



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))



Maple Grove  
Newsletter

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

Newsletter dated  
February 7, 2025

**Sunday  
February 9, 2025**



**Message:** Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
**Worship Leader:** Jill Liechty  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship

*VT #422 Called or Not Called, God is There*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs  
  
Offering – General Fund

*VT #195 No Longer Slaves to Fear  
Hymn of Heaven*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture  
Message

Luke 4:21-30 (CEB)

***Jesus' Offensively Merciful Gospel***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

*HWB #322 For We Are Strangers No More*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

*HWB #338 I Know Not Why God's Wondrous*

*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 Sylvia Miller who had surgery on Friday to repair her Achilles tendon.
- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder who has cancer; Becky Lubbers recovering from knee surgery; Jeremy Graber, Kevin Graber's nephew, recovering from brain surgery; Terry Smith with the Hartville Migrant Ministry recovering from surgery; Herm Weaver recovering from surgery.
- ✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Krystyna, Vlad and Emilia.
- ✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé and his wife Gloria & their family.
- ✝ 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.



- Thursday – Feb. 6
  - Scripture Reading & Prayer Time – 8:30am (SS Room #1)
  - Maple Grove's night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6pm
- Saturday – Feb. 15
  - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends (Please bring in your receipts)
- Sunday – Feb. 16
  - Collection for Lake Township FISH
  - Bring in Diapers for Diaper Shower for Tim & Violet
- Sunday – March 9
  - Church Social – Game Night @ the Church – 4:30pm



#### Offering last Sunday, February 2

Attendance: 81

General Fund	\$ 4,956.75
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	100.00
100-Year Book	25.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,081.75



#### Church News

**Lenten Banner for 2025** –The Worship Visual Committee is currently working on the new Lenten banner using the *Leader* magazine suggestions. It will be set up in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time if anyone (of any age or skill) would like to help. If you have any questions, please see Vee Miller or Sheryl Weaver.

**Morning Scripture Reading and Prayer:** Pastor Nathanael and Clara Sommers are meeting on Thursday mornings in the Women's SS class at 8:30am for a time of scripture reading and prayer. They are following the 2-Year Bible Reading Plan – copies are available by the mailboxes. All are invited to join, whether you come every week or just once in a while. If you have any questions, please see Clara or Nathanael.

**FISH Collection:** The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Brown bags are available at the church with a list of needed items.

Please bring items to the church by Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. Needed items are:

- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup
- Kleenex



**Diaper Shower for Tim & Violet:** The Ministry of Outreach is having a diaper shower for Tim Miller (Miriam Miller's son). If you would like to participate, please bring in diapers February 9 & 16. Any size diapers newborn to toddler. Any questions, please contact a member of MOO: Sheryl Weaver, Savannah Hofstetter Ressler, Howard Miller. Thank you!

**Acme Community Cash Back Program ends Saturday, February 15.**

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.



**The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.**

Ministry of Outreach is encouraging volunteers to help with this.

Men and women are needed Thursday, February 13, at 6:00 p.m.



**Family Ministry has scheduled a game night at the church for Sunday, March 9, from 4:30-7:30pm. All ages are welcome!**

We'll have pizza at 5:30. Bring your favorite game to play and come enjoy the fellowship time! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Holly Miller & Marsha Miller



**Immigration webinar with MCC:** The MCC Immigration Network will host a free webinar on February 12 at 2 p.m. EST for individuals and congregations who want to learn how they can support immigrants in their congregations and communities. How can we, in this moment, offer hospitality and love to our immigrant neighbors? Join us to learn from the expertise of Saulo Padilla, MCC U.S. Migration Education Coordinator, and Rachel Diaz, Immigration Attorney with MCC East Coast. Learn more and register: [mcc.org/immigration-webinar](http://mcc.org/immigration-webinar)

**The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking for volunteers,** specifically in the purses/accessories, electronics, cashier areas, and the Movies and Music department. Tours and more information are available. Hours and areas to work are as flexible as you need them to be! Join us in our work to support MCC and local charities. Contact Julie, Volunteer Coordinator at 330-877-2769 X1308, or fill out a volunteer information form on our website at [hartvillethriftshoppe.org](http://hartvillethriftshoppe.org).

## 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.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at [secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org) by Wednesday each week – thank you!

Church Information: 2121 Smith Kramer St. NE, Hartsville, 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-12pm**

Cindy Fleming: Church Secretary ([Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org))

- Office Hours: **Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday – 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	