



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
 November 21, 2025

**Sunday
 November 23, 2025**



Message: Myrri Byler
Worship Leader: Kami Sommers
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Offertory: Sue Nisly
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Opening Song
 Call to Worship

VT #114 Now Thank We All Our God

PRAISING

Praise Songs
 Offering – General Fund

*Indescribable
 Creation's King*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
 Message
 Sharing

***Celebrating 75 Years of Being Good Neighbors
 —Mennonite Disaster Service***

Matthew 25:34-40 (CEB)
 Dan Dutcher, Joe Weaver,
 Scott Sommers, Nancy Beachy

RESPONDING

Song of Response
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STS #117 How Can I Say

SENDING

Sending Song
 Benediction/Blessing
 Postlude

Forever

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)



✝ *Christian sympathy is extended to the family of David Golias. David is Sami Miller's brother who passed away last Saturday. The calling hours are Friday from 2-4pm and 6-8pm at Hopkins Lawver in Uniontown, and funeral on Saturday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Uniontown. Our prayer is that the family may find comfort and peace through Jesus during this time of loss.*

✝ *Pray for those with health concerns: Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sister Leona who was hospitalized with blood clots; and Cathy Arble's niece, Stephanie Hastings, with a perforated esophagus.*

✝ *Pray for Mike Kress, Becky Kress' husband, who is recovering from surgery he had for cancer. The Kress family used to attend Maple Grove.*

✝ *Pray for Isaiah Wade's mother who has not been feeling well.*

✝ *Pray for Kevin Graber's brother, Jerry, who needed surgery on an emergent basis and home recovering.*

✝ *Pray for Nancy Beachy's friend's 13-year-old grandson who had a cancerous brain tumor removed.*

✝ *Pray for Gary & Charla Sommers' friend Maria who is recovering from head injuries sustained from being hit by a car in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.*

✝ *Pray for those who are traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday.*

✝ *Pray for those who are away from their families or alone over the Thanksgiving holiday.*

✝ *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. – Nov. 23 - Last Sunday for FISH Thanksgiving Outreach Project
- Mon. – Nov. 24 - Help decorate the church for Christmas – 9:30am
- Nov. 27-28 - Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving
- Sun. – Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent
 - Christmas Donations for Lake Community & Lighthouse Ministries due
- Wed. – Dec. 3 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – lunch will be provided
- Wed. – Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 5:30pm

The church office is closed Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28

Cindy will be sending out the newsletter on Wednesday, November 26. Please have all items to go in the newsletter to Cindy by that Wednesday morning – thank you!



We are decorating the church for Christmas on Monday at 9:30 in the morning. Please join us - extra hands will make it easier and take less time for everyone. Come if you can!
See Sheryl Weaver or Vee Miller if you have any questions.


Worship Schedule

- November 2 The Changing Face of Mennonite Missions: No Longer in Charge
- November 9 The Changing Face of Mennonite Missions: Learning from the Other
- November 16 Pastoral Installation (Guest speaker: Paula Snyder Belousek, Conference Minister)
- November 23 Celebrating 75 Years of Being Good Neighbors—Mennonite Disaster Service
- November 30 Be Amazed: Hope in the Furnace (First Sunday of Advent)
- December 7 Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of the Bones (Second Sunday of Advent)
- December 14 Be Amazed: Joy in the Desert (Third Sunday of Advent)
- December 21 Be Amazed: Love Comes Down (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 28 Be Amazed: God Among Us (Sunday after Christmas)
- January 4 Be Amazed: Come and See (Epiphany)

Offering on Sunday, November 16-Education Sunday

Attendance: 73



General Fund	\$ 8,877.00
Education Fund	1,036.00
Refugee Fund	100.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	<u>50.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 10,063.00



Collection for Lake Township FISH Thanksgiving Outreach – DUE NOVEMBER 23

Maple Grove is collecting **boxed stuffing mix** for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach.

This year our goal is to collect 300 boxes of stuffing mix and we have 137

– need 163 more to reach our goal!! \$10 gift cards to local grocery stores are also being

collected to give to each family to help purchase their Thanksgiving meal of choice.

