



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 27, 2026

March 1, 2026
 2nd Sunday of Lent



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty
Song Leader:	Ruth Yoder
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #625 *Far Above the Noise of Life*

Call to Worship

All: We come to worship.

Leader: with expectations that may or may not be met; with questions that might be answered; and answers that might be questioned.

All: We come seeking God.

Leader: Seeking a taste of truth; seeking a glimpse of divine presence; seeking to make sense of the world.

All: We come to journey with Jesus,

Leader: and allow ourselves to be disarmed and inspired, moved and confused by the Spirit of Christ among us and within us.

All: Let us worship God.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*King of Kings
 Send Me*

Confession Poem

Jesus, You don't always act the way we expect, the way that seems right and proper and reasonable and wise.

We feel for Peter.

In our confusion (and perhaps feeling slightly offended) we too may say, "I'm sorry, God. What?!"

We may say, "No way. Never!"

But You are persistent. You remind us that we don't have to understand everything right now.

You invite us to simply take off our sandals and experience Your love.

Scandalous as it is.

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

John 13:1-17 (CEB)

Readers' Theater

"Jesus Washes Peter's Feet"

Message

Dwelling in Dissonance: Obvious and Hidden

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Love of God

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #813 *Heart with Loving Heart United*

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-Voces Together (purple)



✝ *Pray for Alta Bates' nephew Ronnie who fell and broke his neck. He is in the ICU at Summa Hospital. Pray for his recovery.*

- ✝ *Pray for others with health concerns: 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 her sister Hazel on hospice; 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.*

Please Note:

- *Lovely local woman (Uniontown) in need of some additional personal care. Please contact Julie Yoder for details.*



- Wed. – March 4 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Sun. – March 8 - 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



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8th.



Offering on Sunday – February 22

Attendance: 57

General Fund	\$ 3,721.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	250.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,971.00

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



Church News

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, March 4 - pack a lunch & bring a friend!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! We will be starting on a new quilt so we will have lots of room - bring a friend! Please contact Margaret Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

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.



Wednesday night meals have been planned for the month of March.

The fellowship meals will start at 6:00pm and the first one is on March 4th. The meal will be soup, ham & cheese sandwiches, veggies & dip, fruit and cookies. Monetary donations for the food are welcome but not required. Please plan to join us on Wednesday night for a time of fellowship!

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	“Death and Resurrection”	John 20:1-18
(Breakfast @ 8:30 / Service @ 10am)		

During Lent, Stations of the Cross are 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 Sommers 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!

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.



The 2nd Annual Comforter Mini-Blitz is happening at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe from Tuesday, March 3rd, to Saturday, March 14th and we need your help! Our goal is to complete 10-12 comforters to send to MCC for their Great Winter Warm Up. Their goal is to contribute 10,000 comforters in 2026! So if you can tie a knot you can help! And of course, we welcome our veteran comforter makers to assist in putting them together, in the frames, and then in binding them when knotted. In fact, if anyone is available on Monday, March 2nd, we could use some help getting frames to the store and getting comforters in the frames so they are ready for folks to knot on Tuesday. Contact Julie Yoder at 330-877-2769 for details. We will have all the materials needed so if you want to knot just show up during store hours 10am-5pm, and we're open until 8pm on Thursdays. If you have any other questions, you're of course welcome to check with Julie Yoder.

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

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 www.refugeofhope.org or call Beth Knox at 330-453-1785.

Lighthouse Ministries' Annual Fundraising Banquet – April 23 @ Hartville Kitchen

Please join us on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30pm at the Hartville Kitchen for our Annual Fundraising Banquet, an evening centered on the students of Southeast Canton and the inspiring work unfolding through Lighthouse Ministries! Thanks to generous sponsors, there is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to give at the conclusion of the program as we work toward our \$75,000 goal before our fiscal year ends on May 31. Consider arriving a little early or staying a bit afterward, as our student-run businesses will be open both before and after the program! Doors open at 5:45pm. For more details and to reserve your seat visit www.cantonlighthouse.org/banquet. If you are unable to attend but would still like to help us reach our goal, please visit www.cantonlighthouse.org/give to make your donation.

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