



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
January 30, 2026

February 1, 2026



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) STJ-Sing the Journey (green spiral)
TMH – The Mennonite Hymnal (red) STS-Sing the Story (purple spiral)
VT-Voces Together (purple)



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.



✝ Thank you for your prayers for Myrrl's nephew, Brian Byler. His mitral valve was successfully replaced and he is recovering well.

- ✝ 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 others 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; 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.



The Jerry Graber family wishes to thank you for your support during the time of his illness and passing. Your generosity in allowing us to have his service there and in providing a meal afterwards provided a wonderful time of remembrance for us all, and will forever be appreciated.
The Jerry Graber Family

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 (1 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)

This Sunday is the Annual Congregational Business Meeting after a carry-in.



The Ministry of Administration invites everyone to stay for lunch and the Annual Meeting afterwards. The Annual Report booklets have been emailed to you or placed in your mailbox. There are extra paper copies available by the mailboxes.



- 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



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.

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



The ladies’ sewing group will meet on Wednesday, February 4 – Carry-in for Lunch

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. **This month will be a carry-in – bring a dish to share and spend the day or come for just a bit!** We enjoy each other’s friendship while we work! Please contact Margaret Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

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!



The Acme Community Cash Back Program ends February 15, 2026.

Please bring in your receipts to the church by February 22 – 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.



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.

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.

Hartville Reunion in Sarasota – February 22

For those from Hartville living in or visiting in the Sarasota, Florida area, we would love to have you join us at the Hartville reunion on Sunday, February 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the Sarasota Community Church (4041 Bahia Vista St. Sarasota, FL 34232). Please bring a hot and cold dish to share, along with your own serving utensils.

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!

Thank you from Hartville Thrift Shoppe:

Another year has passed here at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe! We want to deeply thank you, our partnering churches, for your support with board members, volunteers and staff members, donors and customers. Your volunteers served almost 1,900 hours in 2025! Thank you so much! We are always looking for more volunteers and welcome anyone who is interested. You can complete a Volunteer Information Form online at www.hartvillethriftshoppe.org under the Volunteer tab - or you can come in to the store and meet with Julie, our Volunteer Coordinator and fill one out here. Thanks again, and we pray many blessings to you all in 2026.

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