



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  
September 5, 2025

## Sunday September 7, 2025



**Message:** Myrri Byler  
**Worship Leader:** Jill Liechty  
**Song Leader:** Ruth Yoder  
**Greeters:** Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Song  
Call to Worship

VT #57 *Holy Spirit, Come with Power*

### PRAISING

Praise Songs

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)  
Love of God*

Offering – General Fund

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories  
Scripture Reading  
Message

Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler  
Romans 8:26-30 (CEB)

***Minimal Pain--Maximum Delight--Magnificent Outcomes***

### RESPONDING

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #536 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

### SENDING

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

HWB #285 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*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)



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

- ✝ Pray for Sophia Sommers who is studying abroad in Zambia, Africa, with a team of students from her school. Pray for their safety and health while serving and learning in Zambia during their fall semester of nursing school.
- ✝ 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 and most vulnerable who suffer from war and violence in our world. For those in Sudan, Ukraine, Myanmar, and especially remember the people of Gaza whose suffering is difficult to even comprehend--may our prayers help them to know they are not forgotten.
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## **Worship Schedule**

### **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"	(Myrrl)
July 20	Jeremiah 29:11	"A Strange Prosperity"	(Nathanael)
July 27	James 2:19-27	"Just Follow the Rules"	(Myrrl)
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	Moises & Ana Arauz from Nicaragua	Sharing about Metanoia Missions	
Sept. 7	Romans 8:26-30	"Minimal Pain--Maximum Delight--Magnificent Outcomes"	(Myrrl)
Sept. 14	Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi	"Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories"	

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Next Sunday, Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi will bring the message at Maple Grove. She is the author of *Faith in Full Color: A Tapestry of Anabaptist Stories*, the book we have used for our recent Revisit Reframe Reclaim sermon series. "Jeanne spent much of her professional life serving in Africa and Asia with Mennonite Central Committee. She now lives with her husband Dan in an old log cabin on the place she grew up in Wayne County. She enjoys writing, spending as much time as possible outdoors, and working as a process consultant and leadership coach. Jeanne and Dan have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and four grandchildren. She is a member of Orrville Mennonite Church and values her relational ties in the global church." We look forward to having Jeanne at Maple Grove.



- Tues. – Sept. 9 - Lake Township FISH Annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction
- Thurs. – Sept. 11 - Maple Grove's night to supply volunteers @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sat. – Sept. 13 - Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser
- Sun. – Sept. 21 - International Day of Peace  
- Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to the Education Fund)
- Sun. – Sept. 28 - Quarterly Collection for Lake Township FISH (bags passed out 9-14)
- Sun. – Oct. 5 - World Communion Sunday
- Sun. – Oct. 12 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville Marketplace after church



### Offering last Sunday, August 31

Attendance: 56

General Fund	\$ 10,600.00
Metanoia Missions	550.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	100.00
Total Offering	\$ 11,250.00



The two quilts that are on display in the sanctuary have been mostly quilted by the ladies sewing group at Maple Grove. The quilts were entered in the Stark County Fair and both won blue ribbons for "Best of Show." The antique rose quilt (on the left) won the small group (church) category. The flying geese (on the right) won the community quilt category. This quilt was quilted at The Hartville Kitchen by ladies from the community and from Maple Grove. Both quilts will be donated to the MCC Relief Sale auction next summer.



### Church News



### Fall Church Social/Cook-out – October 12

Family Ministry has scheduled a fall church social for Sunday, October 12, after church at the Hartville Marketplace. This is a cook-out with all food and drinks provided. There will be games including corn hole and pickle ball courts will be set up in the parking lot. All ages are welcome! **Please bring lawn chairs.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Barb Dutcher, Betty Miller, Holly Miller & Marsha Miller



**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 this Thursday, September 11, 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.

**FISH Collection-September 28:** The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH. Brown bags with a list of needed items will be passed out on September 14 – please return by Sunday, September 28. You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. Needed items are:

- Pasta Sauce
- Crackers
- Rice & Noodle Sides
- Condensed Soups
- Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- Deodorant



### **Collection for Haven of Rest Ministries**

The Harvest Home is the ladies' division of Haven of Rest in Akron. They are in desperate need of baby wipes, kids' body wash and kids' toothpaste. The Ministry of Outreach has been asked if Maple Grove can help. If you would like to donate, please bring into the church; a box is available in the church lobby. We will collect for the next few weeks.

