



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 4, 2026

Sunday  
 June 7, 2026



Message: Myrrl Byler  
 Worship Leader: Paul Bontrager  
 Song Leader: Renee Koshmider  
 Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
 Welcome & Announcements  
 Opening Song VT #60 *Trinity Song*  
 Call to Worship & Prayer  
 Leader: God has called us to gather together as beloved children.  
**People: *We come wanting to share our authentic selves, our hearts, with God and one another.***  
 Leader: Wherever we are in our faith journey, God meets us right where we are,  
**People: *Calling us out from isolation and fear into sacred community.***  
 Leader: Let us drop the things of the past which weighted us down.  
**ALL: *We come now to humbly praise and worship the One who's essence is Love as revealed by Jesus and to live lives of love for all people.***

**PRAISING**

Praise Songs *I Surrender All*  
 VT #332 *In Christ Alone*  
 Offering – General Fund

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading Philippians 3:1-11 (CEB)  
 Message ***Engaging Paul: Hebrew of the Hebrews***

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *Knowing You, Jesus*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

## SENDING

Sending Song

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

VT #84 *To God be the Glory*

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 John Raber who is having shoulder surgery on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.



✝ Pray for Sheryl Weaver as she goes through further testing to find answers for her health problems with her lung and heart.

✝ 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; and 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



### Offering on Sunday – May 31

Attendance: 53

General Fund	\$ 1,261.00
Charity Fund	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 1,311.00



*Ministry of Outreach thanks all those who donated items for the recent Lake Township FISH collection and for the \$40 that was donated. We appreciate your continued support of FISH!*



- Thurs. – June 11 - Maple Grove’s night to volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8pm
- 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



**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.

### Sunday School Update:



- The Children’s Ministry Sunday School class (Elementary class) will meet in the Fellowship Hall for June and July. This will be a casual, fun time with games and puzzles and more!
- The Youth Group will meet with the Post-High/Young Adult class in the Fellowship Hall with Vee Miller and Joe Weaver leading the class.

**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.bethanymc.org/vbs">www.bethanymc.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>



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** 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, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**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!**

**Problems with education around the world include:**

- Attacks on Education: Schools are frequently targeted in conflict zones.
- Funding Shortfalls: Many countries have decreased the share of funding spent on education.
- Indirect Costs: Despite removing school fees, expenses for uniforms and exams, alongside the need for child labor, limit access.

**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!***

**[Five 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)).

### **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](http://Ohio Mennonite Central Committee Run 4 Relief 1K & 5K Race). *Come Run with us!*



### **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,” and the theme passage is Isaiah 43:16-21. Guiding our time together, Dr. Leslie McClendon will lead us on a journey of “making all things new.” We’ll also spend time connecting with MCC, MMN, along with our event sponsors, Everence and MDS. For more information and to register online, go to [Register – 2026 Annual Conference Assembly – Bluffton University](http://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