



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
August 20, 2026

**Sunday
August 23, 2026**



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Kami Sommers
Song Leader:	Lois Bontrager
Offertory:	Harry Arble & James Yoder

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer

VT #31 *Come, We that Love the Lord*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Hymn of Heaven
Go Light Your World (Carry Your Candle)*

Offering – General Fund

Simple Gifts

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Acts 13:32-39 (CEB)

Engaging Paul: Herald of the King

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STJ #54 *Longing for Light*

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 Arrie Ledsome's son Larry and his family, for his continued healing but also for the financial and other needs that the family faces.

- ✝ Pray for Joe Weaver's in-laws, Joe & Pat Krakowski, as his father-in-law has some serious medical issues. Pray for Leah and Emma and the family as they deal with what lies ahead.
- ✝ Pray for Mitzi, the head cashier at Hartville Thrift Shoppe, who is dealing with a serious medical condition.
- ✝ Pray for Leroy Sommers who has shingles and Clara who is dealing with an injury to her foot.
- ✝ Pray for others with health concerns: Alta Bates recovering from a shoulder injury; 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

Aug. 30	"Celebrating the Summer" – Wingfoot Lake State Park	
Sept. 6	"Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem"	Galatians 2:11-21
Sept. 13	Guest Patrick Helmuth – Hartville Thrift Shoppe	
Sept. 20	Myron Weaver	
Sept. 30	Guest Andi Santoso – Mennonite Mission Network-Regional Director for Asia & Middle East	
Oct. 4	World Communion Sunday	



- Sun. – Aug. 23 - Assemble MCC School Kits during Sunday School in Fellowship Hall
- Sun. – Aug. 30 - "Celebrating the Summer" @ Wingfoot Lake State Park – 10:30am
- Wed. – Sept. 2 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting – lunch provided!
- Mon. – Sept. 7 - Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Sept. 8-23 - Myrrl & Ruthie will be in Ireland (Please feel free to be in touch with Myrrl via text message and email.)

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.



“Celebrating the Summer” @ Wingfoot Lake State Park – August 30

Worship in the Park!



On August 30th, we will be “Celebrating the Summer” at Wingfoot Lake State Park, 1152 Goodyear Park Blvd in Suffield. Our worship service along with lunch will be at the Lakefront Shelter – follow signs for Lakefront Shelter. There is a parking lot at the end of the road (just keep going straight). Bring a lawn chair if you like; we’ll be in a pavilion with picnic tables. Some of the activities at Wingfoot include hiking, disc golf, there are ballfields available, bocce ball and volleyball courts, and a mini-golf course.

For our Sunday service at Wingfoot, instead of a traditional sermon, we will look back at our summer, sharing stories, experiences, highlights or challenges. Please come prepared to share!

- The service will begin at 10:30am.
- Coffee & donuts will not be provided before the service (you can always bring your own!).
- Lunch will be at noon - drinks and food will be provided.

Please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care if you have any questions.



This Sunday is the assembling of the MCC School Kits in the Fellowship Hall instead of Sunday School classes.

Thank you to all those who donated items or made donations toward the MCC School Kits. Please plan to help with this project – we’ll need many hands to assemble the kits! Any questions, please see a member of Ministry of Outreach: Sheryl Weaver, Howard Miller, or Gene Robinson.

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.

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.

Lura Bowin is looking for someone who would be willing to drive her to appointments and run errands for her. Her current helper Gayle is moving back to Michigan the end of August. Lura is at GentleBrook. If you are interested in helping Lura, please contact her.



Sunday School Update:

There will not be Sunday School classes on August 23 & 30.

Below is a list of the Sunday School classes beginning September 6th:

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
Children's Ministry (up to 6 th Grade)	Rooms 7-8	Ruth Hills Adam & Kim Weaver Sheryl Weaver
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4	Jill Liechty Jordan & Sami Miller
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall	Joe Weaver
<u>ADULT CLASSES</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	
Women's Class	Library	
Men's Class	Room 9-Hallway	
Mixed Intergenerational Class	Room 2-Education Side	
Mixed 30's-50's Class	Basement	



Offering on Sunday – August 16-Education Sunday

Attendance: 68

General Fund	\$ 4,641.52
Education Fund	1,453.00
Nicaragua Church Building	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 8,594.52



Lake Township FISH 19th Annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction – September 8

The annual fundraiser for FISH is Tuesday, September 8th, at the Hartville Kitchen. Doors open at 5pm, meal served at 6pm and the program begins at 7pm. We are excited to welcome back The Cleveland Keys “Dueling Pianos” as our entertainment for the evening! All funds raised at this event benefit Lake Township FISH and the work we do to support our community members in need. The Christ Foundation, an Impact Partner of FISH, is graciously matching the dollars raised at this year's Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction up to \$25,000! For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.laketownshipfish.org/banquet. Come and enjoy a great evening of music and fundraising! *We are still accepting donations to our Silent Auction - please contact Jesica for more information: info@laketownshipfish.org.*

Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Fundraiser – September 12

Bring the whole family to the Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Fundraiser on Saturday, September 12. This year marks our 30th anniversary and we want to celebrate with you! Explore our spaces with the help of our friendly tour guides and dive into hands-on art and science activities led by our students. Hop on an optional bus tour to learn the history of southeast Canton and complete a passport card for a chance to win prizes. The event is also a fundraiser, and our goal is to raise \$50,000. RSVPs are not required but are strongly encouraged to help us prepare to greet you. Visit cantonlighthouse.org/openhouse for more information and to register today!

Camp Luz has several exciting events coming up!

Buzz at Luz Disc Golf Fundraiser: Join us for one or both of our disc golf events benefiting Camp Luz.

- **Glow Round - September 25:** Check-in: 7:15pm, Cost: \$10 per person
Come enjoy a fun round of disc golf in the dark, complete with glowing discs and baskets!
All skill levels are welcome.
- **Buzz at Luz Tournament - September 26:** Check-in: 8:00am, Cost: \$40 per person
The 2026 tournament will have three divisions: Advanced, Intermediate, and Beginner.
Prizes for the top finishers!

For more information and registration details, visit www.campluz.com.

Please save the date for Fall Fest - October 17, 4-8pm and Men's Retreat - Oct 30-Nov 1. We hope to see you at Camp Luz this fall!

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

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King introduces us to Clair Good who will be the next Executive Director of MDS US, learn how Rocky Mountain MDS Unit is taking a unique approach to wildfire recovery, and read an inspiring article by guest writer Elaine Maust. Plus we have a safe the date reminder for the Annual Celebration coming in February. 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

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