MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

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 9, 2026

Sunday
October 11, 2026

Worship the LORD

Message:	Myrrl Byler
Worship Leader:	Scott Hyland
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider
Greeters:	Alta Bates & Arrie Ledsome

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song — VT #570 *When We Walk With The Lord*

Call to Worship & Prayer

Leader: Today we honor the pastoral task of preaching, teaching, and embodying peacemaking and restorative love.

People: We gather with gratitude for the faithful teaching and preaching of the Word among us.

Leader: The journey of faith is long, and we remember that pastoral leadership is a shared weight.

People: We travel together as brothers and sisters in Christ, bearing one another's burdens and forgiving one another in love.

Leader: Our pastors celebrate our milestones and sit vigil in times of illness. They challenge our comfortable assumptions with the Word, and offer counsel that restores hope and sows peace in a divided world.

People: Yet they, too, are human—carrying their own burdens and needing rest, grace, and steady support.

Leader: When our pastors are weary, we pledge to uphold them in prayer; when the task is demanding, we will share the labor; in every season, we offer mutual care.

All: Come, let us give thanks to God. Let us lift our hearts in worship.

PRAISING

Praise Songs — *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer*
Lead Us Back

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading — Acts 17:1-15 (CEB)

Message — ***Engaging Paul: Turning the World Upside Down***

RESPONDING

Song of Response — VT #412 *My Soul Cries Out*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song — VT #811 *Use Us, God*

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)

Printed copies of the sermon are available on a table at the rear of the sanctuary that you can pick up after the service.



- ✞ *Continue to remember Cheri Windham as she grieves the loss of her son. The memorial for Jason will take place on Friday, October 16, from 9:45 to 10:30 at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery (Shelter One). The address is 10175 Rawiga Road, Seville, OH 44273.*
- ✞ *Continue to pray for Lura Bowin. She is back at GentleBrook and improving slowly. She would welcome visitors, but they ask that visits be kept short.*
- ✞ *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.*

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)

Worship Schedule

Oct. 18	"Engaging Paul: To the Unknown God" (Acts 17:22-34)
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 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"

Church Events

- Oct. 12-16 - Cindy Fleming on vacation
- Wed. – Oct. 14 - MCC Relief Canning in Kidron – 8am-1pm (contact Howard)
  - Balance, Breathing & Blessings Class – 9am
  - Fellowship Meal – 6pm
- Sun. – Oct. 18 - Education Sunday (non-designated funds go to Education Fund)
  - 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)

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. (There will not be a class on October 21st.)

Please Note:

- Cindy is on vacation October 12-16 and will be back in the office October 19th.
  Myrrl will be sending a newsletter out on October 16th while Cindy is away. Please send info for that newsletter to Myrrl the week of October 12th. Thank you!
- 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.

Church News

Wednesday, October 14, fellowship meal at 6:00pm.
The menu this Wednesday is lasagna. 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

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 see 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!

Outreach Ministry

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 – October 4

General Fund	$ 3,616.00
Alexis Deuzoumbé Mission	150.00
Total Offering	$ 3,766.00

Attendance: 64



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!
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.**

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@maplegrovemennonoite.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		Children/Youth/Young Adult Classes	
Women's Class	Library	Children's Ministry (up to 6th Grade)	Rooms 7-8
Men's Class	Room 9-Hallway	Youth (Grades 7-12)	Rooms 3-4
Mixed Intergenerational Class	Room 2-Education Side	Post-High/Young Adults	Fellowship Hall
Mixed 30's-50's Class	Basement		