



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
July 11, 2025

Sunday
July 13, 2025



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Julie Yoder
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #60 *Trinity Song*

Call to Worship

Leader: We have chosen to follow Jesus.

People: *What does that mean in real life?*

Leader: When the world hates,

People: *We are called to love.*

Leader: When the world rejects the poor, the widow, the orphan, the marginalized,

People: *We are called to walk with Jesus toward them and with them.*

Leader: When the world does evil,

People: *We are called to do good.*

Leader: We are not to be conformed to the world,

People: *But to be transformed by God's call, by Jesus' example and teachings to do what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Leader: How can we know? You have promised to help us know when we ask with our whole selves.

All: *We come together today as individuals and as Your body to worship and to seek Your will together. Amen.*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

STS #62 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*
Living Hope

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories

Brenda LaTulippe

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-2 (CEB)

Message

Anabaptist Flaws

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

HWB #504 *Have Thine Own Way*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #105 *Christ, We Do all Adore Thee*

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



✝ Pray for Becky Lubbers who is at home recovering from surgery she had on her esophagus.

✝ Pray for Diamond Howell who is having surgery on July 30th.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Arrie Ledsome; Alta Bates; Miriam Miller; Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Nancy Beachy's sister Alta; and Jeremy Graber, Kevin Graber's nephew.

✝ Pray for Leisa, the young woman from Mozambique who was planning to be an IVEPer at the Thrift Shoppe but was denied her visa. Pray that God would bless her in this coming year in ways she could not have expected, even in the midst of this disappointment.

✝ Pray for the Mykhaylyuchenko family - Vlad, Krystyna, Vlad and Emilia, and the Khodyrieva family - Ludmila, Diana and Anastasia.

✝ Pray for Alexis Deuzoumbé as he continues nursing school and pray for his immigration process.

✝ Pray for the families of the victims from the floods in Texas.

✝ Pray for peace and justice throughout the world. Pray for those affected by violence in Ukraine, Gaza, Myanmar and Sudan, and the conflicts in the Middle East.



Thank you to everyone that came to my open house to help celebrate my 90th birthday.

Thank you for the gifts and the cards. I appreciate that so many helped me celebrate.

God bless, Mary Hilmer

Thank you for all your prayers, calls, texts, visits and wonderful food that we were so blessed with during John's recent surgery. John is doing better everyday. Blessings, John & Ann Raber

Thank you to everyone who prayed for me during my recovery from my accident. On Monday I was given a full release from my doctor for a complete recovery. I am blessed to be a part of such a caring group of believers. Sincerely, Vernon Sommers, Jr.



My Coins Count goal for the \$20,000 matching funds was met and exceeded – grand total will be available soon. Thanks to all who participated!!! Ministry of Outreach



Offering last Sunday, July 6

Attendance: 62

General Fund	\$ 6,720.00
Special Designations	10,350.00
Total Offering	\$ 17,070.00



At long last we have a date for our Sunday morning worship service at the [Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center](#) in Berlin. The date is August 3rd and we will tentatively plan to begin our service there at 10:30. The director of the center,

Marcus Yoder, will guide us in viewing the Behalt (Anabaptist history) cyclorama. Bring kids, invite others, those who want a ride or to carpool can meet at the church at 9:15. We will see about lunch options together. The address is 5798 Co Rd 77 in Berlin.

Revisit Reframe Reclaim:



Worship Schedule

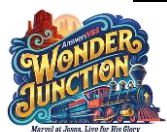
Scriptures which have been misused by or against us

We will look at familiar Scriptures that may be taken out of context to prove a point or fulfill an agenda, or Scriptures that have a negative association in our minds. The goal is to present an interpretation that has credibility, is more true to the context, leading to greater understanding and appreciation. Each Sunday we will share a story of a current Anabaptist congregation or group to highlight ministries in various parts of the world (taken from *Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories* (compiled and written by Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi).

