



Informal Fellowship - 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School Classes - 9:30a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
(Online at www.mgmennonite.org)



Maple Grove
Newsletter

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

Newsletter dated
July 17, 2026

Sunday
July 19, 2026



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Cathy Arble
Song Leader:	Tom Lubbers
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

Way Maker

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: On the road to Damascus, a blinding light interrupted Saul's plans and revealed the risen Christ.

People: We come to worship the One who meets us where we are and calls us by name.

Leader: When Saul could not see the way forward, God sent Ananias with courage, healing, and hope.

People: We come ready to receive grace, to listen for God's voice, and to take the next faithful step.

Leader: Christ opened Saul's eyes, changed his heart, and sent him to tell what he had seen and heard.

People: Open our eyes, Lord; renew our hearts and send us with your love.

Leader: God still interrupts, heals, redirects, and calls ordinary people into extraordinary witness.

People: Here we are, Lord. Shape us, strengthen us, and lead us in your way.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who meets us on the road and sends us into the world.

People: We worship with open hearts, grateful spirits, and willing lives. Amen.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Great Are You Lord
How Great Is Our God*

Offering – Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to the Education Fund)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Acts 22:6-16 (CEB)

Message

Engaging Paul: The Damascus Road

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

I Saw the Light

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

You Never Let Go

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.*



✝ Thank you for the prayers for Cathy Arble's niece Stephanie who received a liver transplant.
Continue to pray for her recovery.

- ✝ Pray for those with health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates' sisters Katie and Leona; Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim who has heart issues and Nancy's friend's grandson Peter with cancer; and Holly Miller's sister Heather Smith 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.

Worship Schedule

July 19	"Engaging Paul: The Damascus Road"	Acts 22:6-21
July 26	"Engaging Paul: The Silent Years"	Galatians 1:10-23
August 2	"A Celebration of Music: Herm and Vince"	
August 9	"Engaging Paul: The Controversial Leader Emerges in Antioch"	Galatians 2:1-14
August 16	"Engaging Paul: A Man on the Move"	Acts 13:1-12
August 23	"Celebrating the Outdoors"	
August 30	"Engaging Paul: Herald of the King"	Acts 13:26-39
Sept. 6	"Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem"	Galatians 2:11-21



Thank you for the prayers, food, calls and texts I received while recovering from shoulder surgery. May God bless you. John Raber



It looks like the My Coins Count pump stays at Maple Grove again this year! Maple Grove's collection for My Coins Count for 2026 was \$36,552.95, plus the matching funds of \$20,000 bringing the total amount gifted to MCC to \$56,552.95. God is good! Thank you, Maple Grove! Ministry of Outreach



- Sun. – July 19 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
- Summer Social – Pool Party @ Jade & Jill Liechty's – 1pm
- August 1 & 2 - A Celebration of Music: Herm and Vince @ Kevin Graber's house
 - ▶ Saturday: Dinner @ 5:30pm / Concert @ 6:30pm
 - ▶ Sunday: Fellowship @ 9:30am / Music @ 10:30am
- August 9 & 16 - Collecting items for MCC School Kits
- Sun. – Aug. 23 - Church Sunday Out
- Sun. – Aug. 30 - Assemble MCC School Kits during Sunday School

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.



Family Ministry would like to remind you that this Sunday is the pool party at Jade & Jill Liechty's house. Come for a relaxing afternoon under the shelter or swimming in the pool or playing yard games. Come any time after 1:00 p.m., bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day! Drinks and desserts will be provided - desserts at 3pm. And the World Cup soccer game will be on! If you have any questions, please see a member of Family Ministry:
Betty Miller, Marsha Miller, Dawn Hyland & Holly Miller

Celebration of Music with Herm & Vince – August 1-2

We have a weekend scheduled with Herm and Vince, Saturday evening and Sunday morning, August 1-2. Kevin Graber is hosting both events, although the church will be a backup in case of rain on Sunday morning. Please bring a lawn chair to both events.

- Saturday evening begins with dinner at 5:30pm (ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs and hopefully sweet corn will be provided). Please bring a side dish and any special drinks you might want. Concert begins at 6:30pm.
- Sunday morning come for coffee and conversation between 9:30 and 10:30am. Herm and Vince will begin playing at 10:30. A freewill offering will be taken. Noon meal will be a potluck, so bring a dish or two - bring serving utensils too. Remember there will not be refrigeration or electricity for the food you bring that morning.

