

**Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church
February 19, 2017**

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	Nancy Kauffman
Hymns & Greetings	Wanda Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:38-48
Sermon	<i>“But He Started It!”</i>
Response Song	Veru Farrell
Final Blessing	Alan Kauffman
Sending Song	

February 12, 2017	
Offering	Attendance
\$3,597.00	SS:83 WS: 94

This Week:

Monday, Feb. 20, 6:00 PM - Volleyball in FH
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting

Next Week’s Text: Exodus 24:12-18

Looking Ahead:

February 26, 6:30 - Congregational Meeting in FH

March 9 - Adventure Club Skating in Lewistown
March 19 - Menn. Heritage Center Hymn Sing at Locust Grove
March 25 - Soup & Scoop and Group Scoop Night in FH
April 9-11 - Nelson Kraybill here for Spring Meetings
April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service (communion/foot washing)
April 16 - Easter Breakfast at 8:30, Worship at 10:00

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Chuck & Esther Hartzler and Floyd & Helen Yoder
- ◆ Tomorrow is President’s Day. Use it as a time to pray for our President and others who are working with him.
- ◆ The vision statement of Mennonite Church USA is: “God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.” Pray that this would be true of us.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Jesus believes it is possible for us to love those who do not love us. Praise God for His unending confidence in us as Jesus followers.
- ◆ Where would we be without faith and our faith community that cares and shares our joys and sorrows? Give thanks with a grateful heart!
- ◆ Give thanks for the many interruptions to winter that we have had this year.

Thank you to the ladies for their most recent visit to my home. It was an enjoyable time of sharing and reminiscing. A special thanks to Esther Hartzler for her effort in organizing the evening. God bless you.
Esther Stuter

The **report from the recent mediation meetings** is in your mailbox this morning. Nelson Yoder suggests that as you read the report you watch for those parts of the report with which you find yourself saying “yes,” those places you pause and think “well, maybe,” and the sections where you want to say “no way.” You are invited to a congregational meeting next Sunday, February 26, at 6:30 PM for further reflection on the mediation report and to consider additional steps of reconciliation. Continue to pray for the mediation process and God’s work among us.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference, through its credentialing team and Leadership Council, has approved a request from Hyattsville Mennonite Church to license Michelle Burkholder toward ordination. Michelle has been serving as associate pastor for HMC since 2013. Michelle is a member of the LGBTQ community and married to her partner. The Ministerial Team of Maple Grove had been aware of and discussed this possibility and will be preparing a statement and recommendation that will be in mailboxes next Sunday, with a vote regarding our ongoing affiliation with Allegheny Mennonite Conference within the next couple of weeks. A letter from AMC to congregations is in your mailbox. If persons would like to have a copy of the “Theological foundations for credentialing” that AMC used to arrive at this decision, contact the office and we will be glad to make you a copy. Please keep our AMC affiliation decision in your prayers.

Jane's MRI has shown very aggressive growth of the tumor and no further treatment is available. She has been moved to room 218 at Valley View and is on Hospice care. Visitors are welcome. Please pray for peace and comfort for Jane and the entire family.

There will be a **Building Fund offering** next Sunday, Feb. 26.

This Tuesday, February 21 is our day to contribute canned soup and boxed macaroni/cheese to **Backyard Club**. Have your donations on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 AM on Tuesday.

We are collecting ice melt for Shelter Services in February. Please place your donation in the blue container in the foyer **by next Sunday, Feb. 26**.

Nelson Kraybill is our speaker for spring renewal meetings. If you would have interest in providing **lodging**, let Alan Kauffman know by March 5. Nelson would like a bedroom that has a desk. A meal sign-up sheet will be posted soon.

On Saturday evening, March 25, at 5:00, we are having a fun evening planned of “**Soup & Scoop and Group Scoop**”. The “Soup and Scoop” is the food part of our evening, when we will have a variety of soups, snacks and ice cream to scoop. The “Group Scoop” is a time to learn “the scoop” about our Maple Grove family. But we need your help. If you have a hobby or something that you have collected over the years that you would be willing talk about for 5 – 10 minutes, we need you to be part of the Group Scoop. We are hoping to have at least 5 people share. Please let a member of the Worship Committee know by March 1 if you can participate or if you have questions. The members are: Alan Kauffman, Kristin Kauffman, Nancy Kauffman, Sheila Penepacker and Jason Yoder.

Jane Neff, the director of Shelter Services in Lewistown would be interested in seeing more Bible studies happening at the shelter. **Bible study leaders are needed** who are willing to take a time slot once a month or once a week to lead Bible studies at the shelter. The time slot could be morning, afternoon or evening. You

don't need to be a professional, all it takes is a love for Jesus, a willing heart and a commitment to doing your best for the glory of God. It can be something as simple as reading from a devotional and having a prayer. For more information talk to your pastor or contact Jane Neff, email, janeshelterservice@gmail.com or 717-248-0102.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Josh & Morgan Detwiler	Rhoda Campbell & Sarah Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Erin Byler & JoAnn Byler	Sheila & Amber Penepacker
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	Kurt Rheam
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Nate Kauffman South Door: Kurt Rheam	Foyer: Sandy Tussey 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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