



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 4, 2026

**Sunday
September 6, 2026**



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Scott Hyland
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer

The River is Here

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Offering – General Fund

*Even So Come
Speak, O Lord*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Galatians 2:11-21 (CEB)

Engaging Paul: Confronting Jerusalem

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT #332 *In Christ Alone*

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

HWB #343 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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-Voces 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.*



✝ Pray for Cheri Windham and her family for the loss of her son Jason.

- ✝ Pray for Matthew Manchester, Paul & Lois Bontrager's son-in-law. Matthew has met with an oncology team, and the anticipation is that his cancer will be treated with chemo and radiation rather than surgery. Pray for Matthew and Emily and their sons Noah and Elijah as they walk this path together.
- ✝ Pray for Korey Miller, Lesli Miller's son, who is in the hospital fighting a staph infection in his blood.
- ✝ Pray for Mike Kress Sr. who was hospitalized with colon cancer and having surgery to remove the remainder of his damaged colon. The Kress family used to attend Maple Grove.
- ✝ Pray for Alta Bates' nephew Ray Alan Miller and his wife Jolene. Her nephew was hospitalized from an accident, and his wife deals with ongoing health issues.
- ✝ 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 and his family 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.
- ✝ Pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world, and those involved with the relief & recovery efforts.
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I would like to thank you for the prayers offered and the food and gift card I received while recovering from my recent shoulder injury. I would also like to thank my Sunday School class for the sunshine basket they gave me. God bless, Alta Bates

Worship Schedule

- Sept. 13 Patrick Helmuth (Hartville Thrift Shoppe) – “Ministering Simply” – John 15:1-8; 16
Sept. 20 Myron Weaver – “Love is How You Change” – Luke 15:1-7
Sept. 27 Andi Santoso–Mennonite Mission Network-Regional Director for Asia & Middle East
Oct. 4 World Communion Sunday



- 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 - Myrrl & Ruthie Byler will be in Ireland
- Sun. – Oct. 4 - World Communion Sunday
- Sun. – Oct. 18 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville MarketPlace – after church

PLEASE NOTE:

- Pastor Myrrl will be out of the office from September 8-23. Please feel free to be in touch with him via text message and email.
- The church office will be closed on Monday for Labor Day. Cindy will be working Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, September 8, 10 & 11.
- Breathing, Balance & Blessing class will take a break Sept. 9, 16 & 23 and return on Sept. 30th.



Church News



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, September 10, 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.



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

PLEASE NOTE: Youth SS class for this Sunday will meet with the Post-High class in the Fellowship Hall.

<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	

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.

Our Daily Bread devotionals for September-November are available on the literature rack at the church as well as the large print devotionals for October-December. Please help yourself!

	<u>Offering on Sunday – August 30</u>		<u>Attendance: 78</u>
	General Fund	\$ 1,393.00	
	Charity Fund	50.00	
	MCC School Kits	325.00	
	Total Offering	\$ 1,768.00	



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!

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

Mark your calendars for Canning for Relief for 2026 which will happen 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.

Help is needed to fund MCC meat canning this year. The proposed budget of \$55,000 will can 20,000 pounds of pork/chicken. Currently there is \$18,000 on deposit. Donations can be sent to: Relief Canning, Inc., Ben Froese, Treasurer, 12828 Church Rd, Orrville OH 44667.

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.camluz.com for more information on this fundraiser and to register. Registration closes September 25 at 6pm.

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

Thank you from Maple Grove's Mission Partners:

- *Thank you so much for your generous support of Love Our Community! Your kindness helps us continue serving and caring for our neighbors in meaningful ways. We are truly grateful to have you as part of our LOC community. With gratitude, Kelli Viscounte & the LOC Team*
- *Thank you for your unwavering support and generosity in providing meals, shelter, clothing, and most importantly hope for our guests and residents at Refuge of Hope! Your gifts this year have provided 470 meals to hungry families and 90 safe nights of shelter.*
Thank you! Jo Ann Carpenter, Refuge of Hope Ministries
- *Thank you for the incredibly generous donations to Hartville Migrant Center. Due to partners like you, we are helping diabetes, those struggling with vision, those who need physical therapy, and so many other migrant/immigrants. Thanks for being a blessing!*
Ed Laubacher, Hartville Migrant Center Director

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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