

**Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church
March 5, 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	Deb Durst
Focus Statement	Ed Yoder
Call to Worship	
Hymns & Greetings	Tim Peachey
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Children's Lesson	Betsy Yoder
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Sermon	"Just Say No" Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

The **flowers** beside the communion table this morning are in memory of Jane Yoder and are presented by the family.

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

February 26, 2017		
Offering	Building Fund	Attendance
\$2,247.25	\$275.00	SS:63 WS: 101

Next Week's Text: Genesis 12:1-4

This Week:

Monday, March 6, 6:00 PM - Volleyball in FH
Monday, March 6, 6:30 PM - Ministerial Team Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 8, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
Thursday, March 9 - Women's Day Sewing
Thurs., Mar. 9, 6:30-8:30 PM - Adventure Club Skating in Lwtn.

Looking Ahead:

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
May 19-20 - Central PA Clinic Fund Raiser Dinner and Auction

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Ken & Betty Hartzler and Earl & Peggy Yoder
- ◆ Jane Yoder died early Tuesday morning this past week. Continue to thank God for the gift of Jane's life and continue praying for the family as they begin adjusting to life without her.
- ◆ This past Wednesday was Ash Wednesday and today is the first Sunday of Lent. Our theme for this year is, "Restore us, Oh God". Pray for restoration.
- ◆ Our voting begins today for our affiliation with Allegheny Mennonite Conference. Continue to keep this matter in prayer.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Give thanks for our church family who celebrates when we are rejoicing and helps to carry our burdens when we are hurting.
- ◆ The Women's Sewing resumes again this Thursday. Thank God for the many that have and still benefit from this dedicated group of women in our church.

- ◆ Jane Yoder constantly reminded us that whatever we may be going through, “God is so good!” Praise God for His goodness in your life today.

Ballots for the vote on our **affiliation with Allegheny Mennonite Conference** are under the mailboxes. There are also envelopes for you to place your ballot in or ballots in as a family. Each ballot will need to be signed. *Any unsigned ballots will not be counted.* All ballots need to be returned to the office by noon, Sunday, March 19. Please note that for the vote to pass, we need 2/3 who would “Agree”, since this would require a change in our constitution. Also, if the vote passes to withdraw, the withdrawal would not be immediate. It would officially happen once a decision would be made on another affiliation/conference and once that conference/affiliation would officially accept Maple Grove into its membership.

We will be collecting **30 gallon garbage bags** through March 26 for the Shelter Services in Lewistown. The donation bin is in the foyer.

This year’s **Vacation Bible School** will follow the same schedule as last year. VBS will be held Wednesday evenings, July 19 & 26 and August 2 & 9 from 6-8 PM for ages 4 through completion of 5th grade. A light supper will be held each evening. The theme this year will be Joshua and the Battle of Jericho. Lisa Rheam and Amber Penepacker will be making contacts to line up helpers over the next few weeks.

Today is the last day to let Alan know if you would like to provide **lodging** for Nelson Kraybill who will be our speaker for spring renewal meetings. Nelson would like a bedroom that has a desk. A meal sign-up sheet will be posted in a week or two.

Don’t forget our “Soup & Scoop and Group Scoop” night on Saturday, March 25, at 5:00. **More details next week.**

The Belleville Fire Co. is holding a **Food Safety Class** through the PA Dept. of Ag on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Union Township Activity Room. Anyone involved in food preparation, especially persons involved with Meals on Wheels or any kind of public dinners are encouraged to attend. The class is free and open to the public.

The Belleville Fire Co. is having a **Sausage/Pancake breakfast** on Sat., March 18 from 7:00-11:00 AM in the Union Twp. Activity Room. Cost is \$5.00/person and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

The next **Dementia Support Group meeting** will be held Monday, March 6 at 3:30 PM in the Terrace Activities Room.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Esther Hartzler & Sarah Yoder	Erin Byler & JoAnn Byler
Nursery - Worship	Pearl Stanbrough & Kendra Peachey	Josh & Morgan Detwiler
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	Matt Kauffman
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Kurt Rheam South Door: Nate Kauffman	Foyer: Ray Yoder South Door: Sandy Tussey

Pastor Alan Kauffman M-T-W-F 8:00am-Noon
Associate Pastor Herb Zook Th 8:00am-Noon
Ministers All members of the church

“Gathered to know Jesus, sent to make Jesus known”