



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

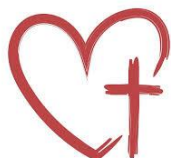


Maple Grove
Newsletter

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

Newsletter dated
July 3, 2025

Sunday
July 6, 2025



Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship

May the Peoples Praise You

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Offering – General Fund

VT #738 *Open My Eyes That I May See
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Introduction of New Sermon Series
Scripture Reading
Message

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

No, You Can't Do ALL Things...

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #605 *My Life Flows On*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

His Mercy is More

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-Voces Together (purple)



- ✝ Pray for Becky Lubbers who is having surgery on her esophagus at Cleveland Clinic on Tuesday.
- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Arrie Ledsome; John Raber; Junior Sommers; 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 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 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.



Offering last Sunday, June 29

Attendance: 70

General Fund	\$ 2,290.00
Special Designations	3,839.00
Total Offering	\$ 6,129.00



- Fri. – July 4 - Church Office Closed
- July 8-12 - Pastor Nathanael attending MC USA Convention in Greensboro, NC
- Thurs. – July 10 - Maple Grove's night for Volunteering at Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- July 11-12 - Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- 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

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Nathanael will be out of the office from Monday afternoon through Saturday attending the MC USA Convention. For pastoral needs in his absence, please contact Pastor Myrrl.



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:

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	To Be Determined		

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)

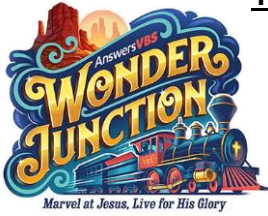


The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.

Ministry of Outreach is encouraging volunteers to help with this. People of all ages are WELCOME on Thursday, July 10, from 6-8pm. Park around back, come in through the Volunteer door and ask for Denise when you arrive. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Yoder.

Registration is open for Vacation Bible School which is the week of July 14-18 from 9am-

11:30am at Evermore Community Church. VBS is for preschoolers age 4 through 5th grade. Please register for the grade that your child has recently completed when registering. Registration is limited and ends July 1st so sign up today at [Wonder Junction VBS 2025 - Evermore Community Church](#)



If you see a waitlist for the grade you are registering for, please contact Kim Weaver and she will see about getting your child(ren) added.

- Maple Grove will be supplying snacks for the week of VBS. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver.



Ministry of Outreach Project – My Coins Count Collection for Food

My Coins Count offering will go to Mennonite Central Committee (www.mcc.org) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction on July 11-12 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center (8076 SR 241, Millersburg).

July 6 is last Sunday to donate to My Coins Count!!!

Your coins count! Ways to give:

- Mark your offering envelope “My Coins Count”
- If you have been collecting your change, please bring it into the church and drop it in the coin vortex or leave your change beside it.

We have met the \$20,000 offer of matching funds for My Coins Count!

BAKERS NEEDED: Items needed for Relief Sale Swiss Pantry. This year, we'll be concentrating on single serve items for people to enjoy (ideas: cinnamon rolls, cookies, dinner rolls, bread, cupcakes, pies). We cannot accept items that require refrigeration. We may divide and repackage your plates of baked goods. Be sure to include a list of ingredients due to allergy concerns (per the Health Dept.). Bring to the Relief Sale on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Contact Kami Sommers with questions. **Also needed are volunteers to work the stand - a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Contact Sheryl Weaver or Holly Miller if you have any questions about working the Swiss Pantry stand.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Egg rolls are one of the most popular items at the Relief Sale. Help is needed with preparing and rolling the egg rolls, and manning the egg roll stand at the Relief Sale. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the church lobby or you may call or text Pam Blough at 330-705-4720.

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| Wednesday, July 9 | – | Prepare the filling at Hartville Kitchen |
| Thursday, July 10 | – | Roll egg rolls at the Hartville Kitchen |
| Friday, July 11 | – | Volunteer at the stand - Mt. Hope Event Center |
| Saturday, July 12 | – | Volunteer at the stand - Mt. Hope Event Center |



Click [here](#) to go the Relief Sale website for information on the event. Copies of the Relief Sale brochures are available on the literature rack.



Lake Township FISH Fundraiser – Akron RubberDucks Game July 9 @ 6:35pm

You're Invited to a Night at the Ballpark for a Great Cause! Join us at Canal Park on July 9th for a fun-filled summer evening at the Akron RubberDucks Stadium as part of their "Charity Begins at Home" fundraiser! A portion of ticket proceeds will go directly to support our food pantry and new building project, helping us serve more families in Lake Township. Tickets can be purchased at [Lake Township FISH Fundraiser - CBAH](#)

Sculpture unveiling and dedication at MCC Connections and MCC Material Resources Center in

Kidron: Join us as we unveil a new sculpture by artist Emma Zuercher acknowledging our partnership as we support MCC's work of relief, development and peace in the name of Christ around the world. There will be a **short dedication ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 12** in the parking lot in front of MCC Connections (4080 Kidron Road).

Ohio MCC Bike Ride – July 19-20

You're invited to join a group of bicycle riders as they gather on July 19-20 in the Columbus area. This is a 2-day event with each day consisting of approximately 50-60 miles of riding on paved bike trails to help support MCC's work around the world. The event starts at McNamara Park in Galena, Ohio. For more information about registering as a rider or making a donation, visit mcc.org/ohio-bike-ride.

From the Hartville Thrift Shoppe

- 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!
- Would you consider hosting an MCC International Volunteer Exchange Program participant who would be coming to work at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe for the coming year - July to July? We are tentatively looking for a host family. You could host for 6 months or the entire year. The young woman we are hoping will be coming is in the process of applying for a visa so her participation is a little uncertain, but we don't want to wait until we know for sure. Please contact Phil or Julie at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe 330-877-2769 and we would be happy to talk with you about it all! We have been SO BLESSED by the IVEP'ers who have been here with us and we really want them to have a wonderful home base while they are here - could that be you?

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

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**
Myrrl Byler: Associate Pastor (myrrl.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	