



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 2, 2026

Sunday
July 5, 2026



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Scott Hyland
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
 Welcome & Announcements
 Opening Song *Come As You Are*
 Call to Worship & Prayer

PRAISING

Praise Songs *Living Waters
 Hear the Call of the Kingdom*
 Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading *Psalm 85:8-13 (CEB)*
 Message *Celebrating Being American!?*

RESPONDING

Song of Response *VT #606 Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *Hope of the Nations*
 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)*

*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 Holly Miller's sister, Heather Smith, and her family. Heather has begun an unwanted journey with cancer.
- ✝ Pray for Cathy Arble's sister Debi and her family. A family member has just been diagnosed with a very serious illness.
- ✝ 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.
- ✝ Moises from Nicaragua has asked that we pray for his brother who is in prison, in very squalid conditions, because of a civil suit that has been brought against him.
- ✝ 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	"Celebrating Being American!?"	Psalms 85:8-13
July 12	"Celebrating Community and Service: MCC & the Hartville Thrift Shoppe"	
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



The total gifted to Hartville Migrant Ministry from the combined worship service at Beech Mennonite Church on June 28 was \$1,516! The Migrant Ministry thanks both churches for their great generosity. The migrant workers enjoyed the hot dogs, beans & desserts.



- Sun. – July 5 - Last Sunday to collect for My Coins Count
- Thurs. – July 9 - Maple Grove’s night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- July 10-11 - Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction @ Mt. Hope Event Center
- Sun. – July 19 - Summer Social – Pool Party @ Jade & Jill Liechty’s – 1pm
- August 2, 9 & 16 - Collecting items for MCC School Kits
- Sun. – Aug. 2 - A Celebration of Music: Herm and Vince
- 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. B reads and coffee time afterwards! Feel free to invite friends. Please see Ruthie Byler if you have any questions.



Church News

Moises & Anna in Nicaragua: You are invited to contribute funds to Moises and Anna in Nicaragua for the completion of the church building that Maple Grove assisted with some years ago. A total of \$6,700 is still needed to complete the bathrooms. 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. If you would like to help, please mark your giving envelope “Moises-Nicaragua.”

Church Social – Summer Party on July 19

Family Ministry has scheduled a Summer Party on Sunday, July 19th, at Jade & Jill Liechty’s house. Come for a relaxing afternoon under the shelter or swimming in the pool or playing yard games. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Come any time after 1:00 p.m., bring your lawn chair and enjoy the day! If you have any questions, please see a member of Family Ministry: Betty Miller, Marsha Miller, Dawn Hyland & Holly Miller

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, July 9, 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.



Offering on Sunday – June 28 @ Beech Mennonite Church

General Fund	\$ 4,360.00
Charity Fund	100.00
Special Designations	<u>19,366.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 23,826.00



My Coins Count offering goes 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.

July 5 is last Sunday to donate to My Coins Count!!!

We have met the \$20,000 offer of matching funds for My Coins Count!

Your coins count! Ways to give:

- Mark your offering envelope "My Coins Count"
- If you have been collecting your change, please bring it into the church and drop it in the coin vortex or leave your change beside it.



July 10 & 11 @ Mt. Hope Event Center located in Mt. Hope

(address is 8076 OH-241, Millersburg).

All proceeds benefit Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches that shares God's love by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice across 46 countries through 459 projects. The sale is staffed entirely

by volunteers, and every dollar raised goes directly to MCC. Go to www.ohiomccreliefsale.org for more information. Brochures with the schedule of events are available at the church.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Laotian egg rolls are one of the most popular items at the Relief Sale.

Help is needed with preparing and rolling the egg rolls and manning the egg roll stand at the Relief Sale – **especially on Thursday for rolling the egg rolls.** Kindly consider giving some of your time on Wednesday, Thursday or both! The more people we have for rolling - Thursday is the big day - the better it will be!! Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the church lobby or contact Pam Blough at 330-705-4720 or beachyp58@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for considering volunteering!

Wednesday, July 8 – 8am till finished – Prepare the filling at Hartville Kitchen

Thursday, July 9 – 8:30am till finished – Roll egg rolls at the Hartville Kitchen Banquet Room

Friday, July 10 – 4-8pm – Serve egg rolls at the Relief Sale - Mt. Hope Event Center

Saturday, July 11 – 10am-2pm – Serve egg rolls at the Relief Sale - Mt. Hope Event Center

BAKERS NEEDED: Items needed for Relief Sale Swiss Pantry.

This year, we'll be concentrating on single serve items for people to enjoy (ideas: cinnamon rolls, cookies, dinner rolls, bread, cupcakes, pies). We cannot accept items that require refrigeration. We may divide and repackage your plates of baked goods. **You can bring to the Relief Sale on Friday evening, July 10, or drop off at Maple Grove on Friday by 2:00pm. You may also bring to the Relief Sale on Saturday morning.** Contact Holly Miller or Sheryl Weaver with questions.

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Run 4 Relief 1K & 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, July 11

Make plans to participate in the 2026 Run 4 Relief 5K & 1K Event on Saturday, July 11 @ the Mt. Hope Event Center. The 1K starts at 7:30am and the 5K kicks off at 8am. For more information and to sign up, go to: [Ohio Mennonite Central Committee Run 4 Relief 1K & 5K Race](#). *Come Run with us!*

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

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. Please contact Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.



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!

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 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 for June & July

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