

Herb and Marlene would like to **thank** the Maple Grove family for their prayers, sympathy, thoughts, cards, hugs, food and love shown during the passing of our brother Marlin.

Words cannot express our **gratitude** for the prayers, cards, food, visits, love and support you've shown all of us during the past months and continue to show us. Thank you for carrying us through this journey.
Ray, Jason, Krissy and families

Thank you to the Maple Grove family for the prayers, cards, calls, and Herb's visit to Mount Nittany Medical Center while I was recovering from pneumonia. The delivery of soup and an afternoon of child care were truly appreciated. Love is action. Blessings.

Rod & Sue Farrell

Maundy Thursday Service (April 13)

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 and an alms offering. *Volunteers are needed to make barley soup.* Please contact Jeri Schwartz at 935-0057 or 437-1168.

Easter (April 16)

- ◆ 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 Herb.

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday, April 2.

Maple Grove will be responsible for **Meals on Wheels** Tuesday and Thursday, April 4 & 6 and 11 & 13.

Due today:

- ◆ Your check to renew your subscription for The Mennonite, payable to Maple Grove Church.
- ◆ 30 gallon garbage bags for Shelter Services.

Nelson Kraybill will be here for spring meetings Sunday, April 9 through Tuesday, April 11. A **meal sign-up sheet** has been posted for the noon and evening meals. Please note his dietary restrictions.

Save The Date: On Thursday, August 24 we are planning to take the van to a Phillies game. There are currently six tickets available, but more can be purchased if necessary. The cost would be no more than \$30 for the ticket. We would likely leave around 7:30 AM and return around 9:00 PM with a meal each way. Contact Alan Kauffman if you are interested.

A "Taste of Ecuador" is coming to Big Valley on April 11th!! Join Dion Peachey at the Taste of the Valley on Tuesday, April 11 for a walk-in coffee house from 6 to 9PM to learn about the Peachey's ministry in Ecuador. Special presentations will be given by Dion in English at 7PM, and in Spanish at 7:30 PM. Ecuadorian coffee, hot chocolate, and cookies will be served. Questions can be directed to Louise Byler (814) 667-2376.

The 61st annual Western PA and West MD **MDS fellowship meal and meeting** will be held on April 6th at the Pleasant Valley Community Center, in Oakland, MD. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM followed by the meeting. If you are planning to attend, please contact John S. Yoder at 483-6550 by March 30. Directions and additional details are on the bulletin board.

The **Monday Nite Seniors** will meet tomorrow evening, March 27, at 5:30 PM in the social room of West Kish Presbyterian Church for their annual pork & sauerkraut dinner. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. All those aged 60 and above are invited to attend. A short program on scam artists will begin at 6:00 PM led by a local police officer. Hope to see you there.

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ Thank you note from Big Valley Meals on Wheels

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Sheila & Amber Penepacker	Rhoda Campbell & Esther Hartzler
Nursery - Worship	Jason & Sarah Yoder	Kristin Kauffman & Erin Byler
Sound Technician	Kurt Rheam	Jared Byler
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Sandy Tussey South Door: Ray Yoder	Foyer: Kurt Rheam South Door: Nate Kauffman

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

Congregational Meeting, April 2, 2017
 Proposed Agenda

Meet in table groups with a table facilitator and recorder at each table.

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Devotional
- ◆ Time for sharing thoughts, reflections, affirmations, concerns and pains related to decision about affiliation with Allegheny Mennonite Conference.
- ◆ Time for further discussion about the Mediation Process Report
- ◆ Where are we at in the process of living together as God’s people at Maple Grove? *At the tables invite people to identify remaining concerns; think about any steps they have taken to build closeness in the church body, such as taking any of the “acts of risk”; be willing to make personal commitments for what they will do to strengthen God’s work at Maple Grove. Tables will be given an opportunity to share with the entire group.*
- ◆ Return to the question of how we live together as the body of Christ with our differences
- ◆ Prayer and dismissal.

Statements that can be made as an act of risk:

1. Statements that acknowledge hurt or concern
2. Statements of desire to be restored.
3. Statements of apology or confession
4. Statements acknowledging the good intentions of the other.
5. Statements of what one would do differently if one had a second chance.