
**Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church**

March 13, 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 CD
Call to Worship Sandy Tussey
Hymns & Greetings Jane Yoder
 HFF #358 "*Christ, we do all Adore Thee*"
 HFF #631 "*I Know Whom I have Believed*"
Visitors & Church Announcements
Prayer & Offering
Bible Memory Verse Herb Zook
Sharing & Prayer
Worship in Song HFF #258 "*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*"
Scripture Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
Sermon "*Shared Sufferings*" Herb Zook
Response Song HFF #469 "*Higher Ground*"
Final Blessing
Sending Song

There will be a **fellowship meal** following the service today. All are welcome to stay for this time of food and fellowship.

March 6, 2016		
Offering	Missions	Attendance
\$3,570	\$100	SS: 86 WS: 125

This Week:

Monday, Mar. 14, 6:00 PM - Volleyball in FH

Tuesday, Mar. 15 - Quilting in Basement in Afternoon

Tuesday, Mar. 15, 6:30 PM - Council Meeting

Wednesday, Mar. 16, 6:30 PM - Sing at Valley View

Saturday, Mar. 19, 8:00 AM - Men's Breakfast in FH

Next Week's Text: Isaiah 50:4-9

Looking Ahead:

March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service

March 27 - Easter Breakfast (No SS)

April 3 - Home Coming Sunday (No SS)

April 15-16 - BMS Auction

April 23 - Love Worth Fighting For with Kirk Cameron at MCHS

April 23 - MYF/JYF Babysitting Service Project

April 24 - BMS Choir at Maple Grove

May 1-3 - Bob Hartzler here for Spring Meetings

May 8 - Hymn Sing here to Benefit Central PA Clinic

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Irv Kanagy and Esther Stuter
- ◆ John S. Yoder spent much of the week in Lewistown Hospital. Keep him in your prayers.
- ◆ Adella Kanagy recently moved from the Terrace to the Haven. Remember her as she makes the adjustment. Also, remember Ab and Clara Geckle in their move to the Terrace and Memory Lane.
- ◆ The Young Adult SS class is having a retreat this weekend. Give thanks for that group and pray for refreshment and deepened relationships.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ A few from the JYF are at Winter Retreat at Laurelville with Alan and Nancy Kauffman this weekend. Give thanks for times of learning and fun.
- ◆ Last night was the benefit concert for Evan Yoder here. Praise God for the love and care lavished on us, often by the community of believers.

- ◆ Jane Yoder received a good report this week. Rejoice with her and the family.

2016 YEAR OF THE BIBLE

This Week's Memory Scripture: Philippians 2:5-7

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Who being in very nature God did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Trivia Question: To whom did Jesus say, “Dear woman, why do you involve me? My time has not yet come.”

Answer to Last Week's Question: Six

Maundy Thursday Service (March 24)

A light meal will be served and all food and place settings will be provided. The service will begin at 6:30 and will include communion, foot washing, an alms offering and a time of reflection to conclude our evening. Please think about or write down any thoughts you have on the Philippians 2 passage we are memorizing. Focus on verses 5-8. We will take time to share thoughts on verses 9-11 Easter morning. The alms offering collected which will replenish the alms account as the balance is quite low.

Easter (March 27)

- ◆ An Easter breakfast will be held in the fellowship hall at 8:30. There are sign-up sheets in the classrooms and on the bulletin

board for food contributions. Place settings and drinks will be provided.

- ◆ There will be no Sunday School and the Worship Service will begin at 10:00 AM.

If you are unable to attend the **communion service** but would like to be served the emblems in your home, contact one of the pastors.

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

Homecoming Details: April 3 will be our Homecoming Sunday. Please invite former attenders of MG to join us for the special day.

Please note:

1. There will be NO memory verse recited that day.
2. There will be no “Visitors and Announcements” or “Sharing and Prayer” time during the service. Please make sure you get these items into the bulletin.
3. Since we are expecting a larger congregation, everybody is being asked to bring two dishes to share for the fellowship meal. We are purchasing a large supply of chicken, some meatballs and hot dogs, as well as a sheet cake. So side dishes and desserts are encouraged. If you have any questions, contact Alan Kauffman.

