



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
 February 13, 2026

February 15, 2026



Message: Multi-Voices
Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #6 *Let's Walk Together*

Call to Worship

Leader: Sustaining God, we pray for courage in the face of fear and uncertainty. Help us to take bold steps towards our dreams and to stand up for what is right.

People: *Give us the strength to face challenges head-on and to persevere even when the path is difficult. Let our courage inspire others to find their own bravery.*

Leader: We ask for Your presence when we feel afraid, and for the reassurance that we are never alone.

People: *Thank you, God, for Your constant support. May we find the courage to speak up against injustice and to advocate for those who cannot speak for themselves. Help us to confront our fears and doubts, trusting in Your guidance and strength to see us through.*

Leader: Let us be courageous in our relationships, willing to be vulnerable and open in our interactions with others.

ALL: ***We pray for those who face dangers and threats daily, asking for Your protection and strength for them. Thank you for the examples of courage we see in others. Help us to draw inspiration from their bravery and to cultivate that same courage in our own lives.***

PRAISING

Praise Songs

The Blessing
 STJ #109 *There is More Love Somewhere*

Offering – *Education Fund*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2 (CEB)

Message

People of Courage in the Hebrew Scripture

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #816 *Guide My Feet*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

VT #828 *There's a Wild Hope in the Wind*

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 Marsha Miller who is recovering from foot surgery in Florida.

- ✝ Continue to pray for Mike Kress who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ✝ Pray for Nancy Beachy's sister Hazel who has been put in a rehab facility and possibly will be placed under hospice care.
- ✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sisters Katie and Leona; and Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson, Peter, with cancer.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Anabaptists in Venezuela have requested prayers for peace amid political instability. The Mennonite Christian Church of Colombia, which has developed ministries to assist refugees from Colombia, also requests that we pray that the situation in Venezuela be resolved internally and not through outside intervention.
- ✝ 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 Ministry of Outreach thanks you for your donation of items for the recent Lake Township FISH collection, and for the \$200 donated to FISH. We appreciate your continued support of FISH!



- Sun. – Feb. 15 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
- Acme Community Cash Back Program ends
- Wed. – Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service @ Beech Mennonite Church – 7pm
- Sun. – Feb. 22 - First Sunday of Lent
- Wed. – March 4 - Wednesday Night Meal Gathering – 6pm
- Sun. – March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins
- Church Social – Game Night at the Church from 5-8pm



Offering on Sunday – February 8, 2026

Attendance: 47

General Fund	\$ 2,505.00
Lake Township FISH	200.00
Refugee Families	2,500.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,355.00

Please pick up your 2025 year-end giving statements which are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number.

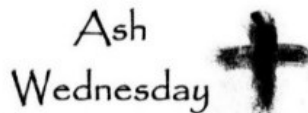
The Acme Community Cash Back Program ends Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Please bring in your receipts to the church by next Sunday, 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.

Family Ministry has scheduled a game night at the church for Sunday, March 8, from 5-8pm.



All ages are welcome – come at your convenience. We'll have pizza at 5:30. Bring your favorite game to play and come enjoy the fellowship time! If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Betty Miller, Holly Miller or Dawn Hyland.



Ash Wednesday Service @ Beech Mennonite Church – February 18 @ 7pm

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent and marks 40 days until Easter, excluding Sundays. This first day of Lent reminds us that new life with Christ involves a daily surrendering of the old life, and the first step on this Lenten journey invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness by the imposition of ashes.

✝ Maple Grove congregation has been invited to participate in the Beech Mennonite Church Ash Wednesday Service. We are choosing to participate with them. Terry Shue is leading the service.

Please plan to gather at Beech Mennonite (10037 Easton St. NE, Louisville) on Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00 p.m. Let us know if you are in need of a ride.

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. Our season of Lent this year is meant to prepare us for Holy Week as we take a slow, intentional journey through the second half of the Gospel of John. We will follow the worship resources from the *Leader* magazine titled, "Dwelling in Dissonance." *The entire season of Lent is framed by the experience of Holy Week, inviting us to linger in the intensity of the final week of Jesus' life, to dwell in the dissonance.*



February 22 – Lent 1	“Love and grief, glory and belief”	John 11:1-44
March 1 – Lent 2	“Obvious and Hidden”	John 13:1-17
March 8 – Lent 3	“Standing Up and Standing Back”	John 18:12-27
March 15 – Lent 4	“Submission and Power”	John 18:28-40
March 22 – Lent 5	“Complicity and Innocence”	John 19:1-16a
March 29 – Lent 6	“Palm Sunday”	John 19:16b–22; 12:12–27
April 2 – 6:30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Communion & Footwashing
April 5 – Easter Sunday (Breakfast @ 8:30 / Service @ 10am)	“Death and Resurrection”	John 20:1-18

The Lenten Guided Prayer to be used during Lent this year is being shared with the congregation by Ministry of Worship. A copy of the material will be emailed to you, and paper copies are available by the mailboxes at the church. This weekly prayer program is set up for individuals to follow the weekly guide on their own. The theme for the Lenten Guided Prayer this year is *Dwelling in Dissonance*, and each weekly guide has scripture, prayers, meditative reading, and other prayer exercises to use through Lent.

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be available in Sunday School Classroom #1 (on the Education side of the church). This will be a place to come and meditate and pray during the Lenten season. The Ministry of Worship thanks Joann Love for putting this together for Maple Grove.



Wednesday night meals are being planned by the Food Committee for the month of March. These gatherings will start at 6:00pm and the first one is on March 4th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Wednesday nights for a time of fellowship.



Refuge of Hope Spring Banquet – April 14 @ Hartville Kitchen

The Spring Fundraising Banquet for Refuge of Hope is Tuesday, April 14th, at the Hartville Kitchen with doors opening at 5:30 and a complimentary dinner at 6pm. Join us for a milestone celebration – 25 years of hope and God’s faithfulness at work through Refuge of Hope! As part of this celebration, we invite you to contribute to Refuge of Hope. To confirm your attendance and reserve your seat, please RSVP by April 2nd at [Spring Banquet | Refuge of Hope](#) or call Beth Knox at 330-453-1785.

Christ Foundation Testimony: Local Christian businessmen will share their testimonies at Christ Foundation to encourage unbelieving men who are searching for answers about God. Brian Karmie is the co-founder and vice president of ForeverLawn Inc. Brian will be giving his Christian testimony on Saturday, February 21st, at 8am at The Christ Foundation located at 1012 Sunnyside St. in Hartville. Please come and invite someone for whom 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!

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@maplegrovenennonite.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@maplegrovenennonite.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

Men's Class

Mixed Intergenerational Class

Mixed 30's-40's Class

Library

Room 9-Hallway

Room 2-Education Side

Basement

Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes

Children's Ministry (up to 6th Grade)

Youth (Grades 7-12)

Post-High/Young Adults

Rooms 7-8

Rooms 3-4

Fellowship Hall