



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
October 16, 2026

**Sunday
October 18, 2026**



Message: Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader: Myron Weaver
Song Leader: Lois Bontrager
Greeters: Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer

VT#11 Mountain of God

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*STS#113 I Will Stand in the Congregation
His Mercy is More*

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

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Acts 17:22-34 (CEB)

Engaging Paul: To the Unknown God

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

VT#160 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

STS#1 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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.*



✝ Pray for those dealing with cancer: Matthew Manchester, Paul & Lois Bontrager's son-in-law; Mike Kress, Sr.; and Nancy Beachy's friend's grandson Peter.

✝ Pray for those with ongoing health concerns: Lura Bowin; 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.

Worship Schedule

- Oct. 25 Guest Pastor Nate Hand, First Mennonite Church of Canton
Nov. 1 "Engaging Paul: Eighteen Months in Corinth" (Acts 18:1-18)
Nov. 8 Mission Sunday-Focus on Ireland – Multi-Voices (St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer)
Nov. 15 Myrrl – "Engaging Paul: Confrontations in Ephesus" (Acts 18:8-10)
Nov. 22 Myrrl – "Engaging Paul: Letters from Prison"



- Sun. – Oct. 18 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville Marketplace – after church
- Oct. 19-27 - Myrrl & Ruthie Byler are out of town
- Wed. – Oct. 21 - Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Sun – Oct. 25 - Youth/Mentor Event @ Jill & Jade Liechty's house – 5pm
- Sun. – Nov. 1 - Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back)

Please Note:

- Myrrl is presenting a China paper at a conference in Winnipeg and will be out of the office October 19-27. Please feel free to be in touch with Myrrl via text message and email.
- Balance, Breathing & Blessing class will take a break October 21st and will return October 28th.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month



So Christ Himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)



Church News

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

Wednesday, October 21, fellowship meal at 6:00pm.



The menu this Wednesday is hot sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, veggies & dip, brownies & ice cream. 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!

Youth/Mentor Event – Sunday, October 25 @ 5pm

We are having a Youth/Mentor event on Sunday, October 25, at 5pm at the home of Jill and Jade Liechty's house. We are playing group games and dinner will be served. If you have any questions please go to Kim Weaver or Ruth Yoder.

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 regard 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!

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Fundraiser – October 25

Bring your friends and family to a fundraiser benefiting Open Arms on Sunday, October 25, at Salem Mennonite Church-Kidron (3363 Zuercher Road, Dalton). Doors open at 5pm; event starts at 6pm filled with entertainment, good food, and thoughtful conversations. It's going to be a great night! If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the fundraiser or Open Arms Hispanic Ministry, we would be happy to connect with you. Please feel free to call us at 330-765-9955 or email us at info@open-arms.us.

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