July 6	Philippians 4:13	"No, You Can't Do ALL Things..."	(Nathanael)
July 13	Romans 12:1-2	"Anabaptist Flaws"	(Myrri)
July 20	Jeremiah 29:11	"A Strange Prosperity"	(Nathanael)
July 27	II Corinthians 6:14-18	"Don't Get Yourself Yoked"	(Myrri)
August 3		Congregational Visit to Behalt	
August 10		Music with Herm and Vince (Kevin Graber Farm)	
August 17	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	"Will Work for Food"	(Nathanael)
August 24	Church Sunday Out at Lake Mohawk	(Group Sharing on Most Meaningful Scripture)	
August 31	1 Timothy	"More Exhortations"	(Myrri)
Sept. 7	1 Corinthians 10:13	"Beyond Your Abilities"	(Nathanael)
Sept. 14	Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi	"Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories"	



- July 14-18 - VBS Week with Evermore Community Church – 9-11:30am
- Sun. – July 20 - Education Sunday
- Sun. – Aug. 3 - Visit Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center in Berlin – 10:30am
- Sun. – Aug. 10 - Herm & Vince @ Kevin Graber's Farm
- Sun. – Aug. 17 - Assemble MCC School Kits during Sunday School – Fellowship Hall
- Sun. – Aug. 24 - Church Sunday Out @ Lake Mohawk



Vacation Bible School starts Monday, July 14, and goes through Friday from 9am-11:30am at

Evermore Community Church. VBS is for preschoolers age 4 through 5th grade. Click on this link for more info: [Wonder Junction VBS 2025 - Evermore Community Church](#)

Maple Grove is supplying snacks for the week of VBS.

Please bring in donations to the church by this Sunday. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver. *Thanks for your help!*

MCC School Kit Challenge – 25,000 School Kits to Help 25,000 Kids



MCC is having a challenge for 25,000 school kits to be donated during the month of August. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have

been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Whether you assemble 1 or 100 kits through the School Kit Challenge, your generosity will help kids

around the world to learn and grow. The Ministry of Outreach will be collecting items for the school kits during the month of July and is planning to gather to assemble the kits during Sunday School on August 17th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with this project, please bring in the needed items and place on the table in the church lobby, or you may donate through the offering and mark your offering envelope “School Kits.”

MCC School Kit Items (new items only) – copies of this list available on the table at the church:

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all-metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes (THESE WILL BE FURNISHED)



Lake Township FISH Cookbook - Pre-order your copy today. The cost is \$20 per each copy of the cookbook, or you can choose to "Buy One, Give One" for \$25. Each BOGO purchaser will receive one copy for themselves and a second copy will be donated to one of the FISH Food Pantry families. Click [here](#) to access the pre-order form, or go to FISH website at www.laketownshipfish.org.

From the Hartville Thrift Shoppe

- **Hartville Thrift Shoppe is looking to fill our Donated Goods Manager Position**

The Donated Goods Manager manages the donation process and the warehouse. They supervise the donation and warehouse teams. They also oversee the maintenance of the building and work with various vendors. If you or someone you know may be interested in more information, please reach out to Phil Stauffer, the Executive Director, at pstauffer@hartvillethriftshoppe.org, 330-877-2769.

- **We are always looking for more volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.** Do you have a few hours now and then that you could volunteer? The pay isn't great but the hours are flexible, the benefits and "co-workers" are WONDERFUL! Contact Julie, Volunteer Coordinator, at the store (330-877-2769), or you can fill out a Volunteer Information Form at our website - hartvillethriftshoppe.org. The more volunteers we have, the more we can give!

Pegasus Farm Needs Volunteers

Join our volunteer team and make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities. Currently we are seeking volunteers to help with our equestrian programs, barn work, and or seasonal garden/landscaping. To qualify as a volunteer, you must be 12 years old (with a parent/guardian) or 14 years old and up. This would be a great opportunity for any youth groups and/or individuals and families interested in volunteering in the community. We conduct volunteer orientation classes once a month with the next class taking place on Tuesday, July 22nd (5-7:30 pm) then on Monday, August 11th (5-7:30 pm). For more information, please call Volunteer Coordinator Peggy Walchalk at 330-935-2300, ext. 117, or email peggy@pegasusfarm.org.

<p>To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org by Wednesday each week – thank you!</p>

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. Extra cards are on the literature rack.

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-12pm

Myrri Byler:

Associate Pastor (myrri.byler@gmail.com)

- **Office Hours:**

Friday 8am-2pm

Cindy Fleming:

Church Secretary (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:

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

Children's Ministry	Rooms 3-4
Youth (Grades 9-12) & Post-High	
Youth Room in Basement	