



Sunday  
May 31, 2026



Message: Myrrl Byler  
Worship Leader: Cathy Arble  
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder  
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

STS #50 *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Shout praises to the Lord, everyone on this earth.  
Be joyful and sing as you come in to worship the Lord!

**All: *You know the Lord is God! He created us, and we belong to Him;  
we are His people, the sheep in His pasture.***

Leader: Be thankful and praise the Lord as you enter His temple.

**All: *The Lord is good! His love and faithfulness will last forever.***

### PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Living Hope  
Holy Forever*

Offering – General Fund

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Message

***Engaging Paul: An Apostle of Christ Jesus***

### RESPONDING

Song of Response

TMH #573 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## **SENDING**

Sending Song

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

VT #810 *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

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)

*Printed copies of the sermon are available on a table at the rear of the sanctuary that you can pick up after the service.*



✝ 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; Harry Arble's nephew Dean Burton.

✝ 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.

## **Worship Schedule**

May 31	"Engaging Paul: An Apostle of Christ Jesus"	Assorted Verses
June 7	"Engaging Paul: Hebrew of the Hebrews"	Philippians 3:1-11
June 14	"Engaging Paul: The World as He Knew It"	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
June 21	"Celebrating Dads being Dads"	Psalms 103:1-14
June 28	"Celebrating our Common Heritage in Christ" Joint service at Beech Mennonite Church	1 Corinthians 3:10-11
July 5	"Engaging Paul: The Damascus Road"	Acts 22:6-21
July 12	"Celebrating Community and Service: MCC & the Hartville Thrift Shoppe"	
July 19	"Engaging Paul: The Silent Years"	Galatians 1:10-23
July 26	"Engaging Paul: The Controversial Leader Emerges in Antioch"	Galatians 2:1-14
August 2	"A Celebration of Music: Vince and Herm"	
August 9	"Engaging Paul: A Man on the Move"	Acts 13:1-12
August 16	"Engaging Paul: Herald of the King"	Acts 13:26-39
August 23	"Celebrating the Outdoors"	
August 30	"Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem"	Galatians 2:11-21



- Sun. – May 31 - Collection for Lake Township FISH ends
- Wed. – June 3 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – lunch provided
- Thurs. – June 11 - Maple Grove's night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sun. – June 21 - Father's Day
- Sun. – July 5 - Last Sunday to collect for My Coins Count
- July 10-11 - Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- Sun. – July 19 - Church Social – Pool Party @ Jade & Jill Liechty's – 1pm

**Please note:** Cindy will be out of the office on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, and the newsletter will be published on Thursday. Please have all items for the newsletter to Cindy by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - thank you!



**The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, June 3 – lunch provided & bring a friend!**



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship. We are having a haystack lunch. 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.

**For Vacation Bible School this year, the Ministry of Education has decided to post a few options for families to choose from.** See the list below. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Ministry of Education: Ruth Yoder, Sami Miller or Kaydri Sommers.

<b>Church</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Link to register</b>
• Bethany Mennonite Church 3497 Edison St. NE – Hartville	June 28-July 2 – 6:15-8:30pm	<a href="http://www.bethanycmc.org/vbs">www.bethanycmc.org/vbs</a>
• Advent Lutheran Church 1516 Edison St. – Uniontown	July 13-17 – 9am-12pm	<a href="http://www.vbspro.events/p/6993f2">www.vbspro.events/p/6993f2</a>
• Evermore Community Church 1470 Smith Kramer - Hartville	July 13-17 9am-12pm	<a href="#">VBS Volunteers 2026 - Evermore Community Church</a>
• RiverTree Church 910 Sunnyside St - Hartville	July 26-29 – 6:00-8:30pm	<a href="#">RiverTree Lake - EVENTS</a>

**The large print version of *Our Daily Bread* devotionals for July-September are now available by the mailboxes.** Please help yourself.



