



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
September 18, 2026

**Sunday
September 20, 2026**



Message:	Myron Weaver
Worship Leader:	Adam Weaver
Song Leader:	Tom Lubbers
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #563 *Come, Thou Font*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: We come into this place because our God first came out to find us. When we strayed like lost sheep, our Shepherd did not look away.

People: He leaves the open path. He searches the dark places. He tracks us into the wilderness until He lays us on His shoulders with joy.

Leader: Jesus welcomes the weary, the broken, and the wandering. He sits with sinners and sings over the found.

People: If there is joy in Heaven over one repentant soul, let there be praise in this house today!

Leader: Our God is the God who seeks and saves. Open your hearts and lift your voices.

All: Let us worship the Good Shepherd together!

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #162 *The Love of God
Good Good Father*

Offering – Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to the Education Fund)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1-7 (CEB)

Message

Love is How You Change

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

STJ #96 *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

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)



I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, gifts and support. I would like to especially thank my Bible Study group who has been so kind and supportive, and Pastor Myrrl and Nancy Beachy who showed up at my house and literally picked me off the floor and stayed with me for hours and hours. Nancy is an incredible friend and I love her dearly. The prayers and phone calls pulled me out of a very dark place. The support I've received from all of you has been incredibly generous and so helpful. I will be forever grateful for each of you. I am going to grief counseling which I'm sure will take time. The death of your child just seems inconceivable until it happens. Hug them, tell them you love them and be open enough to be the person they go to in times of crisis. God Bless each of you, Cheri Windham



October 4th is World Communion Sunday when we will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation with believers from around the world. We encourage you to take time to prepare your hearts for World Communion Sunday.



- Sept. 27 Andi Santoso–Mennonite Mission Network-Regional Director for Asia & Middle East
Oct. 4 Myrrl – “Engaging Paul: Passing on the Tradition” (1 Corinthians 11:17-34)
World Communion Sunday
Oct. 11 Myrrl – “Engaging Paul: Turning the World Upside Down” (Acts 17:1-15)
Oct. 18 Myrrl – “Engaging Paul: To the Unknown God” (Acts 17:22-34)



- ✝ Pray for the group from Maple Grove that are in Ireland till September 23rd.
- ✝ Pray for Matthew Manchester, Paul & Lois Bontrager's son-in-law, as he waits for a treatment plan for cancer. Keep Matthew and Emily and their sons Noah and Elijah in your prayers.
- ✝ 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 and her nephew Ray Alan Miller and his wife Jolene with health issues; 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 and his family for health issues; Mike Kress, Sr. who had surgery for colon cancer; Dave Smucker & his wife Sherry as Dave recovers in Cleveland Clinic from a 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.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world, and those involved with the relief & recovery efforts.
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- Wed. – Sept. 30 - Breathing, Balance & Blessing Class starts back up – 9am
- Sun. – Oct. 4 - World Communion Sunday
- Wed. – Oct. 7 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Thurs. – Oct. 8 - Maple Grove's night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- Oct. 13-16 - MCC Relief Canning in Kidron
- Sun. – Oct. 18 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville MarketPlace – after church

PLEASE NOTE:

- Pastor Myrrl is out of the office through September 23rd. Please feel free to be in touch with him via text message and email.
- Breathing, Balance & Blessing class will return on September 30th.
- **For those who would like to follow along with the Ireland trip**, watch for photos to be posted on Maple Grove Mennonite Church Facebook page.



An Evening of Music at Beech Mennonite Church – September 23 @ 7pm

Dear Maple Grove Friends, Patrick and I really enjoyed worshipping with you on Sunday! I was reminded that I meant to invite your congregation to an evening of music at Beech Mennonite on Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00pm. We'll be having a short program of folk music by the Touch of Spring folk band, followed by a hymn sing and cookies. We'd love to have you join us - Amy Glick



Wednesday night meals have been planned for the month of October.

The fellowship meals will start at 6:00pm and the first one is on October 7th. Please plan to join us on Wednesday nights in October for a time of fellowship!

Fall Church Social/Cook-out – October 18



Family Ministry has scheduled a fall church social for Sunday, October 18, after church at the Hartville Marketplace. This is a cook-out with all food and drinks provided. There will be games including corn hole set up in the parking lot. All ages are welcome! **Please bring lawn chairs.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry: Dawn Hyland, Betty Miller, Holly Miller & Marsha Miller

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. This is a great way to donate to FISH just by doing your regular grocery shopping! The program is from August 1 to February 15, 2027.



Offering on Sunday – September 13

General Fund	\$ 7,175.00
Education Fund	10.00
Nicaragua Mission Projects	2,000.00
Total Offering	\$ 9,185.00

Attendance: 73



Thank you for taking part in this year's MCC School Kit Challenge! Thanks to the work of people like you throughout the U.S. and Canada, we went well above our goal of 30,000 school kits for the 2026 challenge. Working together, you, your community and other devoted supporters packed 46,481 school kits! Each of the 46,481 school kits you shared will be a gift and treasure for a student dreaming of a bright future — and for the loved ones, teachers and community members dreaming alongside them. Thank you for being part of this year's School Kit Challenge. We hope you'll join us again next year! Jennifer Steiner, Communications Director, MCC Great Lakes

- Of this 46,481 total school kits, Maple Grove donated 203 kits to MCC!

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 13-16 – Volunteers Needed!

Canning For Relief for 2026 is in the Gerber Building in Kidron (3970 Kidron Road, behind Central Christian School) starting Tuesday, October 16, through Friday, October 16. Start and finish times will vary this year – to schedule a work time, call/text/email Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 or metcalfjt@aol.com.

Camp Luz Fundraiser – 5th Annual Buzz at Luz Disc Golf Tournament – September 26

A disc golf tournament will be held at Camp Luz on Saturday, September 26, with an optional Glow round being held on Friday, September 25. Go to Camp Luz website at www.campluz.com for more information on this fundraiser and to register. Registration closes September 25 at 6pm.

2026 Camp Luz Men's Retreat – October 30-November 1

The keynote speaker will be Jim Bartholomew. Jim is leading "Ministry in the Marketplace" at Dayspring Christian Fellowship. At the Men's Retreat, he will be exploring Proverbs 27:17 to learn more about what it means to be part of "Iron Sharpens Iron" communities. For more information and to register, visit: www.campluz.com/mens-retreat

Requests from MCC:

- **Nepal flooding response:** MCC is working with local partners to provide food, water purification tablets and other supplies, as well as psychosocial support, to survivors of deadly flooding and landslides. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/nepal-flooding
- **Colombia earthquake:** MCC is also providing emergency relief in Colombia following the 7.4-magnitude earthquake. Donate to MCC's response at mcc.org/colombia-earthquake

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

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his personal trauma following a biking accident, learn about three generations of MDS volunteers, meet the new year-long volunteers, and read about some recipients of the "Golden Hammer" award. Plus we have new information about 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

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