

**Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church
December 11, 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	Worship Team
Heartbeat	
Lighting Advent Candle	
Focus Statement	Alan Kauffman
Call to Worship	
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Confessing/Assurance	Evan Yoder/Alan Kauffman
Memory Verse	
Dismissal of Children	
Sharing & Prayer	
Children's Program	
Response Song	
Heartbeat	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

Tonight: Choir practice for Christmas Eve program at 6:30
Spike ball in FH from 6:00 – 7:00

December 4, 2016			
Offering	Building Fund	Missions	Attendance:
\$5,040.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	SS:90 WS: 110

Senior Birthdays This Week

Nancy Reitz	Dec. 12
Irv Kanagy	Dec. 16

This Week:

Monday, Dec. 12, 7:00 PM – 150th Anniversary Planning Mtg.
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting
Friday, Dec. 16 – Peachey Wood Products Christmas party in FH
Saturday, Dec. 17, 10AM – 4PM – Byler Christmas dinner in FH
Saturday, Dec. 17, 8PM – Midnight – CPYM Extreme Club

Looking Ahead:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service
December 25 - Worship Service at 10:00. No SS.
January 22 - Pulpit Exchange (Carl Geissing here)
February 13-16 - Meat Canner at East Derry Fire Co.

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Rod, Sue, Veru & Regan Farrell and Mattie Yoder
- ◆ Mary French's sister died this past week. Keep Mary and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- ◆ As we look toward entering a time of mediation in the coming months, keep this process in your prayers.
- ◆ Pray for those planning and preparing for our Christmas Eve program.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ As we experience wintry road conditions, give thanks for those that care for our roads and keep them clear.
- ◆ As our children share the Christmas story with us today, give thanks for them and for all of those who teach them about Jesus.
- ◆ Give thanks for the many individuals who helped in any way with the Pancake Breakfasts over the past seven years.

Our **Christmas Eve offering** will be given to Mennonite Disaster Service.

2016 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Memory Verse: Psalm 73:26 (New Living)

My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.

Trivia Question: How tall was Goliath?

Answer to Last Week's Question: Aaron

The Ministerial Team has selected Nelson Yoder to serve as **mediator** in the coming months to help us work at healing and reconciliation. Nelson hopes to interview as many persons/couples as possible. Once sign-up sheets are posted, we would encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity so Nelson can get the broadest view of our congregational life.

We again have an opportunity to **share gifts** with others this Christmas season. This year it will be gifts for adult women at Shelter Services in Lewistown and adult men at Pyramid Healthcare (located on the Belleville hill). There are baskets on the bench in the foyer with a description of what is being requested. Please have the gifts returned by next Sunday, December 18, if possible. If you cannot have it back to the church by the 18th, or if you have questions, contact Nancy Kauffman. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others away from their homes this Christmas season.

There will be a **Building Fund** offering next Sunday.

Tuesday, Dec. 20 is our next day to contribute to **Backyard Club**. As their ministry grows, it is easier for them to manage and distribute canned soup and boxed macaroni/cheese, than fresh baked goods and soup. You may put your donations of canned soup and boxes of mac/cheese on the bench in the foyer anytime during the

week, bring it along next Sunday or anytime up until Tuesday Dec. 20, at 10:30 AM. *Please note new date, time and collection point.*

The **Central PA World Hunger Association** is planning its 43rd canning year. They are planning to can 36,000 lbs. of turkey and 19,000 cans of meat. Turkey prices could range from \$1.20 to \$1.30 per pound this year, but the actual price won't be known until closer the date. The prices of cans, lids, and labels for 2017 is .75/can and \$.20/can for shipping. They presently have about a quarter of the money needed for this year. The majority of the meat goes to Mennonite Central Committee's warehouse for shipment to relief efforts. The Association keeps 10% of the canned meat for 18 different local needs such as Meals on Wheels, Mother Hubbard's Cupboard and others. Canning is scheduled for Feb. 13-16 at the East Derry Fire Co. The entire workforce is volunteer. If you would like to volunteer or would just like to see the operation, you are welcome. Canning runs from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and then cleanup. Groups are encouraged to schedule a time but walk-ins are always welcome.

The Maple Grove Sewing is auctioning off the **quilt** that is on display in the foyer. The quilt is 87 x 100 which is a queen size. The auction will continue until Monday, December 21, at 9:00 AM. The bidding starts at \$300 and you may bid as often as you like. Proceeds will be used for supplies for the sewing such as batting and backing for our comforters that are sent to MCC and for our various mission projects. Contact Rita Kanagy at 935-2793 for more information.

Get A New Perspective! Expand your understanding of God and His work in the world today by enrolling in Perspectives! For the second time Perspectives is coming to Mifflin County to be held this year at the Allensville Mennonite Church, 1156 SR 655 Belleville

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