



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
October 9, 2025



**Sunday
October 12, 2025**

Message: Nathanael Hofstetter Ressler
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #60 *Trinity Song*

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us use our voices to praise the Lord.

People: *With gratitude, we praise God's steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Leader: Though we face changes or uncertainty, we are confident in the God who gives us hope.

People: *Our hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts.*

Leader: Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus.

People: *We commit to moving forward, trusting that God goes with us.*

All: ***Let us worship God, our Maker, Defender, and Friend. Amen.***

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Standing on the Promises
Well Done*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 19:38-42 (CEB)

Message

Stay Golden, Ponyboy

RESPONDING

Song of Response

STS #121 *Nothing is Lost on the Breath of God*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

VT #808 *Between Darkness and Light*

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)



✝ October 12th is Pastor Nathanael's last Sunday at Maple Grove. Pray for Nathanael & Savanah as they enter this new chapter in their lives.

✝ Pray for the Maple Grove congregation during this time of transition.

- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Miriam Miller; Rachel Weaver; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sister Leona; Jeremy Graber, Kevin Graber's nephew; Jesse Miller, Perry & Betty Miller's son, recovering from a fall; and Trevor Parish, Nathanael's cousin, recovering from a blood infection.
- ✝ Pray for Myrrl & Ruthie Byler as they travel in Europe with family.
- ✝ 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.



- Sun. – Oct. 12 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville Marketplace after church
- Sun. – Oct. 19 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to the Education Fund)
- Thurs. – Oct. 23 - Help with MCC Canning Project in Kidron – 10am-12:30pm (Meet at church 9am)
- Sun. – Nov. 2 - Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back)
- Wed. – Nov. 5 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting

Please Note:

- Cindy Fleming will be on vacation Friday, October 10th, and the week of October 13th. Kami Sommers will be filling in for her.
- Myrrl Byler will be out of the office till October 20th. Please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care with any pastoral needs during this time (Paul Bontrager, Harold Beachy, Jill Liechty & Myron Weaver).



Offering last Sunday, October 5

Attendance: 65

General Fund	\$ 2,310.00
My Coins Count	353.50
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	200.00
Total Offering	\$ 2,863.50



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.

Maple Grove's Child Abuse Awareness Policy – please return signed form to the office

For those who received an email on September 23rd regarding Maple Grove's policy on Physical & Sexual Abuse of Children, please return the signed confirmation form to the church office as soon as you can. The form confirms you have read and understand the policy. A copy of the confirmation form is in your mailbox at the church. Thank you!



MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 20-23 – Volunteers & Donations Update

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 metcalft@aol.com.

- **The Ministry of Outreach is looking for volunteers to go to Kidron on Thursday October 23, to help with this project.** We will leave the church at 9 am and have a shift of 10:00 to 12:30pm. If you are interested in helping contact Howard Miller.
- **Canning For Relief 2025 Update:** As of this week, there is \$60,000 in the bank/pledged. 30,000 pounds of meat have been ordered at a cost of ~ \$43,000. What remains of the total projected costs of roughly \$72,000 can be paid at a later date. So, thank you to this answered prayer and for the many generous donations that have come forth. The Kidron Canning Committee

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.



Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Wrap-Up Meeting – October 20

We would be pleased if you would join us for our Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale wrap-up meeting on Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place in the Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall where snacks and drinks will be provided. The address is 3987 Kidron Road. During the meeting, we will distribute and discuss the 2025 wrap-up reports. We kindly request that you bring your ideas to help us make 2026 even more successful. Please feel free to invite others that may have an interest in our Relief Sale & Auction!

Celebrate the 75th anniversary of the IVEP! The International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) is 75 years old and we are ready to celebrate. Meet us on Saturday, November 1, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at Christian Central School (3970 Kidron Rd, Kidron, OH). Together we will enjoy appetizers, listen to stories, share reflections, and celebrate the impact of IVEP across generations.

Save the date for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 12-14, 2026! This year we are gathering at the new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road). With the new location, the format will be a bit different with the event spread over three days. We still need volunteers for knotting and trimming comforters, along with sewists to bind and finish them. *Specific times and more information will be coming soon.* A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. **For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash.**

Dates: March 12-14, 2026 (times to be determined)

Location: MCC Material Resources Center - 4080 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

Note from Hartville Thrift Shoppe: Where every purchase is a gift to the world! And to our community! The Hartville Thrift Shoppe not only supports MCC, but also FISH, Lake Cares and other schools, Love Our Community, as well as providing Service Grants for mission trips and other service opportunities. The more volunteers we have, the more money can go to these wonderful organizations. So if you are looking for a way to give back, and have a few hours now and then, and would be willing to share your gifts in this way, please come on in to the store, OR contact Julie, our Volunteer Coordinator at 330-877-2769. OR go to our new website at www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org, click on the Volunteer tab, and then the Volunteer Information Form. Submit it electronically, and we will be in touch to get you started! Thank you for considering. And THANK YOU to the volunteers from Maple Grove who come and give of your time so faithfully!! All in the name of Christ. Blessings to you all!!

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. 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.

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

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-Noon**

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 th Grade)	Rooms 7-8
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall