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**Maple Grove Mennonite Church**

**April 16, 2017**

No Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship Service

*Nursery care is provided during SS and the worship service for infants through age 3*

Prelude	Easter CD
Focus Statement	Ed Yoder
Call to Worship	
Hymns & Greetings	Andrea Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Lent Theme Song	Primary Dept./Congregation
Children's Lesson	Betsy Yoder
Special Music	Wyatt Kauffman
Sharing & Prayer	
Receiving New Members	Alan Kauffman
	John & Jenny Baker
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	John 20:1-18
Sermon	<i>"While It Was Still Dark"</i> Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Sabbatical Prayer for Alan	Herb Zook
Final Blessing	Alan & Herb
Sending Song	

<b>April 9, 2017</b>		
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Spring Meetings</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
\$2,878.00	\$483.00	SS: 67 WS: 122

**Senior Birthday This Week**

Esther Kauffman

April 20

**Next Week's Text:** Luke 24:13-35

**This Week:**

April 17 - Alan's Sabbatical Begins

Wed., April, 18, 6:30 PM - Sing at Valley View

Wed., April, 18 - Allensville Youth Volleyball in FH in evening

Thurs., April 20, 6:00 PM - Adventure Club Bowling

**Looking Ahead:**

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

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

June 11, 18, 25 - My Coins Count Offerings (Penny Power)

June 18 - Music Sunday

July 19, 26, Aug. 2, 9 - Vacation Bible School

**Prayer Concerns:**

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Alan & Nancy Kauffman and Marie Werner.
- ◆ Herb Zook will be preaching next Sunday. Keep him in your prayers as he prepares.
- ◆ Pray for those you know who have not yet "seen the Lord".
- ◆ Pray for those in need of any form of healing.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Christ the Lord has risen today. . . Hallelujah!
- ◆ Tuesday is "Tax-Due-Day". Give to Caesar what is Caesar's; but let no debt remain outstanding except the ongoing debt of love to God and others.
- ◆ Give thanks for the messages we heard this past week from Nelson Kraybill (Sunday – Tuesday) and Nelson Yoder (Thursday).

**Thank you all** so very much for graciously giving me some extensive Sabbath time over the next months. I covet your prayers for renewal, refreshment and re-creation. I will keep you close to my heart in prayer as well. God bless each of you. Alan Kauffman

We would love to **thank** all our marvelous barley soup makers for making Maundy Thursday a great evening to enjoy with the church family. Thank you Ruby, Marlene, Freida, Helen G., Helen P., and Thelma. Now I have the recipe too! Hugs to you all!

Marjorie and Jeri

This coming Tuesday, April 18 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 Tuesday morning.

There will be a **mission offering** next Sunday for the college scholarship fund.

Applications are available in the church office for college students who would like to apply for a **scholarship**. The deadline for applications is May 28.

On Wednesday, April 26 at 6:00 PM, we are planning another ladies night out at Nancy Kinsinger's at 406 Center Lane, Valley View Village. If you have questions, contact Ruby Yoder, Esther Hartzler or Sheila Penepacker.

The **Adventure Club** will be bowling at Lewistown Lanes this coming Thursday evening beginning at 6:30. We will be taking the church van and leaving from the church at 6:00. We will return to the church at 8:30. Come join us!!

Herb will be **out of the area** from noon Thursday, April 20 to Saturday, evening, April 22. Contact a member of the Ministerial Team with pastoral concerns.

During the month of April we are collecting **laundry detergent and bleach** for Shelter Services.

Everence Financial will present the informational seminar, ***Make Sense of your Medicare Choices***, at 6:30 PM. on Monday, April 24. Lisa Luft, Client Relationship Representative, will speak on Medicare, provide instructions on how to enroll, explain your options if you continue to work and answer related questions. The seminar will take place at Valley View Retirement Community, 4702 E. Main St., Belleville. To reserve a spot, contact Lisa Luft at (717) 697-1728 or [lisa.luft@everence.com](mailto:lisa.luft@everence.com).

**Gospel Echoes Prison Ministry Banquet** will be held May, 8 at 6:30 PM at BMS. Needed are 5 persons to fill a table hosted by Herb & Marlene Zook, Maple Grove Representatives. The cost of a ticket is \$8 for the meal. A love offering will be received for the prison ministry. Come and enjoy an evening of music and learn more about their prison ministry in Goshen, IN.

Quest Diagnostics will perform **Omega Health Screenings** at Locust Grove Church on Saturday, May 13, from 7:00 – 9:30 AM. Please pre-register by calling 1-800-776-6342. Additional details including cost and screenings are on the bulletin board. Brochures are also available under the bulletin board.

**The BMS Auction** will be held Fri., April 21 and Sat., April 22, at the school. Friday evening will feature a homemade traditional turkey dinner from 4:00-7:00 and the Gift Certificate Auction at 6:00. Saturday will feature breakfast served from 6:30-10:00 the Merchandise Auction will begin at 8:30. A complete listing of auction items can be found at [www.bmsprek12.org](http://www.bmsprek12.org).

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting **Donkey Basketball** on Saturday, April 15 at 7:00 PM! Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. A concession stand will be available. To purchase tickets or for more information contact the school, 717.935.2184.

Do you want to use your life to make a profound impact for others? Consider becoming a Home Nursing Agency volunteer for the **Family Hospice** program. Family Hospice has the right opportunity to fit your schedule, skills, and comfort level. Volunteers offer companionship and show compassion as they support hospice patients and their families, both during the hospice care journey and after the patients have passed away. Some volunteers have hands-on roles visiting patients to provide relief and support for family members. Family Hospice also welcomes those who would prefer to work “behind the scenes” by assisting with clerical duties in the office, reaching out to grieving family members through phone calls or notes, or making weekly phone calls to ensure patients/caregivers have what they need for upcoming weekends. Volunteers can do many of these things from their own homes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 1-800-445-6262 or visit [www.homenursingagency.com](http://www.homenursingagency.com).

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	No SS	Erin Byler & Sarah Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Jason & Sarah Yoder	Kendra Peachey & 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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## Commissioning for Sabbatical

L: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

**C: Alan, we work together in ministry here at Maple Grove Mennonite Church, and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "It is good."**

L: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry here and throughout the world.

**C: We will miss you, even as we continue to carry out the ministry to which we are called with faith, joy, hope and love. As you enjoy your Sabbath time, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.**

P: I, too, look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in my ministry.

**C: Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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