

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Homecoming! What a joyful sound it is to our ears. Give thanks for our celebration today and the eternal homecoming celebration we look forward to someday.
- ◆ John S. Yoder's funeral was this past Tuesday. Praise God for all the willing workers that helped with this and other church events.
- ◆ Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Continue to celebrate and spread the news about our Risen Lord.

Senior Birthdays This Week

Marie Werner	April 4
"Uncle Bob" Reitz	April 6

Our "Glimpses of the Past" was compiled and edited by Betty Hartzler and Zelda Yoder from writings of John Renno and Waldo Miller. Some of the pictures were contributed by Lynn Peachey. "Glimpses of the Present" was recorded and edited by John Rheam and Kurt Rheam. **Thank you** for contributing to our Homecoming celebration.

Artifacts - The table in front of the pulpit is the minister's desk from Belleville Mennonite Church (Maple Grove). It is thought to be the first pulpit in an Amish Mennonite church in Big Valley. The items on the table are: a pulpit lamp, old bandage roller from the sewing circle, personal hymnal, early soup bowl, cradle roll certificate of Faye Yoder (1929), church Bible given 1972 by Waldo Miller family, a world globe mission bank used for primary dept. SS mission offerings, nursery books and primary department pictures.

An old church bench and the original Belleville Mennonite Church sign are displayed in the foyer. A painting of the church by Naomi (Byler) Yoder is to the right of the church sign. The quilt in the foyer was made to honor Martin and Violet Erb by 17 couples of the

Faith at Work SS Class of Maple Grove. Photo albums of past MYF and church activities are displayed in the foyer. Early kitchen items are displayed above the cupboards in the kitchen.

Parents of JYF/MYF: Kurt and Lisa would like to meet with you today after the fellowship meal at the front of the auditorium. We will meet for a half hour or so.

The theme for the May *Maple Leaf* edition is "*Called to Ministry.*" The focus is to identify all persons who were members or attendees of Maple Grove (no historical timeframe) that entered into the ministry as a pastor, spouse of a pastor, missionary or any other Christian ministry. **Please share the name and a "where are they now" note.** Do not assume someone else has provided a person's name. We do not want anyone left out of the compiled list. It would be most interesting to have a picture and a short story. Parents, grandparents, cousins, friends, brothers and sisters and extended family PLEASE SHARE. The deadline is April 24 with *Maple Leaf* distribution on May 1. Give your info to Rod or Sue Farrell, the church office or email Rod, rfarrell@embarqmail.com.

All are invited to the auditorium next Saturday evening, April 9, at 7:00 to see pictures of John & Joyce Rheam's motorcycle trip to the West Coast last summer.

Due next Sunday: Volunteers and nominations for slate of open 2016-2017 church and SS positions and volunteer ministries.

Herb Zook and Jay Byler will be hosting an evening of **retirement conversations** for anyone who is thinking about retirement issues or retiring in the near future. We will meet at Herb and Marlene's next Sunday, April 10 at 6:00 PM.