



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 2, 2026

Sunday we celebrate communion with believers from around the world. We invite all believers to come to the table, giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation.

**Sunday
October 4, 2026**



Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty
Song Leader:	Ruth Yoder
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

Be Unto Your Name

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Come, all who are weary, carrying heavy chaos and holding broken pieces.

People: *We bring our authentic hearts, dropping the pressure to look perfect.*

Leader: Do not wait until your life is neatly put together; God meets us right in the middle of our mess.

People: *His body was broken so we could be made whole. His grace is enough.*

Leader: Let us step out of our striving and into His presence. Let us worship the Lord.

PRAISING

Praise Songs

*Love of God
VT #467 Taste and See*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 11:17-34 (CEB)

Message

Engaging Paul: Passing on the Tradition

RESPONDING

Communion

Song of Response

HWB #472 *I Am the Bread of Life*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

HWB #119 *Praise God From Whom*

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.



Worship Schedule

- 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)
Oct. 25 Guest Pastor Nate Hand, First Mennonite Church of Canton



✝ *Lura Bowin suffered a stroke on Wednesday, which has slightly affected her speech. After a short hospitalization, she was to return to GentleBrook on Friday.*

- ✝ *Pray for Brian Byler, Myrrl's nephew and long-time employee of Hartville Hardware, recovering from heart surgery.*
- ✝ *Pray for Sheryl Weaver who is undergoing further testing for an infectious lung disease (MAC).*
- ✝ *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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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)



- Wed. – Oct. 7
 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
 - Balance, Breathing & Blessings Class – 9am
 - Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Thurs. – Oct. 8
 - Maple Grove's night to Volunteer @ Thrift Shoppe – 6-8 pm
- Sat. – Oct. 10
 - Men's Breakfast @ Hartville Kitchen – 8am
- Oct. 12-16
 - Cindy Fleming on vacation
- Wed. – Oct. 14
 - MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – 8am-1pm (contact Howard)
- Sun. – Oct. 18
 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
 - Fall Church Social @ Hartville MarketPlace – after church

Welcome Ladies! Balance, Breathing and Blessings 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.

Please Note: Cindy is on vacation October 12-16. Myrri will be sending a newsletter out on October 16th while Cindy is away. Please send info for that newsletter to Cindy by October 7th or send to Myrri the week of October 12th. Thank you!



This Wednesday, October 7, is the first fellowship meal at 6:00pm.

There will be a fajita bar. 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!



The ladies' sewing group will meet on Wednesday, October 7 – pack a lunch & bring a friend!

Everyone is welcome to join us for a day of fellowship while we knot comforters and quilt in the Fellowship Hall. *Bring a lunch and spend the day or come for just a bit.* We enjoy each other's friendship while we work! Please contact Margaret Miller, Sylvia Miller or Sheryl Weaver if you have any questions.

Men's Breakfast – October 10 @ 8am

The breakfast buffet at Hartville Kitchen seems to provide a good reason for men to get together for food and conversation. Junior has reserved a space for us so we will have our first meeting at 8 on Saturday morning, October 10. We will have a guest speaker--Gene Robinson will share some of what he remembers of his life story! The plan is to meet one Saturday morning each month.

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 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!



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, October 8, 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.

MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – Workers are needed October 14

The Ministry of Outreach is looking for volunteers to go to Kidron on Wednesday, October 14, to help with Relief Canning. We will leave the church at 7 am and have a shift of 8am-1pm. If you are interested in helping contact Howard Miller in person or at 330-352-5519.

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 27****Attendance: 60**

General Fund	\$ 7,265.00
Charity Fund	60.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 7,375.00

**Hartville Thrift Shoppe looking for Volunteers!**

Thrift Shoppe 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.

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!

Camp Luz Fall Events (www.campluz.org)

- **Camp Luz Fall Fest Fundraiser – October 17 from 4-8pm**

Enjoy a fall evening filled with camp activities, food, friends, family and fun! This is a perfect opportunity for the entire family to make treasured memories together at camp. Includes hayrides, cidermaking, dinner, live and silent auctions.

- **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

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