



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
September 25, 2026



On Sunday, Maple Grove welcomes Andi Santoso to our worship service. Andi is from Indonesia and currently lives in Elkhart, Indiana. He is the Regional Director for Asia & Middle East for Mennonite Mission Network. We at Maple Grove thank you for joining us and wish you God's blessing.

**Sunday
September 27, 2026**



Message:	Andi Santoso
Worship Leader:	Myrrl Byler
Song Leader:	Lois Bontrager
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

VT #6 *Let's Walk Together*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Sing to God a new song; sing praise with all creation, the earth and heavens above. All the seraphim will praise God, with all the hosts of cherubim joining voices in praise.

All: God on high, let the heavens rejoice! God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice.

Leader: Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator, sun, moon, and stars, and angels above. Sing to God your Maker, all living creatures, all the beasts in the fields, and birds in the sky.

All: God on high, let the heavens rejoice! God reigns on high, let the heavens rejoice.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

VT #590 *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous*
VT #660 *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-21; John 14:1-7 (NRSV)

Message

Following the Shepherd, Finding Our Home

RESPONDING

Song of Response

VT #601 *Lead Me, Guide Me*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

VT #297 *You are Salt for the Earth*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

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)



Next Sunday, 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 this week to prepare your hearts for World Communion Sunday.

Worship Schedule

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)



✝ *Prayers for our dear Kristen. She was hospitalized this week for several days but seems to be recovering. I'm sure she was happy to see John and Renee when they arrived home from Ireland.*

✝ *Pray for Brian Byler, Myrrl's nephew and long-time employee of Hartville Hardware, who had open heart surgery on Friday, September 25, to replace a faulty valve. This is his second surgery in less than six months. Prayers for healing and strength for Brian and Larena and their two sons, Zach and Parker.*

✝ *Pray for Sheryl Weaver who has been diagnosed with an infectious lung disease (MAC) and will be seeing a doctor September 30 for a treatment plan.*

- ✝ Pray for those dealing with cancer: Matthew Manchester, Paul & Lois Bontrager's son-in-law; Heather Smith, Holly Miller's sister; Mike Kress, Sr.; and Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson Peter.
 - ✝ Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Twila Miller; Miriam Miller; Mary Hilmer's brother Harold Yoder; Alta Bates with a shoulder injury and her sisters Katie & Leona and her nephew Ray Alan Miller & his wife Jolene; Harold & Nancy Beachy's daughter Kim with heart issues; Arrie Ledsome's son Larry; Cathy Arble's niece Stephanie and Dave Smucker recovering from transplants; and Joe Weaver's father-in-law Joe Krakowski.
 - ✝ 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 - Balance, Breathing and Blessings Class – 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

Welcome back to Wednesday's Balance, Breathing and Blessings class!!

We will resume class this Wednesday, September 30, at 9:00am. Focus is on improving movement and balance for older bodies. Breads and coffee time afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you all! Please contact Ruthie Byler if you have any questions.



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. There will be a fajita bar the first night. Monetary donations for the food are welcome but not required. 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

Maple Grove's Child Abuse Awareness Policy – please return signed form by October 18th

Maple Grove's policy on Physical & Sexual Abuse of Children states all volunteers who are involved with children and youth are required to receive a copy of this policy and sign a form confirming they have read and understand the policy. This is done on an annual basis. If you received an email from the Ministry of Congregational Care in regards to Maple Grove's policy on Child Abuse Awareness, **please return your signed form to the church office by Sunday, October 18th.** If you have any questions, please contact a member of Ministry of Congregational Care. Thank you!

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.

<u>Offering on Sunday – September 20-Education Sunday</u>		<u>Attendance: 47</u>
	General Fund	\$ 2,200.00
	Education Fund	1,292.00
	Total Offering	\$ 3,492.00



Lighthouse Ministries' Open House Fundraising Goal

As we celebrate 30 years of ministry in Southeast Canton, we are grateful for those who have supported us through our annual Open House Fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, we have made great progress toward our \$50,000 goal, but we still have \$15,000 to raise by September 30. Every gift helps provide programs and opportunities that encourage local students to discover and develop their God-given gifts. To donate, visit cantonlighthouse.org/give, or mail a check made payable to Lighthouse Ministries to 1931 3rd St SE, Canton, OH 44707. Thank you for investing in the youth of Southeast Canton.

Hartville Thrift Shoppe looking for Volunteers!

Only 94 days until we celebrate our Lord and Savior Jesus' coming to our world! Our donors have been bringing Christmas trees in so we would very much appreciate some help putting them together. Are any of your Sunday School classes or youth looking for a fun time of service? Please let Julie Yoder, Volunteer Coordinator, know by contacting her at 330-877-2769 or jyoder@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale Wrap-Up Meeting – October 5

Don't forget to join us for our OMRS wrap-up meeting on Monday, October 5th, at 6pm at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Snacks and drinks will be provided. We'll review the 2026 wrap-up reports and talk through ideas for 2027. All volunteers and interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend. We want to continue to adapt, grow and increase the viability and visibility of the annual OMRS, which will continue to take a collaborative effort with all those concerned.

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – October 13-October 16

We are 2 weeks away! 20# pork and 2K# chicken have been ordered. Workers are needed Tuesday, October 13, from 10am to 3pm and Wednesday, October 14, all day until 6pm. The schedule on Thursday, October 15 is full. We will finish with a partial day on Friday, October 16, if needed. There is \$41k in the bank with an expected need of \$53k. Please send donations to our treasurer: Ben Froese, 12828 Church Rd., Orrville Oh 44667. You may contact Trent Metcalf at 330-465-4191 or metcalfjt@aol.com with any questions.

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

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)

Myrrl Byler: Pastor (myrrl.byler@gmail.com)

- Office Hours: **Monday-Friday 8am-noon**

**Myrrl 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