

SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST 10-12, 2018

***MAPLE GROVE
MENNONITE
CHURCH***

150TH

***ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION***

More details coming soon!

***Welcome to
Maple Grove Mennonite Church***

September 24, 2017

Maple Grove Mennonite Church is a community of persons committed to Jesus Christ and His teachings. We live to share the good news of God's love by word and deed with our neighbors, community and the world, promoting peace, justice and mercy for all. We express our faith through worship, nurture, fellowship and service.



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Maple Grove Mennonite Church

September 24, 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		Worship Team
Call to Worship		Carol Yoder
Worship in Song		Worship Team
Visitors & Church Announcements		
Conference Affiliation Recommendation		Ray Yoder/ Ministerial Team
Prayer & Offering		
Sharing & Prayer		
Scripture Reading	I Corinthians 12:12-26	
Sermon	"After an Accident"	Alan Kauffman
Response Song		
Final Blessing		
Sending Song		

September 17, 2017	
Offering	Attendance
\$2,738.00	SS: 89 WS: 113

This Week:

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting

Next Week's Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Looking Ahead:

- Oct. 1 - Communion (SS Shortened by 10 minutes)
- Oct. 2 - CPYM Banquet in FH (more details on bulletin board)
- Oct. 6 - BMS Faith Promise Dinner
- Oct. 21 - Mennonite Heritage Center Amish Wedding Meal at LG
- Oct. 28 - Gator Camp Fund Raiser Dinner at Locust Grove

Nov. 5 - All Saints Day Service

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Barb Boylan and Jeff & Jeri Young
- ◆ Pray for and be Good Samaritans for those suffering from natural disasters.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Alan Kauffman and Ron Stanbrough had positive medical news this week. Rejoice with them and their families.

Our **fall communion** service will be held next Sunday, October 1. Sunday School will be shortened by 10 minutes to allow adequate time for the service. The alms offering will be for future alms needs. If you are unable to be present that day and would like to receive the emblems in your home, contact the office. *Reminder to Ministerial Team: Meet at the front of the auditorium at 9:15.*

At the most recent Ministerial Team meeting, a decision was made to soon begin offering **prayer** for anyone who wishes, at the front of the auditorium following the service. They are seeking people who would like to participate in praying for others. Contact Alan Kauffman if you have interest or questions.

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday.

We are starting to work on our **Operation Christmas Child** project for this year. Last year we shipped approximately 150 boxes and our goal this year is 200 boxes! You can place your gift donations in the box in the foyer any time during the next month. *Note: This year we are not permitted to include toothpaste or candy.* If you prefer that we do the shopping, you may give monetary donations or checks payable to Erin Byler. Funds received may also be used to help with shipping costs. Thank you in advance for your support!

When Alan was sharing about his bike accident and his "**Good Samaritan**", it came to me that perhaps the whole congregation feels as appreciative of Bill's kind acts as I do and we could send him a "thank you" card with our names on it. I will have a card with me this Sunday Sept. 24th and next Sunday, Oct. 1st. I will be at the South door this Sunday after church shaking hands and in the fellowship hall after church Oct. 1st for the fellowship meal. I will also have a half sheet of paper in every adult Sunday School class room both Sundays for you to sign there if you wish. Use the back of the paper if needed and write a little note along with your name if you wish. I will send the papers to him Monday morning, Oct. 2nd. If you get a bulletin and are not able to get to church, but you want me to sign your name, please call me and I will do it for you. I am sure you are as thankful as I am for what this man did for our pastor and our brother in Christ. Let's tell him! Lynn Peachey

The **CPYM Banquet** is on Monday, Oct. 2 at the Maple Grove fellowship hall at 6:30 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Chris Tatom at 317-403-0905 or for more information.

The **Mission Committee** is collecting donations for MCC relief kits. MCC put out an urgent plea for these kits. We hope to be able to provide at least 100 kits. You may donate a complete kit or provide money for the kits which we would then purchase. We will be accepting donations until the end of October. *The Mission Committee can purchase a complete kit for \$15.*

Baby Bottle Boomerang: Crossroads Pregnancy Center's baby bottle fund raiser will be running for the next month. Baby bottles are available on the bench in the foyer and filled bottles can be returned there by Oct. 15.

