

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

*October 1, 2017*

***World Communion Sunday***

*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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**October 1, 2017**

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:20 AM Worship Service

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

Prelude Deb Durst

Call to Worship Jared Byler

Hymns & Greetings Tim Peachey

*“Every Day Will I Bless Thee”* (back of bulletin)

HWB #617 *“Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross”*

Visitors & Church Announcements

Prayer & Offering

Sharing & Prayer

Worship in Song

HFF #266 *“Nothing but the Blood”*

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon *“When Snow White Met Dirty”* Alan Kauffman

Communion

Invitation & Preparation Prayer

Receiving from our Lord

Bread & Cup

*(During this time, children are invited to the front with Alan)*

Opportunities for Response

Alms Offering *(For future alms needs)*

Scripture Reading John 13:1-17 Ray Yoder

Foot Washing

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.

September 24, 2017			
Offering	Mission	Building Fund	Attendance
\$3,218.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	SS:74 WS:101

**This Week:**

Monday, Oct. 2, 6:30 PM – CPYM Banquet in FH

Tuesday, Oct. 3 – Women’s Day Sewing

Tuesday, Oct. 3, 6:30 PM – Worship Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 PM – Ministerial Team Meeting

**Next Week’s Text:** Matthew 21:33-46

**Looking Ahead:**

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: Scott, Emily, Jacob & Lydia Brown and Zelda Yoder
- ◆ Ron Stanbrough has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Continue to lift Ron and Pearl in prayer.
- ◆ Ken Litwiller’s father died on August 18 at Hopedale Nursing Home in Hopedale, IL. Remember the family.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Clement and Celeste Lodiong are celebrating the birth of their daughter Eliana (7 lb. 3 oz.) born Sept. 26. Rejoice with them and the extended family.

Ballots for the vote on our **conference affiliation** are under the mailboxes today. 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, October 15. Please note that for the vote to pass, we need 2/3 who would “Support the recommendation”, since this would require a change in our

constitution. Sometime on the 15<sup>th</sup>, a phonetree message will be sent out, informing the congregation of the results.

During the month of October, we will be collecting **deodorant and toothpaste** for Shelter Services.

**Other Maple Grove Mission Opportunities:**

- ◆ Donations for MCC relief kits to Mission Comm. or office
- ◆ Baby Bottle Boomerang for Crossroads Pregnancy Center
- ◆ Donations for Operation Christmas Child to Erin Byler

Today is the **last day to write a thank you** note to Alan’s Good Samaritan following his bike accident. There are sheets in each SS classroom, one on the bulletin board, and Lynn will have one at the fellowship meal. If you are not able to get to church, but want Lynn to sign your name, please call and she will do it for you. Let’s tell Bill Smith how thankful we are for what he did for our pastor!

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.

**Volunteer Opportunity, Washington DC:** The practice of hospitality to those who come to us as strangers and leave as friends is at the basis of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. We are in particular need of twelve-month host volunteers beginning April 2018. (Those serving a full year receive a monthly stipend and health insurance while all other volunteers receive full room and board.) Rotating duties include cleaning, maintenance, baking, gardening, and interacting with guests at breakfast & the evening tea. The three-pronged focus for volunteers is on hospitality to guests, being in community with one another, and your own

personal time exploring our historic city. We are located in a friendly, established neighborhood with easy access to public transportation. Former volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington have found it to be a life-changing experience. This 50 year-old Christian ministry is under the auspices of the Allegheny Conference. For information or application, please contact Sara at [sarafretzgoering@gmail.com](mailto:sarafretzgoering@gmail.com) or [igh.dc.us@gmail.com](mailto:igh.dc.us@gmail.com).

The next meeting of the **Dementia Support Group** will be held on Monday, Oct. 2 at 3:30 PM in the Terrace Activities Room.

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
Nursery - SS	Erin Byler & JoAnn Byler	Kristin Kauffman & Sheila Penepacker
Nursery - Worship	Josh & Morgan Detwiler & Veru Farrell	Pearl Stanbrough & Esther Hartzler
Sound Technician	John Baker	John Baker
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Sandy Tussey South Door: Kurt Rheam	Foyer: Lavern Yutzy South Door: Ray Yoder

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

*Communion Prayer*

*Almighty and merciful God, I have sinned and strayed from your ways like a stubborn and lost sheep. I have, at times, followed my desires, not Yours. I have offended You in ways known and unknown to me. I have neglected my duties and committed evil against You and others. Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner. Thank You for the promise that as I confess my sins to You, You are faithful and just and will forgive me. And help me to forgive others. As I receive these gifts of bread and cup, may they sustain me and be life-giving, and may I remember all You have done for me in and through Jesus. I want to become more like Him. These things I pray. Amen.*