### **MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 20-23 – Volunteers & Donations Needed!**

Canning For Relief for 2025 will happen in the Gerber Building in Kidron (3970 Kidron Road, behind Central Christian School) starting Monday, October 20, through Thursday, October 23. Start and finish times will vary this year – to schedule a work time, call/text/email Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 or [metcalfjt@aol.com](mailto:metcalfjt@aol.com). **Help is needed to fund MCC meat canning this year.** As of the end of August 2025, there is ~ \$15,500 on deposit for this year's canning of the needed \$55,000. Donations can be sent to: Relief Canning, Inc., Ben Froese, Treasurer, 12828 Church Rd, Orrville OH 44667.



### **Acme Community Cash Back Program runs through February 15, 2026.**

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. This is a great way to donate to FISH just by doing your regular grocery shopping! Thanks for your support of this project! - *Ministry of Outreach*



**Lighthouse Ministries' Open House and Fundraiser is on Saturday, September 13 from 11:00 am–2:00 pm (1931 3rd St SE, Canton).** Discover how Lighthouse is walking alongside youth in Southeast Canton to nurture growth, spark creativity, and build lasting community. Guests will experience guided tours led by board members and volunteers, interactive enrichment stations led by students, and optional bus tours that highlight the history and heart of our neighborhood. This event is part of our fall campaign to raise \$50,000 in support of Lighthouse's mission, and we'd love for you to be part of it. Let us know you're coming by registering at [cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse](http://cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse). If you can't attend but still want to invest in the lives of our students, give your gift today at [cantonlighthouse.org/give](http://cantonlighthouse.org/give). **The Lighthouse is looking for gently used beginner violins for our rapidly expanding strings program.** We specifically need 1/8, 1/4, and 3/4 sizes for the program. The instruments would be a donation to the Canton Symphony Orchestra who runs the program for the Lighthouse as part of their community education programming. Please contact the Lighthouse at [director@cantonlighthouse.org](mailto:director@cantonlighthouse.org) with questions or to donate.

**From Hartville Thrift Shoppe:** Looking for ways to give back for all the blessings we receive? Please know how much we appreciate your support! Our board members and many of our volunteers are from your congregations! We can't do what we do without you. Thank you! And we'd love to have more of you! We're so blessed by God and are continuing to grow - how awesome! The more volunteers we have, the more we can accomplish, and the more we can give to MCC and the local charities we support like LOC, Lake Cares, FISH, Agape Bread Ministry, and through service grants. ALL ARE WELCOME - maybe folks who are just hitting retirement age, those who work part-time, or high school students who need volunteer hours. Teaching our children the value of volunteering is so wonderful! And every hour helps! It's FUN! (And there's often food involved...) Hours are totally flexible. If you are already volunteering, bring a friend anytime! If you're interested in volunteering or finding out what you could do here, come in and meet with our volunteer coordinator! Or fill out a Volunteer Information Form in the store or online at our website [www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org](http://www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org). (Click on the Volunteer tab, and then "Complete our [Volunteer Information Form here](#). It will be submitted directly and the volunteer coordinator will contact you.) Join us here at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe, where every purchase, every donation, and every volunteer hour are literally gifts to the world. Thank you!

**Camp Luz Fundraiser – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Buzz at Luz Disc Golf Tournament – September 27**

A disc golf tournament will be held at Camp Luz on Saturday, September 27, with an optional Glow round being held on Friday, September 26. Go to Camp Luz website at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com) for more information on this fundraiser and to register. Registration closes September 26 at 6pm.

To include something in the newsletter, please email Cindy Fleming at [secretary@maplegrovenennonite.org](mailto:secretary@maplegrovenennonite.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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education Fund.

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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**

Myrri Byler: Associate Pastor ([myrri.byler@gmail.com](mailto:myrri.byler@gmail.com))

- **Office Hours:** **Friday 8am-2pm**

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

- **Office Hours:** **Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday – 8am-1pm**

Ministry of Congregational Care: Paul Bontrager, Harold Beachy, Jill Liechty, Myron Weaver

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 (up to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 7-8
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall