



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  
 February 6, 2026

**February 8, 2026**



**Message:** Myrri Byler  
**Worship Leader:** Myron Weaver  
**Song Leader:** Renee Koshmider  
**Greeters:** Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #11 *Mountain of God*

Call to Worship

**Leader:** Friends often come and go, but God calls us into relationships rooted in love, loyalty, and faithfulness. As Scripture tells us, “Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.”

**People:** *We praise the God who creates bonds of love stronger than fear and deeper than circumstance.*

**Leader:** In a world that often values power and self-interest, David and Jonathan remind us of friendship marked by selflessness and courage, a friendship that reflects God’s own faithful love.

**People:** *Teach us, O God, to love one another as You love us.*

**Leader:** Come now to worship the Lord, who calls us not only servants, but friends, and who invites us to walk together in faith and grace.

**People:** *With grateful hearts, we come to worship God. Amen.*

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs

*Christ is Mine Forevermore  
 Be Unto Your Name*

Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading

II Samuel 12:1-7a (CEB)

Message

***People of Courage in the Hebrew Scripture:  
 Confronting the King***

## **RESPONDING**

Song of Response

VT #771 *We Have Been Sent by God*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## **SENDING**

Sending Song

VT #610 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

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)*

## **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)
February 1	Mediating Family Disputes (1 Samuel 25:1-42)
February 8	Confronting the King (2 Samuel 11:26-12:15)
February 15	People of Courage (Hebrews 12:1-2; Multi-Voice Sermon)



✝ Pray for the family of Sara Mae Miller. Sara passed away January 15 and the service held February 7 at Maple Grove with calling hours at 9:30 and the service at 11am.

✝ Pray for the family of Edna (William) Miller who passed away on Tuesday. Edna is the sister of John Raber and sister-in-law to Perry & Better Miller.

✝ Pray for Marsha Miller who is recovering from foot surgery in Florida.

✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sisters Katie and Leona; 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.



- Sun. – Feb. 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 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)  
- Acme Community Cash Back Program ends  
➤ Bring your Acme receipts to the church
- Wed. – Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Service @ Beech Mennonite Church – 7pm
- Sun. – Feb. 22 - First Sunday of Lent



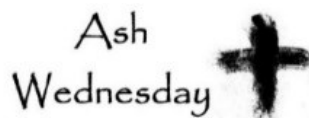
**FISH Collection – Collection this Sunday, February 8**

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.”



**The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Hartville Thrift Shoppe.** Ministry of Outreach is encouraging volunteers to help with this. People of all ages are WELCOME on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8pm.

Park around back, come in through the Volunteer door and ask for Denise when you arrive. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Yoder.



**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 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**



**Offering on Sunday – February 1, 2026**

**Attendance: 70**

General Fund	\$ 6,017.00
Education Fund	14.00
Refugee Families	1,000.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,081.00

## 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@maplegrovenennonite.org](mailto: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](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@maplegrovenennonite.org](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Youth (Grades 7-12)

Post-High/Young Adults

Rooms 7-8

Rooms 3-4

Fellowship Hall