**Offering on Sunday – May 24**

**Attendance: 61**

General Fund	\$ 3,601.00
Education Fund	1,235.00
Charity Fund	70.00
My Coins Count	250.00
Lake Township FISH	40.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 5,196.00</b>

**FISH Collection: May 31<sup>st</sup> is the last Sunday to collect for FISH.** Needed items are below.

You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH



- Breakfast Items (cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, Pop-Tarts, granola bars, etc.)
- Meals in a Box (mac & cheese, Spaghetti O's, canned meats, etc.)
- Baking Items (flour, Bisquick, sugar, brown sugar, etc.)
- Pasta Sauce
- Crackers

**Help make MCC kit bags:** School kits and hygiene kits provide important supplies to children and families around the world. These supplies are packed in a useful, double-drawstring cloth bag, but we are running short on bags. MCC is in need of volunteers to sew these simple cloth bags. If you would like to make some kit bags, instructions and fabric are available on a table at the church as well as samples of the kit bags. More information and sewing instructions are also at: [mcc.org/kits/bags](http://mcc.org/kits/bags). Please contact Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

**Attention Quilters:** There is a quilt in frame at the Hartville Kitchen which will be donated to the MCC Relief Sale next year. You can come to quilt any time during the hours that the restaurant is open. Bring several people with you and stay for a few hours or stay for the day. (Lunch isn't far away!) Needles and thread are provided; you may want to bring your own scissors & thimble. Thank you!



**My Coins Count offering will go to MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) at the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction ([www.ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org)) 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. This year, My Coins Count raises money for education. **Your coins count!**

**An update on MCC education projects for Winter 2026:**

- **Your support is empowering remote communities in India to take the lead on education.**
- **You are championing practical job skills training for young people in Aleppo, Syria.**

**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).

***Maple Grove has an offer of matching funds for My Coins Count up to \$20,000.  
For every dollar donated, it will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$20,000.  
So if the church can raise \$20,000 – we'll have \$40,000 to give to MCC at the Relief Sale!***

**Six Sundays left to collect before the Relief Sale!**



### **Lake Township FISH Baseball Night – July 1**

Join us at Canal Park for a fun night of baseball & Plinko to raise funds for our organization! FISH earns a portion of every ticket sale PLUS 25% back on all Plinko games. The Akron RubberDucks vs. Erie SeaWolves is on Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:35pm. **Deadline to purchase tickets is June 1<sup>st</sup>.** Tickets can be purchased at [Lake Township FISH - 2026 Fundraiser](#) .

### **Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Run 4 Relief 1K & 5K – Saturday, July 11**

Calling all cross-country runners and fun runners! Please join us for the 2026 Run 4 Relief 5K & 1K Event on Saturday, July 11 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center during the Ohio MCC Relief Sale. The 1K run will start at 7:30 AM and the 5K Run will kick off at 8:00 AM. You can register the day of the event an hour prior to the start. Runners, walkers and stroller-pushers are welcome. This year, we are focusing on strawberries and how MCC can add resources to families' income in Nepal. The 5K is \$40 per runner and the 1K is \$20 per runner. T-Shirts will be given to all runners. Registration is open at [Ohio Mennonite Central Committee Run 4 Relief 1K & 5K Race](#) or at the Ohio MCC Relief Sale website under Live events [www.ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org). *Come Run with us!*

**Camp Luz Needs Summer Staff:** We have had significant waiting lists in recent years and REALLY need your help to recruit people to serve on our summer staff team. Members of our summer staff must be at least 16 years old, love Jesus and have a heart to serve others. We provide flexible scheduling and hire by the week to accommodate busy schedules. We also offer internships and scholarships to college students. Go to [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com) for more information or go to: [Summer Staff - CAMP LUZ](#); [Lifeguard Application 2026](#); [Staff Scholarship - CAMP LUZ](#).

- Volunteer - Want to get involved but not ready to join summer staff? Fill out the volunteer form on our website to get the ball rolling. [Volunteer Form](#)
- Prayer support - Keep our team and this ministry covered in prayer as we head into our busiest season.

### **Everence Workshop on Retirement – June 2 at Maple Grove**

Join Everence for a workshop on Medicare. The workshop is on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. Attend our workshop and gain confidence about moving to Medicare. Topics will include signing up for Medicare, what Medicare covers and does not cover, and Medicare Parts A, B, C and D in clear language. To register or for more information, contact Kelly Troyer at 800-986-9988 or [northeastohio@everence.com](mailto:northeastohio@everence.com). For more information go to [Faith-based financial services | Hartville, Ohio | Everence](#).

## 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