
**Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church
December 18, 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 & Julia Byler
Heartbeat	
Lighting Advent Candle	Jewel & Randy Kauffman
Focus Statement	Jared Byler
Call to Worship	
Hymns & Greetings	Wanda Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offerings (Regular & Building Fund)	Wyatt Kauffman & Lynn Peachey
Confessing/Assurance	Josh Detwiler & Jared Byler
Memory Verse	Herb Zook
Children's Lesson	Herb & Marlene Zook
Dismissal for Children's Church	
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16
Sermon	<i>"God's Got This"</i> Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Heartbeat	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

Tonight: Choir practice for Christmas Eve program at 6:30. We will be practicing again on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30. We ask all readers & others with parts in the program to be at the Wednesday practice.

December 11, 2016	
Offering \$2,779.00	Attendance: SS: 61 WS: 81

This Week:

Tuesday, Dec. 20, 6:30 PM – Ministerial Team Meeting
 Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6:30 PM – Choir Practice
 Wednesday, Dec. 21 – No Singing at Valley View this month
 Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 PM – Christmas Eve Service Here

Next Week's Text: Isaiah 52:7-10

Looking Ahead:

January 22 - Pulpit Exchange (Carl Geissinger here)
 February 13-16 - Meat Canner at East Derry Fire Co.

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Lynn, Lorena, Sheldon & Cameron Fleming and Leonard & Ruby Yoder
- ◆ This Wednesday is the first official day of winter and the "shortest day" of the year. Remember those who suffer the effects of extended darkness.
- ◆ Pray for persons at Shelter Services and Pyramid Healthcare, who will be receiving our packages this coming week.
- ◆ Pray for the many people who will be traveling over the next few weeks.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ College students will soon be/are home for the holidays. Celebrate this break with them, as well as with our teachers and other students who will be enjoying some time off.
- ◆ Come celebrate God's gift of Jesus to us at our Christmas Eve service this coming Saturday evening.

- ◆ “Do Not Fear” is the most repeated command in the Bible. The reason? God’s got it! Give thanks!

2016 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

Trivia Question: What did Paul say was the fulfillment of the Law?

Answer to Last Week’s Question: Goliath was 6 cubits and a span (approximately 9+ ft. tall)

2016 has been the “**Year of the Bible**” at Maple Grove. On Sunday, Jan. 1, we will be taking some time for people to share ways this has blessed their lives. It may have been a certain memory verse that spoke to you or joining a Bible study group or certain sermons or SS lessons. Whatever ways the Bible has touched you in the past year, we want to allow time to thank God on January 1.

Come worship with us and enjoy our **Christmas Eve service** on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 PM. It will include songs by the choir, readings and some congregational singing. The offering will be given to Mennonite Disaster Service.

There will be no Sunday School on **Christmas Day**, (next Sunday, December 25). The Worship Service will begin at 10:00.

Due to weather conditions last Sunday, we are extending the deadline to **purchase 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 to the bench by Wednesday, December 21. If you have questions, contact Nancy Kauffman. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others away from their homes this Christmas season.

Chris Tatom’s sister is in prison on drug related charges and has a release date of February. If you would like to send her a **Christmas card**, that would be greatly appreciated. Her address is:

Courtney Tatom 260429
Madison Correctional Unit
800 MSH Bus Stop Drive
Madison, IN 47250

Sept. 1 to Nov. 30, 2016 **financial statements** have been distributed to the Ministerial Team, Council and the Finance Committee. Additional copies are available under the mailboxes for those interested.

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.

This coming Tuesday, Dec. 20 is our 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 up until Tuesday Dec. 20, at 10:30 AM. *Please note new date, time and collection point.*

A **Live Nativity** will be held at Dryhouse Farm on Thursday, Dec. 22, from 6:30-9:00 PM. It is open to the community and cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served to all.

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 Wednesday, 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.

Mennonite Missions has a variety of **mission opportunities** in the US and around the world for ages 13 and up! Check out the list on the bulletin board. Additional opportunities can be found at www.mennonitemission.net/serve.

Calling all **quilters** from beginner to expert! Winter quilting for the annual BMS auction will be held January 16-20 & 23-27 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. If you have items to be donated for the quilting auction please contact Juli Sunderland ([814-667-2511](tel:814-667-2511)), Jewel Peachey (667-9308) or Michelle Byler (935-5485).

Laurelville is offering two discounts for **summer camp**. All returning campers will receive a limited-time early registration discount of \$30 off their total camp registration price. Every new camper will receive 50% off their total camp registration price. These offers are available only through January 31, 2017.

Summer Camp Dates 2017

- Mini Camp (ages 6-8): July 23-25
- Explorers (ages 8-10): June 25-30
- Navigators (ages 10-12): July 9-14
- Seekers (ages 12-14): July 16-21
- Disciples (ages 14-17): June 18-23

New to the Bulletin Board

Thank you letter from Shelter Services, Inc.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Josh & Morgan Detwiler	No SS
Nursery - Worship	Sarah Yoder	Kendra Peachey & Sheila Penepacker
Sound Technician	Matt Kauffman	Kurt Rheam
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Ray Yoder South Door: Sandy Tussey	Foyer: Nate Kauffman South Door: Kurt Rheam

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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