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**Disciples of Jesus Revealing His Kingdom  
Through Love, Spiritual Growth, and Service Together**  
**8:30-9:15 a.m. Informal Fellowship**  
**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**  
**10:30 a.m. Corporate Worship**

**Come join us in worship!**

*It is our prayer that you'll experience the presence of God  
and the love of Christ during your time with us  
and there will be a desire in your heart to reciprocate His love.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN**

	<b>Location</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Curriculum from MennoMedia</b>
Preschool-Kindergarten	Room 1	Becky Shrock & Stephanie Kress	Shine-Early Childhood
Grades 1 & 2	Room 2	Betty Miller & Amy Shelly	Shine-Primary
Grades 3 & 4	Rooms 3-4	Jill Liechty	Shine-Middler
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Matthew Manchester & Gary Sommers	Shine-Jr. Youth
Youth (Grades 9-12)	Basement	Mike Yoder & Kami Sommers	MC USA Bible Studies

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULTS**

Women's Class	Sewing Room	Men's Class	Room 10
Sr. Women's	Room 9	Mixed Intergenerational	Education Side
Mixed Post-High/20's-40's class in the Basement			

The adult classes use the quarterly Sunday School books from MennoMedia with the exception of the Mixed Intergenerational & Mixed 20's-40's class which are doing book studies.

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- November 11 - Youth Fundraiser - Pancake Breakfast from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
- Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade) Mystery Supper - 5-7:00 p.m. @ the Church
- Nov. 11 & 18 - Collection for Lake Township FISH for Thanksgiving Food Drive
- November 14 - Fall Midweek Book Study - 6:30 p.m. (Last Night!)
- November 22 - Thanksgiving Day (The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.)
- November 26 - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting - 4:00 p.m.
- December 1 - Family Ministry's Cookie Exchange & Fellowship Time  
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- December 13 - Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers @ Thrift Shoppe-6pm
- December 18 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 6:00 p.m.
- December 25 - *Christmas Day*
- December 30 - Christmas Sunday - Christmas Hymn Sing during worship service
- January 6 - Epiphany Sunday
- January 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting



### Christmas Hymn Sing – December 30

Throughout Advent, we are asking you to share your favorite Christmas song as a suggestion for a hymn sing on Christmas Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby to suggest a song.



*Pray for Maple Grove's Youth Group.*

*Pray for Youth Sponsors AJ & Jen Geiser and Matthew & Emily Manchester.*

#### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:

Sun.-Nov. 11 - Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser @ the Church

➤ 8:30 - 10:00 AM

Sun.-Nov. 18 - Hartville Hardware Social

➤ 3:00 - 5:30 PM

➤ Drop off and pick up at John Deere Entrance



Fri.-Nov. 30 - Walnut Creek "Journey to Bethlehem"

➤ Meet @ church 4:00 PM

➤ Bring money for fast food on the way.

➤ Will contact parents on way home about pick-up time

Wed.-Dec. 5 - Bible Study

➤ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

➤ Jade & Jill Liechty's house

Sun.-Dec. 16 - Youth Group Christmas Party

➤ Dinner @ Table Six - 5:00 p.m.

➤ After dinner, go to Matthew & Emily Manchester's house to play games and have our white elephant gift exchange.

➤ If you need a ride, contact AJ & Jen Geiser.

Thurs.-Dec. 27 - Canton Charge Game - more details to follow

Wed.-Jan. 2 - Bible Study

➤ 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

➤ Gary & Charla Sommers' house

## LAKE TOWNSHIP FISH FUNDRAISER



Acme Community Cash Back Program runs from August 9 through December 18, 2018. Acme will give a percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt to FISH. A box for the receipts is available under the mailboxes in the church lobby - thanks for your support of this project! *Ministry of Outreach*



- Children's Activity Center: There is an activity bin at the back of the sanctuary by the sound booth with clipboards, pencils, coloring pages, activity sheets, etc., for the kids to use during the service. Please return the items to the bins after the service each week. Thanks! *Ministry of Education*
- Agape Bread Ministries provides Maple Grove (and lots of other churches and organizations) with free bread each week. Please help yourself to the bread on the table in the Fellowship Hall.
- In order to receive a year-end giving statement, you must have an offering number. If you currently do not have an offering number, please contact Ryan Miller at (330)323-3451. 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 offering except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education fund. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds. If you have any questions, please contact John Koshmider, Maple Grove's Treasurer.  
*Thank you!*

- For the comfort and safety of our senior adults and those that require handicap parking, we ask that you observe the following: Parking spaces from the light post to the handicap parking spaces will be reserved for senior adults only. In order to park in a handicap parking space, you need to make sure that your handicap sign is visible.

