Song Leader:** Gary Sommers

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Opening Song  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Call to Worship & Prayer

STJ #4 *You've Got a Place*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
 Offering – General Fund

*Holy Forever*  
 STJ #27 *God of the Bible*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture  
 Message ***Not What It Seems...***

1 Samuel 1:4-20 (NRSVUE)

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #722 *Help Us to Help Each Other*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
 Benediction/Blessing  
 Postlude

*The Blessing*

*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, Cindy Fleming recovering from hand surgery, Kevin Graber recently hospitalized and diagnosed with Bell's Palsy, Kenna Wooding (Kami's mom) at Cleveland Clinic due to ruptured brain aneurysm.
- ✝ 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.

**Offering last Sunday, November 10th**

**Attendance: 81**



General Fund	\$ 4846.75
Charity Fund	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 4896.75

**Youth Group Fundraiser**

The youth group is selling cookie/soup mix jars through Sunday, November 17th. Youth will be in the foyer after church to take orders/payment. Please see Charla Sommers or Ruth Yoder with any questions.

Also, if you have any clean quart glass jars or clean lids and rims or complete lids you'd like to donate for this project, please bring them to the church by November 17.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Cindy Fleming had 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!

**Collection for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH – November 17 & 24**

Maple Grove is collecting **boxed stuffing mix** for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach this year. Our goal is to collect 250 boxes of stuffing mix! We will also collect \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. You may make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for FISH. The collection Sundays are November 17 & 24.

The new **Our Daily Bread** for December-February are now available by the mailboxes. Please help yourself.

## **Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse.**

In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity that comes with a parent's ability to provide for their children.

- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services. Take a tag from the board.
- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse. Affordable means the gifts are marked down 75% so that the parents are buying at 25% of the purchase price.
- Please make sure that every gift has the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging.
- Please tape the tag on the gift.
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Monday, December 2nd.**



Are you looking for a part-time job? **The Hartville Thrift Shoppe** is hiring cashiers and we would love to talk to you! You can apply either in person in the store (ask for Denise), or online at our website (and then click on Job Openings). <https://www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org>

**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](https://www.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](https://www.mcc.org/palestine-israel).

**Hartville Migrant Center:** "The Hartville Migrant Ministry is looking for new board members. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to help serve vulnerable people in your community! For more information or inquiries, email Lora Wyss at [lwyss@malone.edu](mailto:lwyss@malone.edu) or call the Hartville Migrant Center at (330) 877-2983."

Volunteers needed – In need of drivers willing to transport patients from their home to the Migrant Center or other doctor's appts. If you are interested, please contact Terry Smith at 330-354-6419.

**Burgers & Blankets:** Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm – 9pm at Bethany Mennonite Church. Come and eat burgers and make fleece tie blankets for Love Our Community.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:pastornathanael@maplegrovemennonite.org))

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

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rooms 7-8
Jr. Youth (Grades 6-8):	Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12) & Post-High	
Youth Room in Basement	