



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 7, 2025



**Sunday
November 9, 2025**

Message:	Myrri Byler
Worship Leader:	Paul Bontrager
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider
Offertory:	Julie Yoder
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

STS #16 *Peace Before Us*

Call to Worship

Leader: Our hearts are steadfast, O God!

People: *We will sing and make melody with all our being!*

Leader: We will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples;

People: *We will sing praises to You among the nations.*

Leader: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;

People: *Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

Leader: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

ALL: *Let Your glory be over all the earth!*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*King of Kings
Holy Forever*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 11:33-36 (CEB)

Message

***The Changing Face of Mennonite Missions:
Learning from the Other***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #297 *You are Salt for the Earth*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Go Light Your World

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 Sheryl Weaver's niece Cami Robertson who is recovering from brain surgery to remove a mass. And pray for Shawn Miller who is Sheryl Weaver and Betty Miller's nephew who is recovering from brain surgery to remove a tumor as well.*
- ✝ *Pray for those with health concerns: Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sister Leona who has been hospitalized with more blood clots; and Kevin Graber's friend Bob who is dealing with some health issues.*
- ✝ *Pray for Lura Bowin as she transitions into living at The Homestead at GentleBrook.*
- ✝ *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.*



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)



- Thurs. – Nov. 13 - Maple Grove's night to supply volunteers @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8p
- Sun. – Nov. 16 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to the Education Fund)
- Sun. – Nov. 23 - Last Sunday for FISH Thanksgiving Outreach Project
- Mon. – Nov. 24 - Help decorate the church for Christmas – 9:30am
- Sun. – Nov. 30 - Christmas Donations for Lake Community & Lighthouse due

Please Note:

- Want to help decorate the church for Christmas? Please join us on Monday, November 24, at 9:30 in the morning. Any questions, please see Sheryl Weaver.
- Myrri would like to have any photos that people have of MDS projects through the years. Regular photos can be scanned. Please let him know if you have any to share for the November 23 service of MDS celebrating 75 years.
- Lura Bowin has a 40" television with a sound bar that is available if anyone would want it. It is at the church under the coat rack on the Education side of the church.
- The new *Our Daily Bread* devotionals for December-February are now available by the mailboxes. Please help yourself.



Offering on Sunday, November 2

Attendance: 53

General Fund	\$ 4,600.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	<u>1,235.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 5,885.00



Collection for Lake Township FISH Thanksgiving Outreach – November 9, 16 & 23

Maple Grove is collecting **boxed stuffing mix** for the Thanksgiving Community Outreach again this year. **This year our goal is to collect 300 boxes of stuffing mix!**

We will also collect \$10.00 gift cards to local grocery stores to give to each family to purchase their Thanksgiving meat of choice. The collection Sundays are November 9, 16 & 23.

You may also make a monetary donation by marking your giving envelope for "FISH Thanksgiving."

- The Thanksgiving Outreach will be at Evermore Community Church on Tuesday, November 25. Volunteers are needed that Monday and Tuesday. People can use this link to sign up to volunteer: <https://laketownshipfish.volunteerlocal.com>.

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

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, November 13, 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.



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 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 in 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.



Burgers & Blankets: Wednesday, November 12th 6pm – 9pm at Bethany Mennonite Church. Come and eat burgers and make fleece tie blankets for Love Our Community. On this night, our community comes together to make hundreds of blankets for Love Our Community!

Christ Foundation Testimony: Dr. Bob Miller from Hartville will be giving his testimony on Saturday, December 6, at 8am at The Christ Foundation located at 1012 Sunnyside St. in Hartville. Please come and invite someone you've been praying for.

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)

Myrri Byler: Pastor (myrri.byler@gmail.com)

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

**Myrri 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