

February 22, 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent



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

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #499 *In the Morning When I Rise*

"Welcome to the Dissonance"

*As we step into Lent, we say "welcome" to the dissonance. We reserve a space for lament and grief, to stay a while and do their work.*

*We release our nice little pictures of perfect selves, perfect faith, perfect world, and look for God in the heartache.*

*We listen for God in discordant melodies. And follow Jesus to the cross, though we don't understand and it doesn't compute.*

*As we step into Lent, we say, "welcome" to the dissonance. Trusting that God is here. Now. In the mystery. Before it is resolved.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome Lent.

**People: Welcome mystery.**

Leader: Welcome dissonance.

**People: Welcome grief.**

Leader: Welcome glory and uncertainty.

**People: Welcome doubt. Welcome belief.**

Leader: Welcome questions without answers.

**People: Welcome fullness from above.**

Leader: Welcome death and resurrection.

**People: Welcome Jesus' fiercest love.**

### PRAISING

Praise Songs

HWB #105 *Christ, We Do all Adore Thee*  
*Revelation Song*

## Confession Poem

*Jesus, you don't always show up when we expect or in the way we expect. We feel for Martha and Mary. In our grief we too may say, "Lord, if you had been here . . ."  
In our bitter confusion we may say, "God healed others. Couldn't God have . . ."  
We hoped you would prevent this pain. We hoped you would fix this hurt. Instead, you weep with us. Instead, you go to the tomb and sit with us in the horrid emptiness of loss.  
Though you will surprise us again—and this time with life—for now, your love is shown in tears.*

Offering – General Fund

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 11:1–44 (CEB)

Readers' Theater

"Voices of Grief"

Message ***Dwelling in Dissonance: Love and Grief, Glory and Belief***

## RESPONDING

Song of Response

*Above All*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## SENDING

Sending Song

*Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

### PERMISSION TO PHOTOCOPY

*Subscribers to Leader are welcome to photocopy, adapt & project worship materials.*

*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 Isaiah's mother recovering from a fall.

✝ Continued prayers for Nancy Beachy's sister Hazel who is going on hospice care.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Marsha Miller recovering from foot surgery; Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sisters Katie and Leona; Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson, Peter, with cancer; and Mike Kress who has 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 banner for Lent is now on display and will be up throughout our Lenten season. Ministry of Worship would like to thank the Youth Sunday School class and Vee Miller for making the banner for Lent this year. And thank you to Vee and Sheryl Weaver for decorating the church for the Lenten season.

Thanks also to Harry Arble for sharing his painting of Jesus bearing the cross on display at the front of the church.



- Wed. – March 4 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting  
- Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Sun. – March 8 - Daylight Saving Time begins  
- Church Social – Game Night at the Church from 5-8pm
- Wed. – March 11 - Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Thurs. – March 12- Maple Grove's night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm

**Please Note:**

- Pastor Myrrl is out of the office on Monday & Tuesday, February 23 & 24, at a seminar at AMBS. He is reachable via his cell phone.
- James Yoder will be performing at the Canton Youth Symphony Orchestra's Winter Concert on Monday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please let James know if you would like to attend to get tickets.
- Lovely local woman (Uniontown) in need of some additional personal care. Please contact Julie Yoder for details.



**Offering on Sunday – February 15 (Education Sunday)**

**Attendance: 63**

General Fund	\$ 5,010.00
Education Fund	1,286.00
Special Designation	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 16,296.00

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

**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.

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 has been 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.

**Stations of the Cross Coloring pages are available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.** Each set of coloring pages includes two versions. A simplified version for some of the younger artists (and those who prefer less detail to color) and a detailed version. Please help yourself!



**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 4<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on Wednesday nights for a time of fellowship.



**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 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash) or contact 234-415-1036 or [GLOhio@mcc.org](mailto: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 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!

### **Refuge of Hope Spring Banquet – April 14 @ Hartville Kitchen**

The Spring Fundraising Banquet for Refuge of Hope is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at [www.refugeofhope.org](http://www.refugeofhope.org) or call Beth Knox at 330-453-1785.

### **The February edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.**

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King reflects on the early days of MDS; find out where to listen to MDS podcasts; and Johann Zimmerman shares reflections and observations while surveying for a bridge project. We also share information on how you can join the Annual Celebration online February 27 & 28. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/40eP7yL>. A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

### **From Mennonite Mission Network**

*Thank you for supporting Mennonite Mission Network with your generous gift in 2025. Your generosity has enabled us to partner with 116 organizations and churches worldwide and have 74 workers and service program participants serving in 45 countries. We are thankful for your unwavering dedication to this shared mission of sharing God's love across the street and around the world. May God's light continue to shine through your church as a witness in your community and beyond.*

## 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!

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Website: [www.mgmennonite.org](http://www.mgmennonite.org)

Facebook – Maple Grove Mennonite Church Group  
(send updates to Jill Liechty or Julie Yoder)

Myrri Byler: Pastor ([myrri.byler@gmail.com](mailto: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](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