



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))



Maple Grove  
*Newsletter*

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

Newsletter dated  
 June 12, 2026

Sunday  
 June 14, 2026



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Cathy Arble
Song Leader:	Lois Bontrager
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #29 *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: The message of the cross can seem foolish to the world—but to us who are being saved, it is the very power of God.

**People: *We come, not trusting in human wisdom, but in the wisdom and grace of God.***

Leader: God chooses what the world calls weak to show true strength, and what the world overlooks to reveal deep purpose.

**People: *We gather as God’s people, called not because we are strong, but because God is faithful.***

Leader: In Christ, we have been given wisdom, righteousness, and redemption.

**People: *So we boast in the Lord alone—and lift our hearts in worship.***

**All: *Let us worship God, whose power and love turn the world upside down.***

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs

*Goodness of God*

VT #323 & 324 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross/  
 The Wonderful Cross*

Offering – General Fund

*Power of the Cross*

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 1:18-31 (CEB)

Message

***Engaging Paul: The World as He Knew It***

## **RESPONDING**

Song of Response  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #155 *Lord I Need You*

## **SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

VT #838 *The Peace of the Earth Be with You*

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.*



✝ Continue to pray for John Raber recovering from shoulder surgery and Sheryl Weaver who is undergoing testing for health issues with her lungs and heart.

- ✝ Pray for Bob Downerd who is struggling with finding a permanent place to live.
- ✝ Pray for others 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.
- ✝ 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.



Thank you for your recent prayers for Dean Burton, Harry's nephew. He is improving and we appreciate the prayers. Harry & Cathy Arble

### Thank You from MCC-Great Lakes:

Thank you for your generous donations of bath and laundry soap during MCC's "Soap full of hope" collection this spring. Because of you, MCC can meet additional requests for soap from partners like hospitals, orphanages and refugee camps in countries where soap is expensive or difficult to source.

## 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"	1 Corinthians 3:10-11
	Joint service at Beech Mennonite Church	
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

**Please Note:** The parking lot will be repaved on Thursday & Friday, June 18 & 19.



- Sun. – June 21 - Father's Day  
- Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
- Sun. – June 28 - Combined Service @ Beech Mennonite Church  
▶ Fellowship Time @ 9am/SS @ 9:45/Service & Carry-in to follow
- 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 - Summer Social – Pool Party @ Jade & Jill Liechty's – 1pm
- Sun. – Aug. 2 - A Celebration of Music: Vince and Herm

**Welcome Ladies! Breathing, Balance and Blessing class every Wednesday morning at 9:00.**

Focus is on improving movement and balance for older bodies. Breads and coffee time afterwards! Feel free to invite friends. Please see Ruthie Byler if you have any questions.



### Church News

**On Sunday, June 28,** we will have a joint service at Beech Mennonite, beginning with coffee at 9:00 and Sunday School at 9:45am. We plan to have a joint Sunday School time (Myrrl has pastor friends from China visiting who will share during this time), followed by worship service. After the service we will have a meal together--you can plan to bring a salad, fruit or dessert (main dishes will be provided). Beech Mennonite Church is located at 10037 Easton St. NE, Louisville.



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

This year, My Coins Count raises money for education. **Your coins count!**

### **Global Education Crisis:**

- Recent years have seen an alarming increase in violence, with hundreds of reported attacks on educational facilities, and dozens of teachers killed or detained. ([UNESCO](#))
- In crisis hotspots like Sudan, nearly half of all school buildings are either damaged, destroyed, or being repurposed as emergency shelters, leaving over 8 million children without access. ([UN News](#))

### **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 & collect 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!***

## **Four Sundays left to collect before the Relief Sale**



**July 10 & 11 @ Mt. Hope Event Center located in Mt. Hope (8076 OH-241, Millersburg).** The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale is an annual benefit auction and festival event which raises funds for the work of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), the relief and development arm of the Mennonite church. MCC is supported by over 100 churches: Amish, Apostolic, Brethren, Mennonite and Conservative Mennonites of Ohio and western Pennsylvania.

### **How Does the Relief Sale Work?**

Auction items, such as handmade quilts, furniture, tools and gift cards are donated by local individuals and businesses. You can bid either at the live auction or online through their secure site. The event is staffed exclusively by volunteers.

BBQ chicken dinners are available on Friday starting at 4pm. Entertainment Friday evening is Ventriloquist David Pendleton and singer/songwriter LeRoy Stoltzfus at 6:15pm. Saturday morning All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast starts at 7am with pancakes, sausage, eggs and more! There is also a Volleyball Tournament on Friday evening, Relief Sale Run Saturday morning, Children's Auction on Saturday, and throughout the Relief Sale the food stands, Artisan's Marketplace, Quilter's Corner, Swiss Pantry with home-baked goods, and other stands with plants, used books and Fair-trade World Crafts are available.

Brochures for the Relief Sale with a schedule of events have been placed in the mailboxes at the church. Extra brochures are available on the table in the church lobby. Join us for food, fun, fellowship & entertainment on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Relief Sale ([www.ohiomccreliefsale.org](http://www.ohiomccreliefsale.org)).



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

### **Offering on Sunday – June 7**

**Attendance: 55**

General Fund	\$ 4,660.00
My Coins Count	7,600.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	100.00
Total Offering	\$ 12,360.00



### **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 July 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](#). *Come Run with us!*

### **Join Refuge of Hope on Saturday, July 18, at Centennial Plaza in Canton for a Run to Jesus!**

Run, walk, or roll your way to the finish for a 5K or 1 mile run or a free Kids Fun Run. Event starts at 8am. To register and for more information, go to [Run to Jesus 5K](#). All proceeds benefit Refuge of Hope.

### **The 2026 Annual Conference Assembly for Ohio Mennonite Conference is July 31-August 1 at Bluffton University.**

The theme for this year is, “Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing.” This year, ACA will feature sessions designed especially for youth and for fostering intergenerational connections. We have a wonderful lineup of speakers and sessions planned! Guiding our time together, Dr. Lesley McClendon will lead us on a journey of “making all things new.” We’ll also spend time connecting with MCC, MMN, and our ACA Sponsors, Everence & MDS. For more information and to register online, go to

[Register – 2026 Annual Conference Assembly – Bluffton University](#)

## 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 for June & July**

Children's Ministry (up to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Fellowship Hall
Youth (Grades 7-12) & Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall