

May 10, 2026



Worship Moderator:	Julie Yoder
Worship Leader:	Lois Bontrager
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

HWB #490 *Lord of the Home*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who like a mother, knows us intimately

People: loves us unconditionally

Leader: teaches us the way we should go

People: and comforts us in times of need.

ALL: Praise God, the source and Sustainer of Life!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me
Ancient Words*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-21 (CEB)

Message ***Remembering, Celebrating, Recognizing, and Affirming Women***

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #546 *There is a Line of Women*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

As For Me and My House

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)

From the 1860's to the present, check out this timeline of the History of Mennonite Women:

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennonite-womens-history-timeline/>



Congratulations to Sophia Sommers who graduated Saturday, May 1, from Indiana Wesleyan University *summa cum laude* with a 4-year degree in nursing. Sophia will start her career at Akron Children's Hospital in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit this summer.

And congratulations to any others graduating this year from high school or college.
Blessings to you all!



✝ Pray for Nancy Beachy and her family on the death of her brother Everett. Pray that the family may find comfort and peace through Jesus during this time of loss.

✝ 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; Harry Arble's sister Meg in a memory care unit and nephew Dean Burton recovering from a heart attack; Isaiah Wade's brother-in-law.

✝ 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

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 13 - Spring Cleaning & Outside Work Night @ Church – 6pm
- Thurs. – May 14 - Maple Grove’s night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- Sun. – May 17 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
- Wed. – May 20 - Youth/Mentor Activity - 6pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Sun. – May 24 - Pentecost Sunday
- Mon. – May 25 - Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
- Sun. – May 31 - Quarterly Collection for Lake Township FISH



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



Wednesday, May 13, is the spring cleaning & outside work night at the church 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

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, May 14, 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.

Youth/Mentor Activity – May 20

On Wednesday, May 20, at 6pm there will be a Youth/Mentor activity in the church fellowship hall. A light supper and snacks will be served, along with a fun painting activity that will be sure to bring some excitement. All Youth and Mentors, please mark your calendars for May 20 . If you have any questions, please see Ruth Yoder or Kim Weaver.



Offering on Sunday – May 3

General Fund	\$ 5,726.00
My Coins Count	1,700.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,576.00

Attendance: 63



FISH Collection: The Ministry of Outreach is holding a collection for Lake Township FISH. Brown bags with a list of needed items are available at the church – please return by May 31st . You may also give through the offering by marking your envelope for FISH. Needed items are:



- 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

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 – place in the box in the church lobby. 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



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!**

- My Coins Count raises money for **education**.
- As of early 2026, education in developing nations is facing a deepening crisis, with an estimated 273 million children and youth out of school.
- Major challenges include severe funding cuts, rising violent attacks on schools, and a profound learning poverty where roughly 70% of 10-year-olds cannot read simple text.

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).



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 for 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 [2026 Golf Outing | Lake Township FISH](#).

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!

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 on Wednesday, July 1st, at 6:35pm. Deadline to purchase tickets is June 1st. Tickets can be purchased at [Lake Township FISH - 2026 Fundraiser](#).

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. Fabric and drawstrings are available at the MCC Material Resources Center (4080 Kidron Road in Kidron), or you can use your own sturdy cotton fabric. More information and sewing instructions at: mcc.org/kits/bags. Finished bags should be dropped off at the Material Resources Center. For questions, contact GLOhio@mcc.org or (234) 415-1036.

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