



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



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

Newsletter dated
January 23, 2026

January 25, 2026



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Scott Hyland
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Scripture Readers: Youth Group
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

Call to Worship

VT #575 *Faith of the Martyrs*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #592 *How Firm a Foundation* (Verses 1, 2 & 3)
Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 25:1-42 (CEB)

Message

*People of Courage in the Hebrew Scripture:
Mediating Family Disputes*

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #588 *We Walk by Faith* (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Eye of the Storm

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

*HWB- Hymnal Worship Book (blue)
TMH – The Mennonite Hymnal (red)*

*STJ-Sing the Journey (green spiral)
STS-Sing the Story (purple spiral)*

VT-Voices Together (purple)

Please watch the weather report for Sunday morning. There's a chance the service will need to be canceled. A church email and phone message will go out if this is the case.



Pray for the family of Sara Mae Miller. Sara passed away January 15.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held at Maple Grove on Saturday, February 7, at 11am with calling hours prior to the service beginning at 9:30. A lunch will be held after the service with a time to share memories of Sara.



- † Pray for Alta Bates' sister Katie who has Influenza A and dealing with breathing problems and heart issues. Continue to also pray for her sister Leona who is doing better but still dealing with blood clot issues.
- † Pray for those with health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Mike Kress who has cancer; Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson, Peter, with cancer; Myrri's nephew, Brian Byler, who is having open heart surgery on January 26th; and Kevin Graber's friends Bob Downerd who recently had his leg amputated and lost his home to a fire, and John who had open heart surgery.
- † 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.

Sermon Series: People of Courage in the Hebrew Scriptures



- January 11 Protecting the Babies (Exodus 1:8-22)
- January 18 The Daughters of Zelophehad (Numbers 27:1-11)
- January 25 Mediating Family Disputes (I Samuel 25:1-42)
- February 1 Confronting the King (2 Samuel 11:26-12:15)
- February 8 The Faith of the Courageous (Hebrews 11:32-40)
- February 15 People of Courage (Hebrews 12:1-2; Multi-Voice Sermon)



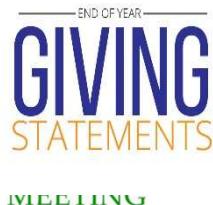
- Sun. – Feb. 1 - Annual Congregational Business Meeting after a carry-in lunch
- Wed. – Feb. 4 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – carry-in for lunch
- Sun. – Feb. 1 & 8 - Collection for FISH – “Souper Bowl of Caring” Project
- Thurs. – Feb. 12 - Maple Grove’s night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- Sun. – Feb. 15 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends
– Bring your Acme receipts to the church

Our Daily Bread devotionals for March-April-May are now available on the literature rack at the church. Please help yourself!



Offering on Sunday, January 18-Education Sunday Attendance: 68

General Fund	\$ 770.00
Education Fund	1,251.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 3,221.00



The 2025 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. If you also donated through PayPal, remember to combine PayPal acknowledgements with this statement for total giving to Maple Grove Mennonite Church for the year. If you would like your giving statement mailed to you, please contact Cindy in the church office. Contact Maple Grove's Treasurer, Steve Miller, if you have any questions.

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting is next Sunday after a carry-in.

Please plan to stay for lunch and the meeting next Sunday. The Annual Reports have been emailed to you or placed in your mailboxes, and there are extra paper copies available by the mailboxes. Please have the reports available for the meeting next Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Administration: Brenda LaTulippe, Jade Liechty, Steve Miller, Scott Sommers, Adam Weaver, and Dan Dutcher.

FISH Collection –February 1 & 8

The Ministry of Outreach is having a collection for Lake Township FISH as part of their annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" project to tackle hunger. Any non-perishable items are welcome, or you may donate financially through the offering – just mark your giving envelope "FISH." Items will be collected on 2 Sundays – February 1 & 8. Thank you!



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 will 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.



Love our Community 3rd Annual "Men Who Cook" fundraiser – February 10

Get your taste buds ready to attend the 3rd Annual Love Our Community "Men Who Cook" on Tuesday, February 10, 5:30-8:30pm at the Hartville MarketPlace. Featuring local community members who whip up their favorite appetizer, side dish, main dish, or dessert in sample-size portions for you to try, the chefs will compete for multiple awards and you can vote with tips! We'll have raffle baskets, 50/50, music, a yearly recap from LOC, and more! This will be a fun night raising funds for Love Our Community. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased at www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/3rd-annual-loc-men-who-cook or scan the QR code on the flyer posted on the bulletin board at the church. If interested in sponsoring the event or donating to the raffle or being a chef, please email events@loveourcommunity.net.

Christ Foundation Testimony: Dave Miller (Julia's) will be giving his testimony on Saturday, February 7, at 8am at The Christ Foundation located at 1012 Sunnyside St. in Hartville. Please come and invite someone you've been praying for.

Join the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 12-14!

A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. 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. See *specific times below*. Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Please pack your own food for meals. For more information, visit www.mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash or contact 234-415-1036 or GLOhio@mcc.org.

Thursday, March 12 8am-8pm - Knotting & 4pm-8pm - Trimming & Binding

Friday, March 13 8am-8pm - Trimming & Binding & 12-8pm - Knotting

Saturday, March 14 8am-4pm - Knotting, Trimming & Binding

The Hartville Thrift Shoppe is hoping to again knot some comforters here at the store in February/March to send to MCC. Our goal is to add to their efforts, and also to expose our customers to the kinds of things MCC does throughout the world and why we are so dedicated to supporting them. If you have any comforter tops/bottoms to donate, or if you'd like to come in and knot with us, we would love it! Call Julie at 330-877-2769 for more info. THANK YOU!

Celebrating 50 years of More-with-Less! Herald Press and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invite you to share stories of food, joy, and resilience to help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the *More-with-Less* cookbook. This beloved cookbook's call to thrift, Christian compassion and abundant living is just as urgent and relevant today as it was in 1976. Go to <https://bit.ly/MoreWithLess50> to learn more and to submit stories, blessings or ideas for simple approaches to sharing food and fellowship. Please share your story by Feb. 15 for a chance to be featured in the 50th anniversary edition or additional digital resources—and receive a chocolate oatmeal cake recipe as thanks!

The January 2026 edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In this edition, get the latest information on our Annual Celebration coming in February, read about how the MDS RV Program got started, and learn why MDS is seeking drivers. Plus, we have a number of employment opportunities to share. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4qvNRmn> A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

Everence College Scholarship for 2026-2027 – Applications due by February 28

Everence is now accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year. A college scholarship is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. Applications are due by February 28. Click on the link below for more information or to access an application. Previous recipients may apply again. www.everence.com/living-the-values/grants-and-scholarships-and-awards

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	Library
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