The **new addresses** for Ab and Clara Geckle are as follows:

Clara Geckle	Ab Geckle
Valley View Memory Lane	Valley View Terrace A114
Room 703	Belleville, PA 17004
Belleville, PA 17004	

JYF/MYF will be hosting a **babysitting night** in the fellowship hall on April 23 so young parents can have a date night. This is the same night as the Kirk Cameron marriage seminar. Parents, mark your calendars! Specific time frame to be determined.

It is time to renew your subscription to **The Mennonite**. If you would like to order under the church group plan, the cost is \$37/yr. as opposed to the cost of an individual subscription which is \$46/yr. Your current subscription will expire next month. Your check, *payable to Maple Grove Church*, is due in the church office by *Sunday, March 27*.

There will be an opportunity in the next month or two for those that are interested in **becoming a member** of Maple Grove. If you have interest, let Alan know sometime in the next number of weeks so that we can work at a date that will work.

Thursday, March 17, is our day to contribute baked goods and soup to **Backyard Ministry**. Soup containers will be available on the bench in the foyer until Thursday. The back door to the kitchen will be open for you to drop off your donations by 10:45 that day.

Today is the last day to....

- ◆ Sign up for the **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00 AM in the fellowship hall. All food and place settings will be provided.
- ◆ Let the office know if you would like to join the group from Maple Grove to do a week-long **Mennonite Disaster Service project** in Detroit, Michigan, June 6-10. The group is limited to 15 persons. There will be some cleanup work and remodeling work to be done. Carpentry skills would be appreciated but are not necessary. Zach Stauffer will be there as part of a Hesston College group.

The **60th annual Western PA and Western MDS fellowship meal and meeting** will be held April 2 at Bittinger Mennonite Church, 10707 Bittinger Road, Bittinger, MD. The meal starts at 6:30 and the meeting will follow. If interested in attending, contact John S. Yoder at 717-483-6550 by March 25. If no answer, let a message. There will be a free will offering to cover expenses. Directions:

Take I-68 to exit 19 then 495 S through Bittinger. The church is ¼ mile past Bittinger on the right.

Homecoming Homework: We are looking for people who have a short story to tell (1 minute max) about Maple Grove from years ago or to share something you appreciate/enjoy about our congregation now (this can be as short as a single word). We want to videotape your story/sharing and use it during worship on April 3. We plan on having a video camera set up the next couple Sundays in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, direct them to Alan Kauffman or Kurt Rheam.

The **Gifts Committee** for this year is forming and will soon begin their work to fill the 2016 Church Positions. The committee is still looking for 2-3 more members. If you would be interested in being part of the Gifts Committee, please contact Doug Peachey.

Mentors: There has been interest expressed by some of our younger adults for mentors who have already experienced what they are currently or have yet to experience. To get the process started, we are asking those who would like a mentor to let the office know, along with the names of 3 people you would be willing to have as a mentor. Please do so by *next Sunday March 20*. We will then contact the mentor(s) to see of their willingness/availability.

The **Great Allegheny Passage Bike & Hike** will be held Saturday, June 4 from 10 AM -3 PM. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. You may take the trail in either direction for any distance you wish. Drinks and snacks will be provided at the starting location only. The event is sponsored by the TriState Relief Sale and all proceeds will benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Additional details and sponsor forms are provided on the bulletin board.

Hymn Sing: The Mifflin County Mennonite Historical Society invites you to the 13th Annual Hymn sing next Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Allensville Mennonite Church. Congregational singing, special music and a time for requests will be featured. You may bring finger foods to share in the fellowship hall following the program.

Bowl for Kids' Sake will be held Saturday, April 2 at Lewistown Lanes to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters. A team from Maple Grove will include Jim & Rhoda Campbell, Lavern Yutzy and Garrett Peachey. Additional details are on the bulletin board.

Iraqi pastor Ghassan Thomas will be sharing about his ministry among Muslim refugees in the Middle East and Europe this Sunday, March 13 at 7:00 at the River Church in Mifflintown.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Rhoda Campbell & Jane Yoder	Dena & Mitchell Stauffer
Nursery - Worship	Erin Byler & Kendra Peachey	Esther Hartzler & Krissy Bonson
Sound Technician	Matt Kauffman	Jared Byler
Greeters	Jay & JoAnn Byler	Brent & Rosie Peachey
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Sue Farrell South Door: Jay Byler	Foyer: Jay Byler South Door: Sandy Tussey



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