Today is the **last Sunday** to collect toilet bowl cleaner and dish soap for the Homeless Shelter.

After our summer break, the **Monday Nite Seniors** will meet tomorrow evening, September 25th at 5:30 PM in the social room of West Kish. We will be having ham and ask that you bring a covered dish to share. We hope to have entertainment, but it has not yet been confirmed. All those aged 60 and above are invited to attend.

Calling all quilters from beginner to expert! Fall quilting for the annual BMS Auction will be held October 9-13 at Oakwood Centre, Valley View. If you have a quilt top to be donated for quilting please contact Juli Sunderland ([814-667-2511](tel:814-667-2511)), Jewel Peachey ([717-667-9308](tel:717-667-9308)) or Michelle Byler ([717-935-5485](tel:717-935-5485)).

Hide-n-Seek Christian Daycare in Lewistown is hiring **Full Time and Part Time Teachers!** Applicants should be energetic, dependable, and enjoy working with children from infancy through school age in a Christian atmosphere. Applicants with a Bachelors or Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field preferred. Minimum of 2 years of experience required (babysitting, volunteer, paid). Application available at www.gccl Lewistown.com or submit resume to allison.hidenseek@gmail.com 717-248-7837.

Bulletin Board

- ◆ Thank you note from Shelter Services for personal care items & cleaners

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Sheila Penepacker & Krissy Bonson	Erin Byler & JoAnn Byler
Nursery - Worship	Doug & Kay Peachey	Josh & Morgan Detwiler
Sound Technician	Kurt Rheam	John Baker
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Joyce Rheam South Door: Lynn Peachey	Foyer: Sandy Tussey South Door: Kurt Rheam

"Gathered to know Jesus, sent to make Jesus known"

Conference Affiliation Recommendation

On March 19th of this year, Maple Grove voted by a 90.4% vote to withdraw our membership from Allegheny Mennonite Conference, once another conference affiliation was identified and we were received by that conference.

Through past discernment and current discussion, the Ministerial Team, at their most recent meeting on September 19, 2017, voted unanimously to recommend membership affiliation with Lancaster Mennonite Conference for you to take action on.

Since conference affiliation is stated in our constitution, approval of affiliation with Lancaster Mennonite Conference will require a vote equal to or greater than 2/3.

The following statements represent some of the reasons the Ministerial Team reached their decision to recommend membership affiliation with Lancaster Mennonite Conference, as opposed to other options considered:

1. Effective January 1, 2018, Lancaster Mennonite Conference will no longer be a member of Mennonite Church USA.
2. Almost all the other Mennonite Churches in this community belong to the same conference. Joining Lancaster Mennonite Conference gives an additional Mennonite option for people seeking a church.
3. Women have the opportunity for ordination in Lancaster Mennonite Conference.
4. We would remain within a couple of hours from the central conference office.
5. A central PA district is currently being formed in Lancaster Mennonite Conference, which will include congregational oversight.

If you have questions about these or other things related to Lancaster Mennonite Conference, please contact Alan Kauffman, another member of the Ministerial Team or go to the Lancaster Mennonite Conference website for the most complete listing of information.

Ballots and envelopes for this vote will be found under the mailboxes beginning next Sunday, October 1, and will need to be signed and returned no later than noon, Sunday, October 15th. Sometime on the 15th, a phonetree message will be sent out, informing the congregation of the results.

The ballot you will be voting on will read: “The Ministerial Team unanimously recommends that the Maple Grove Mennonite Church pursue membership affiliation with Lancaster Mennonite Conference.”

_____ I support the recommendation

_____ I cannot support the recommendation

Comments:

The Ministerial Team asks that you commit this decision to prayer over the next few weeks as we continue to discern our future together.

Ministerial Team members: Alan Kauffman, Lynn Peachey, Joyce Rheam, Kurt Rheam, Sandy Tussey, Ray Yoder, Lavern Yutzey