



Maple Grove  
Newsletter

*Disciples of Jesus,  
Revealing His Kingdom  
Through Love, Spiritual Growth,  
and Service Together*

Newsletter dated  
April 3, 2026

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))

*Our Easter Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m. There will not be Sunday School classes.  
All are welcome to join us for Easter breakfast at 8:45 before the service.*

## Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026 Resurrection



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Myron Weaver
Song Leader:	Ruth Yoder
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #340 *Lift Your Glad Voices*

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome Easter.

**All: Welcome relief!**

Leader: Newfound joy is washing over this grief.

**All: Welcome mystery. Welcome surprise!**

Leader: Impossible reality—risen, before our eyes!

**All: Welcome Jesus, our Savior and Friend.**

Leader: Welcome seeking and naming.

**All: Welcome love without end.**

### PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Our God, He Is Alive  
King of Kings*

Confession Poem

*Jesus, You don't always show up where we expect or in the way we expect.*

*Once again, we feel for Mary, weeping by a tomb. In our grief, we assume that the lost is lost forever. "Tell me where to go!" we say. Tell me how I can find that piece of what was to cling to a while longer. And we don't even realize You are there—that You have been there right in front of us all along—until You speak our name.*

*As if to say, "I'm here." As if to say, "I love you" and promise: "This is not the end."*

Offering – General Fund

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

John 20:1-18 (CEB)

Readers' Theater

"Racing to See Jesus"

Message

**"Resurrection"**

## **RESPONDING**

Song of Response

VT #333 *Low in the Grave He Lay*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## **SENDING**

Sending Song

HWB #118 *Praise God from Whom*

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.

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✝ Pray for those alone or away from their family on Easter.



✝ 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 Christians across the world take this time of the year to remember Christ's death and resurrection, we want to 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.



The Hartville Thrift Shoppe and MCC would like to thank Maple Grove women's sewing for lending some of their equipment and supplies to our effort to knot comforters to contribute to the MCC Great Winter Warm Up. We couldn't have done it without this and are most grateful!

A big thanks to all who contributed to our Lenten Services by participating in the readings, worship leading, music, and visuals. The Ministry of Worship

Thank you, Maple Grove Mennonite Church, for the consistent support of Hartville Migrant Ministries! Quite a few of our long-time migrant workers are returning to work at local greenhouses. They stop by for healthcare, for blankets and "welcome bags." It is good to renew friendships and celebrate another year of health & blessings! Have a Blessed Easter! Ed Laubacher, Hartville Migrant Center Director

## Upcoming Sermons – Journey to Pentecost

April 12	”My Lord and my God!”	John 20:19-31
April 19	“More than a Name Change”	Acts 9:1-19a
April 26	“A Holy Jail Break”	Acts 16:16-34
May 3	“Drinking Coffee with the Epicureans and Stoics”	Acts 17:16-31
May 10	“Not Going it Alone”	Philippians 1:1-17
May 17	“The Hymn above all Hymns”	Philippians 2:1-13
May 24	“And Where are You From?”	Acts 2:1-21



- Thurs. – April 9 - Maple Grove’s night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sun. – April 12 - My Coins Count Kick-off Sunday
  - Return ballots for affirmation of Myrrl Byler as Lead Pastor
- Sun. – April 26 - Migrant Center Welcome Bags Collection Due
  - Higher Education Grant Applications Due
- Wed. – May 13 - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church – 6pm

**Please note:** Cindy will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 7, and will be working Monday, Thursday and Friday this week.



**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, April 9, 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.

## **Welcome Bags - 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                 |                       |



### Ministry of Outreach kicks off “My Coins Count” Collection on Sunday, April 12!

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!**

- Maple Grove donated **\$53,068** at last year’s Relief Sale (which included a \$20,000 match).
- This year, My Coins Count will raise money for **education**. When we work together, we can make a difference in the world.



### 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 next Sunday, 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@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto:secretary@maplegrovemennonite.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.

### 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 29

Attendance: 62

General Fund	\$ 7,315.00
Education Fund	15.00
Migrant Center Welcome Bags	500.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,830.00



### **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.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://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 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!

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@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-50'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