



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 28, 2026

"Celebrating the Summer" @ Wingfoot Lake State Park – this Sunday!



Our worship service along with lunch is at the Lakefront Shelter at Wingfoot Lake State Park, 1152 Goodyear Park Blvd in Suffield. 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 service on Sunday at Wingfoot, do not stay away just because you are afraid you will be asked to speak! No pressure intended. We will divide our sharing time between travel stories/experiences, fun family times and personal growth/learning experiences from the summer.

- 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.

Hope to see you there!

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer



Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Through it All

Blessed Assurance

This World is Not My Home

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Message

Celebrating the Summer

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

We'll Understand It Better By and By

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

What a Day that Will Be

Men's Group: Harry Arble, Myrrl Byler, Tom Lubbers, Dillon Weaver, Joe Weaver, Myron Weaver, James Yoder



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- ✝ Pray for Cheri Windham and her family for the loss of her son.
- ✝ Pray for Matthew Manchester, Paul & Lois Bontrager's son-in-law. Matthew has been diagnosed with cancer and meeting with an oncologist. Pray for Matthew and Emily and their sons Noah and Elijah as they walk this path together.
- ✝ Continue to 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 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; Cathy Arble's niece Stephanie recovering from a liver transplant; Arrie Ledsome's son Larry for health issues.
- ✝ 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.
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Worship Schedule

- Sept. 6 "Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem" (Galatians 2:11-21)
Sept. 13 Guest Patrick Helmuth – Hartville Thrift Shoppe
Sept. 20 Myron Weaver
Sept. 27 Guest Andi Santoso–Mennonite Mission Network-Regional Director for Asia & Middle East
Oct. 4 World Communion Sunday



- Wed. – Sept. 2 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Mon. – Sept. 7 - Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- Tues. – Sept. 8 - Lake Township FISH Annual Benefit Dinner & Silent Auction
- Thurs. – Sept. 10 - Maple Grove's night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- Sat. – Sept. 12 - Lighthouse Ministries' Open House & Marketplace Fundraiser
- Sept. 8-23 - Myrri & Ruthie will be in Ireland (Please feel free to be in touch with Myrri 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.

There will be a class September 2 and then the class will take a break September 9, 16 & 23.



Ministry of Outreach would like to thank all those who donated to the MCC School Kits and for those who helped assemble the kits last Sunday. We donated **203 kits** to the MCC Material Resource Center in Kidron. These will go towards MCC's challenge to make 30,000 school kits in the month of August. God is good!



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 2 – 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.

From Ministry of Gifts Discernment

Thank you to those who participated in the affirmation of new Ministry members. The following have been affirmed by the congregation with terms beginning September 1, 2026:

Congregational Chair	- John Koshmider – 1-year term
Ministry of Administration	- Scott Hyland – 4-year term
	- Jade Liechty – 4-year term
Ministry of Congregational Care	- Paul Bontrager – 1-year term
Ministry of Education	- Charla Sommers – 3-year term
Ministry of Outreach	- Sheryl Weaver – 3-year term
Ministry of Worship	- Ruth Yoder – 3-year term
	- Lois Bontrager – 2-year term
	- Renee Koshmider – 1-year term

Please keep them in your prayers as they serve in these positions. And for those who finish their term the end of August, thank you for your willingness to serve!

Ministry of Gifts Discernment: Ruth Hills, Charla Sommers, Vernon Sommers, Jr., Michael Yoder

The updated list of Ministry & Committee members has been emailed out to the congregation and paper copies are by the mailboxes. The new ministry terms begin September 1, 2026.



Offering on Sunday – August 23

General Fund	\$ 3,456.00
Charity Fund	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 3,506.00

Attendance: 64



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!

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

Children's Ministry (up to 6 th Grade)	Rooms 7-8
Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4
Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall

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