



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
August 7, 2026

Sunday
August 9, 2026



Message: Myrri Byler
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty
Song Leader: Renee Koshmider
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer

VT #6 *Let's Walk Together*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Offering – General Fund

*All Things New
Holy is the Lord*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Acts 11:19-30 (CEB)

***Engaging Paul:
The Controversial Leader Emerges in Antioch***

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #397 *The Church's One Foundation*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

VT #387 *We Are One in the Spirit*

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.*



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- ✝ Pray for Alta Bates who is recovering from a shoulder injury from a fall.
- ✝ Pray for Arrie Ledsome's son Larry who is recovering from a serious medical emergency.
- ✝ 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.
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Worship Schedule

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



- 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 - "Celebrating the Summer" @ Wingfoot Lake State Park – 10:30am

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.

To Maple Grove's Sewing Committee from Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Quilt Committee:

We very much appreciate your support of the work of MCC through your beautiful quilt donations to the Relief Sale. Thank you!

Pictures of the three quilts Maple Grove donated are posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby; the quilts sold for a total of \$3,100!!

Rejoice! Devotional Magazines have been placed in the mailboxes for the fall quarter.

Rejoice! is a quarterly devotional magazine published by MennoMedia. 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 receive it, please contact either Sami Miller with Ministry of Education or Cindy in the church office.



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



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.

- 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.

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, August 13, 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.

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



Offering on Sunday – August 2

General Fund	\$ 1,985.00
Charity Fund	40.00
MCC School Kits	150.00
Nicaragua Church Building	100.00
Herm & Vince	120.00
Total Offering	\$ 2,395.00

Attendance: 65



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. ***We still need many items to reach our goal.***

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 have already been purchased.

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.



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!

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@maplegrovenennonite.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@maplegrovenennonite.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