Any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Outreach: Sheryl Weaver, Howard Miller, Gene Robinson. *Thank you so much for your support in making this event a success!*





Lake Community Christmas – Donations due by Sunday, November 30

The Lake Community Christmas program is dedicated to providing joyful holiday experiences for families in need in Lake Township. We partner with local churches and organizations, including Lake Township FISH, Love Our Community, and Lake Local Schools to identify families who could use extra support during the holiday season. With your help through volunteering or donations, we can make a difference in the lives of families in our community.

This year's event is being hosted by St. Jacob's Lutheran Church. We will be offering families the opportunity to shop for the children for brand new gifts. Please remember to choose gifts of *quality over quantity* as we aim to provide families with an opportunity to shop for items they would not normally have access to.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Purchase gift cards for \$10, \$20, \$40 or \$60 – see the Christmas giving tree in the church lobby and take a tag for the amount you would like to spend – gift card ideas are on the back of the tags.
 - Label gift card(s) with gift amount and return to the church with the tag by Sunday, Nov. 30.
- You can easily shop the online wish lists that are linked on Lake Township Fish's website at <https://laketownship.wixsite.com/communitychristmas>. When you purchase through our wish list sites online, the lists are designed to ship straight to us to make it easier on our donors.

Please send all donations to the church by Sunday, November 30.

Deck the Halls & Stock the Store



Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse. In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity that comes with a parent's ability to provide for their children.

- The lists of gifts you see on the board in the church lobby were generated by responses to surveys that were distributed to parents and caregivers of the children who use the Lighthouse services.
- The presents you purchase will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse. Affordable means the gifts are marked down to at least 75% off of the purchase price.
- **Please make sure that every gift has the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging.**
- **Please tape the tag on the gift.**
- **All gifts should be returned UNWRAPPED by Sunday, November 30.**

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

Don't forget to save your Acme receipts as you shop for the holidays! 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.



Thank You from Hartville Migrant Ministry Board

In this season of Thanksgiving, the Hartville Migrant Ministry is very thankful for the amazing community support that energizes center activities. Hundreds of immigrants and migrants have been treated at the center this year. They are people with limited options and limited resources. Without the Hartville Migrant Ministry, most would not receive medical care or the assistance they need. However, at the Hartville Migrant Center, patients are offered both physical and spiritual healing. They show their appreciation to the staff in a wide variety of ways. In a larger sense, they are thanking you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure which make their care possible!!

Adriel's Wish Tree Christmas Project - www.adriel.org/wish-tree/

As we approach the holiday season, you can #BeTheOne to bring the Christmas spirit to Adriel foster families. Each \$40 donation will sponsor a Christmas gift for one Adriel foster youth or Bridges young adult. Your support will ensure that every child in Adriel's care will receive a Christmas gift just for them. Your donations enable Adriel to purchase a gift for each child from their individual wish lists and ship directly to their foster homes.

Please help us ensure that each Adriel foster child and Bridges young adult receive their "wish" in time for Christmas! To become a sponsor, visit this [link](#) or text "wishtree2025" to 41444!

Christmas at Malone – December 6: Usher in the holiday season as the Malone University Department of Music presents: *The Dawn of Love's Light*, on Saturday, December 6 at 2pm & 7pm. The 2025 concert features a variety of works inviting us to reflect on themes of the Advent and Christmas seasons. All performances are held in Malone University's Johnson Center for Worship and Fine Arts, located at 2600 Cleveland Avenue NW in Canton. Order tickets online at www.malone.edu/events/christmas-at-malone/.

The November edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares a new version of 1 Corinthians 13, a new bridge brings hope to a grieving father, and meet a man who is both a disaster survivor and an MDS volunteer. Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

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.

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 Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Myrrl Byler: Pastor (myrrl.byler@gmail.com)

- **Office Hours:** **Monday-Friday 8am-noon**

**Myrrl can be contacted at any time during the week by text, phone or email.*

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