



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
October 23, 2026



On Sunday, Maple Grove welcomes Nate Hand to our service. Nate is the pastor at First Mennonite Church of Canton. We at Maple Grove thank you for joining us and wish you God's blessing.

Sunday
October 25, 2026



Message:	Nate Hand
Worship Leader:	Kami Sommers
Song Leader:	Tom Lubbers
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome & Announcements
Opening Song
Call to Worship & Prayer

HWB #37 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAISING

Praise Songs

Offering – General Fund

VT #167 *Your Grace is Enough
God You Reign*

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading
Message

Exodus 32:1-8 (NRSVUE)

The gods We Make

RESPONDING

Song of Response
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

Give Us Clean Hands

SENDING

Sending Song
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

VT #563 *Come, Thou Fount*

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)	



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- ✝ *Pray for those dealing with cancer: Jade Liechty's mom Renee, 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.*
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Worship Schedule

- Nov. 1 "Engaging Paul: Eighteen Months in Corinth" (Acts 18:1-18)
Nov. 8 Mission History 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"



- Oct. 19-27 - Myrrl & Ruthie Byler are out of town (Myrrl's reachable via text/email)
- Sun – Oct. 25 - Youth/Mentor Event @ Jill & Jade Liechty's house – 5pm
- Wed. – Oct. 28 - Balance, Breathing & Blessings Class – 9am
- Fellowship Meal – 6pm (last one)
- Sun. – Nov. 1 - Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back)
- Wed. – Nov. 4 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting

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! Contact Ruthie Byler if you have any questions.

Please Note: Myrrl is presenting a China paper at a conference in Winnipeg and will return to the office October 28th. Please feel free to be in touch with Myrrl via text message and email.



Offering on Sunday – October 18-Education Sunday

Attendance: 58

General Fund	\$ 1,310.00
Education Fund	102.00
Charity Fund	60.00
Total Offering	\$ 1,472.00

Offering previous Sunday – October 11

Attendance: 61

General Fund	\$ 9,356.00
Charity Fund	50.00
Total Offering	\$ 9,406.00

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.



Wednesday, October 28, fellowship meal at 6:00pm.

This is the last Wednesday night meal we have planned. We will have soup. Monetary donations for the food are welcome but not required. Please plan to join us on Wednesday night for a time of fellowship!



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.

Refuge of Hope Ministries' Women's Shelter Ribbon Cutting – October 30

Join us as we celebrate the opening of Refuge of Hope's new Women's Shelter – a place where women can find safety, stability, and a fresh start. Meet the team, go on tours and see the impact. The event is on Friday, October 30th, from 12-2pm. Go to www.refugeofhope.org/events/ for more information.

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

In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares his gratitude for 23 years of volunteers bringing people home, a volunteer shares her inspirational story of how God called her to serve with MDS, and a local community says "Thank you" to MDS Summer Youth volunteers. Plus we have the latest information about the Annual Celebration coming in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/4s67Qtq>. 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)

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