
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

April 2, 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		CD
Focus Statement		Ed Yoder
Call to Worship		
Hymns & Greetings		Andrea Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements		
Prayer & Offering		
Children's Lesson		Betsy Yoder
Lent Song	"You Are All We Have"	Primary Dept.
Sharing & Prayer		
Video Song	"Come Alive (Dry Bones)"	
Scripture Reading	Ezekiel 37:1-14	
Sermon	"Come Alive! Come Alive!"	Alan Kauffman
Response Song		
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.

Tonight: Congregational meeting with Nelson Yoder at 6:30 in the FH. Come prepared to continue our conversation about relevant mediation issues. See the proposed agenda included in the bulletin.

March 26, 2017	
Offering	Attendance
\$2,952.00	SS: 85 WS: 109

Next Week's Text: Psalm 30:1-5; John 5:1-9; James 5:14-15

This Week:

Monday, April 3, 6:30 PM - Ministerial Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 - Women's Day Sewing

Tuesday, April 4, 6:30 PM - Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 PM - Missions Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting

Sunday, April 9 - Kendra Peachey bridal shower in FH in afternoon

Looking Ahead:

April 9-11 - Nelson Kraybill-Spring Meetings - *SS in auditorium*

April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service

(love feast/communion/foot washing)

April 16 - Easter Breakfast at 8:30, Worship at 10:00 *No SS*

April 17 - Alan's Sabbatical Begins

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

June 4 - Outdoor Service at Creekside at 10:00 *No SS*

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Leroy & Delores Kanagy and Ada Yoder
- ◆ Pray for our meeting with Nelson Yoder this evening.
- ◆ Pray for Alan Kauffman and the different leadership groups as details are finalized before sabbatical.
- ◆ Marv Friesen announced his resignation at University Mennonite last Sunday, effective in December of this year. Pray for them over the next months.
- ◆ Steve Sauder, former pastor of Gortner Union Church (which used to be part of Allegheny Mennonite Conference) was diagnosed with an aggressive form of lymphoma. Pray for Steve, his wife Anna and the family.
- ◆ John and Michelle Sharp's son Michael (MJ) was found dead this week, after having been abducted a few weeks ago in the Congo. Hold that family in your prayers.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Give thanks for the good times we have with our church family.
- ◆ Our theme for Lent is: “Restore Us, Oh God.” Give thanks for any restoration work God is doing in your life.
- ◆ Give thanks for the children who eagerly share their gifts and smiles with us.

Senior Birthdays This Week

Marie Werner	April 4
John Kauffman	April 5
“Uncle” Bob Reitz	April 5
Louis Peachey	April 7

The new ferns in the planted boxes at the front of the auditorium are in **memory of Roxanne Paden** who died three years ago on April 1st. They are given by her dad, mom and sister.

To share words of comfort and encouragement with John & Michelle Sharp, their **address** is 213 Kingsway, Hesston, KS 67062.

Found: Glasses lens. Claim in the office.

During the month of April we will be collecting **laundry detergent and bleach** for Shelter Services. Thank you for your support of our monthly collections for the homeless shelter!

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.

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

Today is the **last day** to sign up if you are interested in hosting Nelson Kraybill for a noon or evening meal. Please note his dietary restrictions.

On Thursday, August 24 we are planning to take the van to a **Phillies game**. The cost would be no more than \$30 for the ticket. There are *three tickets left*. We would likely leave around 7:30 AM and return around 9:00 PM with a meal each way. Contact Alan Kauffman ASAP if you are interested so we will know if more tickets are needed. *This is open to women as well as men.*

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 next **Dementia Support Group** meeting is Monday April 3, at 3:30 PM in the Terrace Activities Rom.

Kenyan Children and Single Moms' Project Update: Thank you for your support of the pulled pork fundraiser. Funds received during the fundraiser totaled \$5,491.00. A friend of the Kenyan Project has donated a beautiful handmade quilt to be with the proceeds to help serve the children and single moms of Eldoret, Kenya. Silent bids will be taken until April 28. The quilt is on display at Yoder's Tees and More in Belleville. For more information, call 717.935.2164 or 717.437.4946.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Rhoda Campbell & Esther Hartzler	Krissy Bonson & Sarah Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Kristin Kauffman & Erin Byler	Pearl Stanbrough & Sarah Yoder
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



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

Community Pancake Breakfast Trivia

- The first community pancake breakfast at Maple Grove was held in March of 2010.
- Approximately 25 people showed up for the very first breakfast.
- During the first year we served breakfast from 8am till 10am. One year later, in March of 2011 the hours changed to 7:00am to 9:30am.
- The number of diners jumped to 88 in March of 2011 and then to 100 in April of 2011.
- Sometime later we started serving at 6:30 and the number of people coming continued to grow.
- In the first year we averaged 35 people served, and the second year the number more than doubled to 85. In the third year it jumped to 159.
- The highest average attendance was 177 which occurred in 2014.
- The last three years of the event averaged between 166 and 172.
- The total number of people served through the seven years was 10,604.
- Assuming the average person ate 3 pancakes at the breakfast, the total number of pancakes eaten comes close to 32,000!
- The highest number of people served in one day was 221 in June of 2016, when Herb went to Detroit on a Maple Grove MDS trip. ☺

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 Allegany Mennonite Conference.
- ◆ Time for 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.

"I am the Lord Who Heals You"

Nelson Kraybill will be here for spring meetings next Sunday, April 9 – Tuesday, April 11. The theme of his messages will be "I am the Lord who heals you". Additional information about each session is listed below.

Sunday:

Sunday School in auditorium at 9:30 AM - "*Why have you Forsaken me?*" Inner healing, dealing with guilt, anger, abuse, low self-esteem, failure, and the struggle to trust God. (Psalm 22:1-11; 2 Cor. 12:1-10)

Worship Service at 10:30 AM– "*Stand up and Walk*". My encounter with death, life and whole-being recovery through bypass heart surgery in 2016. All healing comes from God whether through "faith healing" or through medical arts. (Psalm 30:1-5; John 5:1-9; James 5:14-15)

Evening Service at 7:00 – "*We Heal when we Forgive*". Anger and bitterness may be appropriate responses when we are wronged, but it is destructive to our own bodies and souls to stay there. (1 Sam. 24; John 20:19-22)

Monday Evening at 7:00

"*Wounded by the Faith Community*". We who care deeply about faith and about the church feel the wounds of church conflict most deeply. (2 Cor. 1:3-11)

Tuesday Evening at 7:00

"*For the Healing of the Nations*". Our witness as global citizens brings together evangelism and peacemaking. (Isaiah 2: 2-5; Revelation 22:1-6; 16-17)