Any questions please see a member of the Ministry of Administration

### Recycle Program – Toner & Inkjet Cartridges

Recycle your empty inkjet and toner cartridges to help the My Coins Count water project. Dollars from the recycling efforts will be gifted to MCC to be used to help provide clean drinking water and new wells for communities around the world. A collection box is in the foyer by the steps leading down to the basement.



### Recycling Aluminum Cans



Your conscious effort to recycle aluminum cans will help others. There are two collection containers - one at each entrance of the building. Please bring the cans you collect each week and drop them in the containers.

*Thank you for supporting these recycling projects!*



# OTHER News

“An Evening in the Village” in Downtown Hartville on December 2 from 4:30-7:00 p.m.

The Lake Township Historical Society will again have a Community Choir at the “Evening in the Village” event that will sing Christmas carols in the gazebo at 6:30 under the direction of Barb Miller accompanied by Marti Steiner. In addition, this year commemorates the 20<sup>th</sup> year of “An Evening in the Village.” To celebrate this special milestone, we will conclude our concert with the singing of the *Hallelujah Chorus* under the direction of John Lauby. If we experience bad weather, this event will be held in the Faith Baptist Church at 120 Lake Avenue in Hartville.

Practice for the choir is on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Advent Lutheran Church. We encourage anyone to come and practice with us, but if unable, you are welcome to join us on the evening of the event. For more details, call Ruth Sturgill at 330-877-2625 or Craig Wellspring at 330-877-9320.

*Music/Choral Teacher (Part-Time) Job Opening @ LCCS*

Lake Center Christian School is accepting applications for a part-time Junior High and High School Music/Choral Teacher. Schedule is two periods per day PLUS concerts throughout the year (approximately 3-5 evening concerts per year). Qualifications: Minimum of a Bachelor degree and experience teaching music and directing choral groups. Ohio state teaching license preferred. ACSI certification required within the first two years of employment. Materials Required for Submission: Resume with letter of introduction and a Certified Application. Posting will remain open until filled. Email contact person: Cheryl Sommers at [csommers@lakecenterchristian.org](mailto:csommers@lakecenterchristian.org)

*Voices Together is to succeed Hymnal: A Worship Book, Sing the Story, and Sing the Journey.*

A hymnal committee has been meeting three times a year for two years. MennoMedia needs your help to make the new *Voices Together* hymnal a reality by fall 2020. Before any copies of *Voices Together* are sold, MennoMedia will invest more than \$700,000. Everence and Mennonite Central Committee U.S. have issued a matching grant challenge of up to \$100,000 to help MennoMedia in this final fundraising effort. Help ensure that *Voices Together* will be affordably priced for congregations. Make a gift today and have it doubled! Every voice matters. Every dollar counts. Give at [VoicesTogetherHymnal.org](http://VoicesTogetherHymnal.org) or email Steve Carpenter at [SteveC@MennoMedia.org](mailto:SteveC@MennoMedia.org) for more information. Gifts of \$500 or more entitle the giver to a tribute line in the hymnal.

*From MC USA*

- "May God grant you peace that you may know no further sorrow." Read the Open letter to Rabbi Myers, Tree of Life Congregation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from Glen Guyton, executive director of MC USA at [mennoniteusa.org/letter-rabbi](http://mennoniteusa.org/letter-rabbi).
- Take part in conversations happening across MC USA now by using the Pathways study guide and submitting the Journey Forward Feedback Survey and story nominations by December 31, 2018. Available in English and Spanish at [mennoniteusa.org/jf](http://mennoniteusa.org/jf).
- Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa shares personal reflections on death, grief and supporting each other on the Menno Snapshots blog. Read her thoughts at [mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss](http://mennoniteusa.org/season-of-loss).
- Find updates from the recent Constituency Council Meeting about church vitality, a prayerful sending for Southeast Conference, the proposed Mennonite media merger and more at [mennoniteusa.org/healthy-structures](http://mennoniteusa.org/healthy-structures).

**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi**

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console,  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.*