Nicaragua Donations:

You are invited to contribute funds to Pastor Luis in El Crucero for the completion of the church building that Maple Grove assisted with some years ago in Nicaragua. A total of \$6,400 is needed to complete the bathrooms in the church building. If you would like to help, please mark your giving envelope "Nicaragua-Church Building."

Also, Moises and Anna will need to move out of the house in which they have been living by August 1. The house they are building is not yet finished, and they do need more funds to see it completed. Mark your envelope "Moises" if you would like to contribute toward their house project.

Rejoice! Devotional Magazines – Updating Subscription

Rejoice! is a quarterly devotional magazine published by MennoMedia. Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. The magazine also includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies. The Ministry of Education is updating the number of magazines ordered each quarter. If you would like to be added to the list to receive this magazine, or if you currently receive it and no longer wish to, please contact Cindy in the church office by Monday, July 20.

Help make MCC kit bags – Instructions & fabric available at Maple Grove.

MCC is in need of volunteers to sew the simple cloth kit 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. Please contact Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.



MCC School Kit Challenge – 30,000 School Kits to Help 30,000 Kids

MCC is having a challenge for 30,000 school kits to be donated during the month of August.

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families around the world who have been forced to flee their homes or struggle to afford basic school supplies. Whether you assemble 1 or 100 kits through the School Kit Challenge, your generosity will help kids around the world to learn and grow.

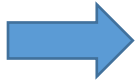
The Ministry of Outreach is setting a goal for Maple Grove to make 200 school kits! We will be collecting items for the school kits on August 9 & 16 and planning to gather to assemble the kits during Sunday School on August 30th in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help with this project, please bring in the requested items on August 9 & 16, or you may donate through the offering and mark your offering envelope "School Kits."

MCC School Kit Items (new items only):

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens

The pencil sharpeners that are part of the school kits are already purchased.

Please Note: The copy machine in the music office is no longer working.



For those who need to make copies on Sunday mornings, please use the copier in the church office. Cindy's office will be unlocked.



Offering on Sunday – July 12, 2026

Attendance: 73

General Fund	\$ 7,731.00
Nicaragua Church Building	800.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 8,581.00



Hartville Migrant Ministry School Supplies Drive

We are collecting school supplies for the migrant children and for the children of patients who attend our free clinic. Thanks to your generosity, last year we were able to give away a bag of supplies to 120+ needy students. Supplies can be dropped off in August on Tuesdays from 5-8pm and Thursdays from 12-8pm at the Hartville Ministry, 3980 Swamp St., Hartville. Please contact us at 330-877-2983 or hmcvolunteercoord@gmail.com if you have any questions. Please review the available slots at [Hartville Migrant Ministry: School Supplies Drive](#) and click on the button to sign up.

Men of Impact Cookout & Fellowship Event to benefit Love our Community – August 5

Men 14 years and older are invited to join Bethany Mennonite Church for their kick off event to gather, grow and give back. The event features Master Teague III, a devoted follower of Christ, former NFL running back, author and speaker. 100% of donations will go to Love Our Community. The event is at Wagler Farms (10666 Hoover Ave NW in Uniontown) on Friday, August 5th, from 6:30-9pm. Tickets can be purchased at [Men of Impact Cookout & Fellowship Event | Bethany Church](#). Make sure to bring a lawn chair!

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 19-22 – Volunteers & Donations Needed!

Mark your calendars for Canning For Relief for 2026 which will happen in the Gerber Building in Kidron (3970 Kidron Road, behind Central Christian School) starting Monday, October 19, through Thursday, October 22. Start and finish times will vary this year – to schedule a work time, call/text/email Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 or metcalfjt@aol.com.

Help is needed to fund MCC meat canning this year. The proposed budget of \$55,000 will can 20,000 pounds of pork/chicken. Currently there is \$18,000 on deposit. Donations can be sent to: Relief Canning, Inc., Ben Froese, Treasurer, 12828 Church Rd, Orrville OH 44667.

The July edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service.

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for volunteer leaders and donors, learn why disasters deserve a local MDS response, and see the update on work being done in Crisfield plus listen to the latest MDS podcast featuring Bill Maust. Click [here](#) to read more.

A copy of the newsletter is posted on the MDS mission bulletin board in the hallway at the church.

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)

Myrri Byler: Pastor (myrri.byler@gmail.com)

- Office Hours: **Monday-Friday 8am-noon**

**Myrri 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 for June & July

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