

THE JOURNEY TO
PENTECOST

April 26, 2026



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Cathy Arble
Song Leader: Tom Lubbers
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us sing to the Lord.

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving for our Lord forgives our sins, heals our diseases, redeems our lives from the Pit, and crowns us with faithful love and compassion.

All: God is worthy of our praise.

Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Opening Song

Bless the Lord (10,000 Reasons)

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*God You Reign
Overcome*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

Message

Commissioned to Make Disciples

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Send Me

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

Hear the Call of the Kingdom

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. Myrrl will place copies on a table at the rear of the sanctuary that you can pick up after the service.



- ✝ Pray for Otis Parker, a good friend of Lee Raber's from Columbus, whose wife Sylvia passed away unexpectedly.
- ✝ Pray for Dean Burton, Harry Arble's nephew, who had a second heart attack. He is not a candidate for surgery so they're trying to alleviate the chest pain with medication.
- ✝ Pray for Harry's sister, Meg, with dementia who is being transferred to a memory care unit.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Pray for those whose lives and faith are deeply affected by violence, by oppression, by poverty, by prejudice and by opposition from political leaders and governments.

Journey to Pentecost

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| April 12 | "The Thesis Statement" | John 20:19-31 |
| April 19 | "Meeting Us Where We Are" | John 21:15-19 |
| April 26 | "Commissioned to Make Disciples" | Matthew 28:16-20 |
| May 3 | "The Song of the Lark: A Celebration of Spring" | Psalms 104 |
| May 10 | "A Mother's Day Celebration" | Multi-Voice Sermon |
| May 17 | "Why are you standing here, looking toward heaven?" | Acts 1:1-14 |
| May 24 | "And Where are You From?" | Acts 2:1-21 |



- Wed. – May 6 - Ladies Sewing & Comforter Knotting – Lunch provided/bring a friend!
- Wed. – May 13 - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church – 6pm
- Thurs. – May 14 - Maple Grove's night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sun. – May 17 - Quarterly Collection for Lake Township FISH
- Sun. – May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
- Collection of Soap for MCC ends
- Mon. – May 25 - Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

WE NEED PICTURES!

- I have an assignment for everyone for our morning worship service on May 3rd, which will be a celebration of spring, nature and new creation. If you would take a few photos around your house of flowers, blossoms, birds, gardens, dirt, trees, mulch, squirrels, groundhogs, fountains, sunrise/sunset, pet cats and dogs--send them to me at 540-578-3376 or myrri.byler@gmail.com. If you could do this in the coming week that would be great.—Myrri
- Ministry of Worship is inviting you to submit pictures for the worship service on Mother's Day. These can be pictures of your own mother or of any mother figures in your life. They will be used in a looping reel that morning. Please send them electronically to Cindy in the church office by Mon., May 4th.



Church News

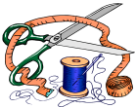
The Secret Prayer Sisters Banquet is Sunday, April 26, at 5pm at the church.



Find out who your secret prayer sister has been! Please bring a small thank you gift for the person who has your name and has been praying for you over the past year.

If you are unable to attend the banquet, please let Kami Sommers know. There will not be a Secret Prayer Sisters program for this year. Thank you to those who have participated in the program.

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, May 6 – lunch provided & bring a friend!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship. ***We are asking everyone to bring a guest this month. Lunch will be provided!*** Spend the day or come for just a bit - we enjoy each other's friendship while we work! If you have any questions, please contact Margaret

Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver.

Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night at Church – May 13 @ 6:00 p.m.



The Building & Grounds Committee is planning a spring cleaning & outside work night at the church on Wednesday, May 13, beginning at 6:00 p.m. We'll need everyone's help to be able to clean the entire church as well as spruce up the outside in one evening. So bring your buckets, rags, ladders, wheelbarrows and shovels, and join us for an evening of work and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Building & Grounds Committee:

Larry Hills, Jordan Miller & Marty Miller

Prayer Chain Update: Maple Grove's prayer chain is being updated. The purpose of the Prayer Chain is to bring before God the needs, concerns and praises of our congregation, families and community. These requests may come from anyone within the congregation and given to Kami Sommers or Cindy in the church office to be shared. The Prayer Chain is distributed through an email distribution list and a phone messaging system. An invitation to join or update your name on this list has either been emailed out to you or placed in your mailbox. Please reply back to Cindy in the church office to be added to the prayer chain or to make any changes to this list. Extra copies of the form are available on the literature rack at the church. You do not need to reply if there are no changes to the list. If you have any questions, please contact Kami Sommers, Prayer Chain Coordinator.

