



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



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

Newsletter dated
July 31, 2026



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

We have a weekend scheduled with Herm & Vince Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Saturday – August 1 at Kevin Graber's farm - 14122 Duquette NE in Hartville

(unless changed to the church due to weather – congregation will be notified on Saturday at noon):

- Dinner @ 5:30pm. (ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs and sweet corn will be provided).
- Please bring a side dish (and serving utensils) and any special drinks you might want.
- Concert begins at 6:30pm.
- Please bring a lawn chair.

Sunday – August 2 will be held at the church instead of at Kevin's:

- Coffee & Fellowship between 9:30-10:30am.
- Herm & Vince @ 10:30am. A freewill offering will be taken.
- Carry-in @ noon. Please bring a dish or two to share.

Worship in the Park!



Church Sunday Out – August 30th at Wingfoot Lake State Park:

"Celebrating the Summer"

Mark your calendars – more details will follow. Any questions, please see a member of Ministry of Congregational Care.



✝ *Arrie Ledsome is grateful that her son Larry came through a serious medical emergency this past week and is recovering. She would appreciate your prayers on his behalf.*

- ✝ *Pray for others 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; Holly Miller's sister Heather Smith with cancer; and Cathy Arble's niece Stephanie recovering from a liver transplant.*
- ✝ *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

August 9	"Engaging Paul: The Controversial Leader Emerges in Antioch"	Acts 11:19-30
August 16	"Engaging Paul: A Man on the Move"	Acts 13:1-12
August 23	"Engaging Paul: Herald of the King"	Acts 13:26-39
August 30	"Celebrating the Summer" – Wingfoot Lake State Park	
Sept. 6	"Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem"	Galatians 2:11-21



- Wed. – Aug. 5 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – *Pack a lunch!*
- Thurs. – Aug. 13 - Maple Grove's night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- Sun. – Aug. 16 - Deadline for collecting items for MCC School Kits
 - Return Ministry Ballots to church
 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
- Sun. – Aug. 23 - Assemble MCC School Kits during Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
- Sun. – Aug. 30 - Church Sunday Out – Wingfoot Lake State Park

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.

The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, August 5 – pack a lunch & bring a friend!



Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a lunch and spend the day or come for just a bit. We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Margaret Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Nominees for Maple Grove Ministries – Ballots due back to the church by August 16.

Ministry of Gifts Discernment has sent ballots to Active Members for affirmation of the nominees for open ministry positions that begin September 1, 2026. **Please check a box for each person listed on the ballot and return to the church by Sunday, August 16.** A box is available by the mailboxes at the church to collect the ballots or you may return them to Cindy in the church office

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."



Offering on Sunday – July 26

General Fund	\$ 16,968.00
Education Fund	300.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	\$ 17,418.00

Attendance: 73



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 through August 16th and will assemble the kits during Sunday School on August 23rd in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to help with this project, please bring in the requested items by August 16th, 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.

Acme Community Cash Back Program benefits Lake Township FISH

If you shop at Acme, save your receipts and bring them into the church – a collection box is available under the mailboxes. Lake Township FISH receives a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt. Program is from August 1 to February 15, 2027.



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!

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. 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.

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 July & August

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