



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
 March 27, 2026

March 29, 2026
 Palm Sunday



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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #273 Arise, Your Light is Come!

Call to Worship

All: We gather to worship God and to look back on where we've been;

Leader: we see old hopes, plans, and dreams, remembered "Hosannas!" and all these weeks of Lent.

All: We gather to worship God and to look at where we are now,

Leader: at Jesus re-defining triumph; and the King on the cross instead of a throne.

All: We gather to worship God and to wonder at this mystery,

Leader: of salvation that comes so strangely; of life that comes through death; of brokenness meeting grace.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Overcome
 Jesus Paid it All*

Confession Poem

Jesus, this story is not the one we expected.

We feel for Your disciples, so happy to proclaim You King as You rode into Jerusalem.

We too have been eager to follow, sure about what that will mean, confident things will turn out well.

We feel for Your disciples devastated at Your crucifixion.

When we are no longer sure about anything.

When everything we thought we had and knew falls apart.

"Hosanna!" we sang back then, "Save us!"

"Hosanna!" we cry now, "God, please!"

And though the story has shifted, You do save.

You have. You will. You are.

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

19:16b-22; 12:12-27 (CEB)

Readers' Theater

"Then and Now"

Message

"Sir, we want to see Jesus"

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #302 *Unless a Grain of Wheat*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #250 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

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)

Several people have asked for printed copies of sermons. Myrri will place copies on a table at the rear of the sanctuary that you can pick up after the service.



Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday observes Jesus's triumphant and joyful entrance into Jerusalem, marked by jubilant crowds waving palm branches, which symbolize victory over sin, peace, and eternal life.

On Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, we will celebrate communion together as well as demonstrate our commitment to a servant's life by washing feet. A light meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the service following immediately after the meal.

We invite all believers to come to this service, giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation. We encourage you to prepare your hearts for this time.



Our Easter Sunday Celebration will begin with sharing breakfast together at 8:45 followed by worshipping together at 10:00 a.m. (There will not be Sunday School classes.)

If you are planning to join us for Easter Sunday breakfast, the Food Committee asks you please sign up and note how many are attending from your family – a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the church. *This is only for planning purposes – all are welcome to join us for breakfast Easter Sunday whether you are signed up or not!*

There are also sign-up sheets for breakfast items if you would like to bring something to share.

Stations of the Cross are available in SS Classroom #1 (on the Education side of the church).

This is a place to come and meditate and pray during the Lenten season.

The Lenten Guided Prayer has a playlist to accompany the Prayer Guides. To access it, you will need to create a free Spotify account if you do not already have one. Access the playlist at [Dwelling in Dissonance](#). Please see Julie Yoder if you have any questions.

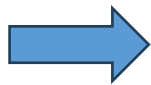


✝ Continued prayers for Dan and Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi who recently lost their home (Orrville) to a fire while they were in Arizona. Jeanne spoke at Maple Grove last fall. A GoFundMe page has been set up on Jeanne's Facebook page by their son.

- ✝ Pray for those 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.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ As we hear and see the images and stories of bombings and violence, may we continue to pray for peace, for those who work for peace, and for the many millions whose lives are filled with fear and uncertainty. For the parents of Darius Meraj who live in Iran, for the Mennonite churches in Columbia and their brothers and sisters in Venezuela. For the families of our Ukrainian friends, for Christians, including Mennonite churches affected by violence in various African countries. Also, for a Mennonite church in Myanmar that was recently bombed. A deacon, treasurer and two youth leaders were killed, and 11 other church members needed emergency medical treatment. In a message from the church, they have asked all international Mennonites to pray for them. God have mercy.



- Wed. – April 1 - Sewing & Comforter Knotting – lunch provided!
- Thurs. – April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 6:30 p.m.
✝ Light meal followed with service of Communion & Footwashing
- Sun. – April 5 - Easter Breakfast @ 8:45 a.m.
- Easter Service @ 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School classes)
- Thurs. – April 9 - Maple Grove's night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sun. – April 12 - My Coins Count Kick-off Sunday



The Ministry of Administration is following through on the Ministry of Congregational Care's recommendation that we move forward with the vote of affirmation on Myrri Byler as Maple Grove's Lead Pastor at a ¾ time contract.

Ballots have been sent to Active Members via email or postal mail. If you have not received your ballot, please contact Cindy in the church office. **Ballots need to be returned by April 12.** Ballots can be returned to the church by putting in the collection box at the church, emailing back to Cindy Fleming at secretary@maplegrovemenonite.org, or dropping off or mailing to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Administration: Dan Dutcher, Brenda LaTulippe, Jade Liechty, Steve Miller, Scott Sommers, Adam Weaver.

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, April 1 – lunch provided!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. **Lunch is provided this month!** Spend the day or come for just a bit -we enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Margaret Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove for 2026-2027 School Year

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, Maple Grove has available a grant program for students enrolling in colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Copies of Maple Grove's policy and the application form can be accessed from Maple Grove's website by clicking [here](#). There are paper copies available on the literature rack in the foyer or contact Cindy in the church office. **Any interested students should return the application to Maple Grove's Treasurer, Steve Miller, by April 26, 2026.**



Offering on Sunday – March 22

Attendance: 65

General Fund	\$ 4,357.00
Education Fund	1,235.00
Charity Fund	50.00
Refugee Families	2,000.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	300.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,942.00



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.

Lake Township Historical Society Fireside Chat – April 16

Join us for a special Fireside Chat exploring the history, traditions, and lived experiences of Amish life in Lake Township on Thursday, April 16, 7pm at Evermore Community Church. Guests are invited to arrive early to view selected displays and visit informally with the speakers. Featured speakers are LeRoy Yoder, Marion Coblentz, Emma Miller and Ross Miller. Each speaker will reflect on their unique experiences connected to Amish heritage, community, and change within the township.

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.

Hartville Migrant Center Annual Spring Supporters Event – May 4 @ 6pm

The Hartville Migrant Ministry is growing! See how you can be a part of our exciting endeavors. Join us on Monday, May 4, at 6pm (3980 Swamp Road in Hartville). Appetizers will be served. Click on this link to RSVP: <https://evite.me/HYvsSqUX2p>

Lake Township FISH 4th Annual Golf Classic – May 15

You can support Lake Township FISH and their efforts to serve the Lake Township community while enjoying a beautiful day of golf at Sable Creek Golf Course on Friday, May 15. The outing provides funding to Lake Township FISH. For every \$1 donated, FISH can provide 3 meals to people in need in our community. For more information and to register, go to www.laketownshipfish.org.

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-50'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