



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



Maple Grove  
*Newsletter*

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

Newsletter dated  
 January 9, 2026

**January 11, 2026**



**Message:** Myrrl Byler  
**Worship Leader:** Kami Sommers  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider  
**Offertory:** Worship Team  
**Greeters:** Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Opening Song VT #532 *Be at Rest*  
 Call to Worship

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *When the Stars Burn Down (Blessing & Honor)*  
*Lord I Need You*  
 Offering – General Fund *Sweet By and By*

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading Exodus 1:8-22 (CEB)  
 Message ***People of Courage in the Hebrew Scripture:  
 Protecting the Babies***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *How Great Thou Art*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *We Will Dance*  
 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-Voices Together (purple)*



✝ Pray for Kevin Graber and his family on the passing of his brother, Jerry Graber, on December 26<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, at Maple Grove with calling hours at 10am and service at 11am.

- ✝ Pray for Sara Mae Miller who is under hospice care.
- ✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sister Leona; Mike Kress who has cancer; Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson, Peter, with cancer; Myrrl's nephew, Brian Byler, who is having open heart surgery on January 26<sup>th</sup>; and Kevin Graber's friend Bob Downerd who recently had his leg amputated and lost his home to a fire.
- ✝ 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)



- Wed. – Jan. 14 - Annual Reports due back to Church Office
- Sun. – Jan. 18 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)  
- Youth Mentor Event @ Spins Bowling in Akron – 5pm
- January 21 - Birth Date of Anabaptism - 1525
- Sun. – Feb. 1 - Annual Congregational Business Meeting after a luncheon
- Sun. – Feb. 15 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends  
- Bring your Acme receipts to the church



**Offering on Sunday, January 4, 2026**

**Attendance: 63**

General Fund	\$ 3,330.61
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	100.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 3,430.61</b>



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.

### **Youth/Mentor Event – Sunday, January 18**

A Youth /Mentor event has been scheduled for Sunday, January 18 at 5pm at Spins Bowling in Akron for pizza and bowling. If you have any questions, please see Kim Weaver or Ruth Yoder.



### **Annual Congregational Business Meeting – February 1, 2026**

The Ministry of Administration has scheduled the Annual Congregational Business Meeting for Sunday, February 1. The meeting will begin after lunch. An email has been sent to the chairperson of each committee and ministry requesting an updated report for 2025. **MOA is requesting you turn in your reports to Cindy in the church office by Wednesday, January 14 – thank you!**



### **Love our Community 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Men Who Cook” fundraiser – February 10**

Get your taste buds ready to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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, please email [events@loveourcommunity.net](mailto:events@loveourcommunity.net)

### **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. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. For more information, visit [www.mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash](http://www.mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash).

**Dates:** Thursday & Friday, March 12 & 13 (8am-8pm) and Saturday, March 14 (8am-4pm)

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

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.mgmennonite.org)

Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group

(send updates to Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Myrrl Byler: Pastor ([myrrl.byler@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rooms 7-8
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall