

**Welcome to  
Maple Grove Mennonite Church  
October 30, 2016**

9:30 AM            Sunday School  
10:30 AM            Worship Service

*Nursery care is provided during SS and the worship service for infants through age 3*

Prelude	Andrea Yoder
Call to Worship	Lynn Peachey
Hymns & Greetings	Esther Hartzler
HWB #17 <i>"We Gather Together"</i>	
HWB #526 <i>"In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting"</i>	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offerings (Regular & Mission)	
Memory Verse	Herb Zook
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
HWB #592 <i>"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"</i>	
Scripture Reading	II Peter 3:8-15
Sermon	<i>"What Preachers Say"</i> Alan Kauffman
Response Song	HWB #332 <i>"Blessed Assurance"</i>
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

**Tonight:** Walking Roots Band concert here at 6:00. A love offering will be received and CDs will be available.

<b>October 23, 2016</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Missions</b>	<b>Attendance:</b>
\$3,049.00	\$25.00	SS:65    WS:100

**This Week:**

Monday, Oct. 31, 7:00 PM – Ministerial Team Meeting  
 Tuesday, Nov. 1 – Women’s Day Sewing  
 Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6:30 PM – Council Meeting

Sun., Nov. 6, 5:30 PM – His Followers SS class games/pizza in FH

**Next Week’s Text:** Job 19:23-27

**Looking Ahead:**

Nov. 5 - AMC Delegate Session at Crossroads Community Church  
 November 6 - All Saints Day Service  
 Nov. 13 - Thanksgiving Service (Shoe boxes & BYC grocery bags)  
 December 11 - Primary Department Christmas Program  
 December 24 - Christmas Eve Service  
 December 25 - Worship Service at 10:00. No SS.

**Prayer Concerns:**

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Jackie Byler and Vanessa Yoder.
- ◆ Pray for our government officials and the upcoming elections.
- ◆ Sandy Tussey and Jeff Byler had surgery this week. Continue to pray for their healing.
- ◆ Both Ministerial Team and Council meet this week. Be in prayer for our leaders as they meet and discern.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Walking Roots Band is here this evening. Give thanks for their gifts and for the gift of music that God uses many times to speak to us.
- ◆ Tomorrow is Halloween. Praise God one more time for the fact that the One who is in us is far, far greater than the one who is in the world.
- ◆ We are concluding our study on 1 & 2 Peter today. Take time to thank God for some of the things you learned from Peter’s pastoral letters.

**2016 YEAR OF THE BIBLE**

**Memory Verse:** Psalms 116:15 (NIV)

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.

**Trivia Question:** Who directed Paul to preach to the Gentiles?

**Answer to Last Week's Question:** Brood of vipers

I would like to say a big **thank you** to Frieda Paden, Tina Paden, Marlene Zook, John Rheam and Thelma French for taking care of hosting the funeral meal on Wednesday. I appreciate all your super help. Also, thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the food.

Jeri Schwartz

Jane was moved to Health South on Monday. Her therapy will continue for another week or two. Please pray for continued strength for Jane and wisdom for the family as additional treatment decisions will need to be made in the upcoming weeks. Thank you for all your continued love and support.

Ray Yoder

Next Sunday, November 6, is our **All Saints Day service**. There will be a time during the service to share anything you would like to share about the three we are honoring or anyone who has died that has touched and blessed your life. *There will be a fellowship meal following the service.* Please keep in mind that there may be a number of visitors present as you prepare to bring a dish or two to share with others. Thank You!

We are planning a **Christmas Eve program**, and we need men, women, and young people interested in singing in a choir to join us for the first practice on Sunday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to be introduced to the program and go over the Christmas music. In December we will continue meeting every Sunday evening, and add the Wednesday evening of December 21<sup>st</sup> as the last practice. Even if you can't make every practice we still want you to come when

you can as we're planning to sing familiar Christmas music. If you can help us with this choir we would appreciate you contacting Debbie Durst, Nancy Kauffman, or Andrea Yoder.

Herb and Marlene are planning to retire from hosting the **pancake breakfast** after December. If you are interested in assuming responsibility for the pancake breakfast and would like more information, contact Herb or Marlene.

Our **Thanksgiving Service** will be held on Sunday evening, November 13 at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. We will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child and food bags for Backyard Ministries. Each food bag needs a small can of green beans, a small can of fruit, a box of instant mashed potatoes, one gravy packet, and one box of stuffing. For specific sizes of each item, check the display in the foyer. *If you have questions about the food bags or want to give a donation to buy food, contact Sheila Penepacker.* Your food donations can be placed in the sanctuary, where the organ used to be, starting today, October 30. *Following the Thanksgiving Service, there will be a time of fellowship. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a finger food to share.*

Absentee ballots for Alan's **sabbatical proposal** need to be signed and returned to the office before the worship service today.

The **mission offering** today will be divided equally between Chris Tatom's work with CPYM, Shelter Services, Inc. and the local MDS unit.

A **Parent/Child Dedication** is being planned for Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate, let Alan Kauffman know.

**Due today:** Gift or money donations for Operation Christmas Child boxes; gifts to foyer, money to Erin Byler.

Linda Snook is looking for someone to sit with her husband who was diagnosed with bone cancer. This could be during the day while she runs errands or during the night so she can rest. No medical training is required. Contact her at 717-667-3729 if you are interested in discussing this further.

Men are needed for a **Mennonite Disaster Service first response team** to go to South Carolina (near Myrtle Beach) the week of Oct. 31 and Nov. 7. Men are asked to bring chain saws, wrecking bars and shovels to create access to the people/areas affected by flooding. Call Marvin Peachey if interested in responding to this urgent need.

A **ham potpie fundraiser meal** is being planned for Nov. 12, *from 4-7:00 PM at the Union Township Community Center (former Union Elementary School)*. Take out dinners will be available also. This fundraiser is to help with funeral expenses in the passing of Evan Bulick. We are looking for donations of applesauce, homemade bread or rolls and deserts to be served. We would appreciate community involvement with this and if you would be willing to help in any way, it would greatly be appreciated. For more information or if you are willing to donate, call Faith Treaster at 935-2524 or 437-3740, or email Chris Kichman at [pcmc07@embarqmail.com](mailto:pcmc07@embarqmail.com). Items can be brought to the Community Building on Nov. 12, or we would be happy to pick up your donations. Thanks so much.

The Fellowship Committee is planning to have a **bake sale** Saturday November 12, as part of the fundraiser for Evan Bulick's funeral expenses. Please drop off your baked goods at the church by 2:00 PM Saturday or at the Belleville Community Center (former Union Elementary) from 8-4 that day. Contact Esther 935-2496, Sheila 667-3090 or Ruby 667-3732 with questions or if you want your baked goods picked up.

In the beginning—*no*, before there was a beginning—a story began.

Come explore the depths and riches of this story, as it has unfolded through the pages of the Bible and beyond, into modern history. Come learn how God's redemptive plan is reaching, stretching, welcoming every tribe, tongue, and culture to worship before his throne. Come and hear what the Holy Spirit has to say to you. This class will change your life—for good! You'll get a new perspective on God's heart and eternal desire. **Perspectives, 2017**; January 8 – April 30, 6:30 – 9:15 each Sunday evening at the Allensville Menn. Church. Register today at [www.perspectives.org/belleville](http://www.perspectives.org/belleville).

The **Belleville Fire Company Pancake/Sausage Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 7:00-11:00 AM at the Union Township Activity Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 children age 10 and under. Come out and support your local volunteer fire company have a great home-cooked breakfast!

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Nursery - SS	Rhoda Campbell & Sarah Yoder	Esther Hartzler and Betsy Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Amber Penepacker & Pearl Stanbrough	Sheila Penpacker & Kendra Peachey
Sound Technician	Kurt Rheam	Jared Byler
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Nate Kauffman South Door: Kurt Rheam	Foyer: Jane Yoder South Door: Ray Yoder

**Pastor** Alan Kauffman M-T-W-F 8:00am-Noon  
**Associate Pastor** Herb Zook Th 8:00am-Noon  
**Ministers** All members of the church



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