Conscientious Objector Status: The Selective Service System is making changes to the registration process for males aged 18 to 25. At present males need to register within 30 days of their 18th birthday. By December registration will be automatic. Some believe that this will make it easier to bring back the draft, but congressional action is needed for that to happen. Females remain ineligible for the draft. It is important to have on file here at the church your declaration of Conscientious Objector (CO) status. You **do not** need to be a member at Maple Grove or even a regular attender to have a statement on file. Please check with Myrrl or Cindy on how to begin the process. For background, here is a statement from the Selective Service website:

"Beliefs which qualify a registrant for CO status may be religious in nature, but don't have to be. Beliefs may be moral or ethical; however, a man's reasons for not wanting to participate in a war must not be based on politics, expediency, or self-interest. In general, the man's lifestyle prior to making his claim must reflect his current claims."

Mennonite Central Committee has recently updated their online resources for young people to discern what it means to be a conscientious objector. Visit [Christian Peacemaker Registration | Mennonite Central Committee](#) to learn what it means, to explore resources or to register as a Christian Peacemaker.



Give soap full of hope - Help MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) collect bars of soap in April & May

MCC provides soap to hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source. There is a need for soap beyond what is supplied in kits. MCC Great Lakes invites you to take part in a special collection of bath soap and laundry soap. The Ministry of Outreach is asking for your help with this collection through April & May. The soap specifications are:

Bath soap specifications: NEW bars of soap

- 3 oz. or larger
- Please leave in wrapper.
- Please keep in mind that hotel soaps are too small.

Laundry soap specifications: NEW bars of laundry soap

- Brands such as Fels Naptha®, Sunlight® or Zote®
- Please leave in wrapper.
- Homemade laundry soap blocks 5 oz. or larger are acceptable.

Hartville Migrant Ministry Welcome Bags – Return items by April 26

The Ministry of Outreach is asking the congregation for help with donating Welcome Bags to the Hartville Migrant Center. We have committed to donating 15 Single Adult Welcome Bags. To keep track of how many bags are being donated, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board at the church. Needed items are listed below – copies of this list are by the mailboxes. Items will be collected through the last Sunday in April. A box is available in the church lobby to collect the items. You may also donate to the project through the offering – the suggested monetary donation in lieu of items is \$50. Thank you!

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| – Twin sheet set (generic design) | – Shaving cream |
| – Pillow | – Deodorant |
| – Towel | – Toothpaste |
| – Wash cloth | – Toothbrush |
| – Body wash | – Shampoo/Conditioner |
| – Set of 4 razors | |



My Coins Count offering will go to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction on July 10-11 held at the Mt. Hope Event Center.

Each year, coins and bills collected by children, families and churches along with matching funds adds up to more than \$600,000 toward MCC's work around the world. **Your coins count!**

- This year, My Coins Count will raise money for **education**.
- One in six school-age children are excluded from education, while only two in three complete secondary school. (www.un.org)
- In conflict zones, the situation is even more acute, with millions more children out of school.

We can make a difference in the world! The Ministry of Outreach encourages you to:

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- Drop your money in the coin vortex at the church.
- Take a mission bank home & start collecting your change (banks are on a table at the church).



Offering on Sunday – April 19-Education Sunday

Attendance: 69

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| General Fund | \$ 2,810.00 |
| Education Fund | 101.00 |
| Charity Fund | 50.00 |
| Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission | 150.00 |
| Migrant Center Welcome Bags | <u>50.00</u> |
| Total Offering | \$ 3,161.00 |



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.

Hartville Migrant Center Workday – May 23

Terry Smith, the Property Manager at the Migrant Center, has scheduled a workday for Saturday, May 23rd, from 9am-12pm. You can stay for part of the time or for the entire 3 hours. Children are welcome to work alongside their parents. Please call or text Terry if you are interested at 330-354-6419 or email micmat6767@gmail.com. We really appreciate your help in getting our building and property summer-ready!

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

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| 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

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| Children's Ministry (up to 6 th Grade) | Rooms 7-8 |
| Youth (Grades 7-12) | Rooms 3-4 |
| Post-High/Young Adults | Fellowship Hall |