

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

December 3, 2017
First Sunday of Advent

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.



“Let it Be”



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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

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| Prelude | Deb Durst |
| Focus Statement | Jason Yoder |
| <i>We awaken to God's purpose, which begins in darkness-whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty.</i> | |
| Candle Lighting | JoAnn Byler |
| Welcome & Opening | Jason Yoder |
| Hymns & Greetings | Tim Peachey |
| HFF #377 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” | |
| HFF #169 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” | |
| Visitors & Church Announcements | |
| Prayer & Offering | |
| Children's Lesson | Nancy Kauffman |
| Dismissal of Children for Christmas Program Practice | |
| Sharing & Prayer | |
| Worship in Song “Come, Bring your Burdens to God” (Insert) | |
| Scripture Reading | Mark 13:24-37 |
| Sermon | “When the World Goes Dark” Alan Kauffman |
| Response Song | |
| Wisdom & Wonder, Act 1 | Alan Kauffman & Wyatt Kauffman |
| 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.

| November 26, 2017 | | |
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| Offering | Building Fund | Attendance |
| \$2,202.00 | \$250.00 | SS: 74 WS: 101 |

This Week:

Tuesday, Dec. 5 - Women’s Day Sewing
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
Thursday, Dec. 7, 10 AM-Noon - Play Group in FH
Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 AM-6PM - Jeri Young fund raiser in FH
Sunday, Dec. 10, Noon-5:00 PM - Glick Christmas in FH

Looking Ahead:

December 10 - Primary Dept. Christmas Program
December 24 - Christmas Eve Program
December 31 - Keith Weaver (Lancaster Conf. Moderator) here
January 21 - Pulpit Exchange (Sherman Stoltzfus here)

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Dan & Deb Durst and Betty Yoder

Visitors: Welcome and thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. If you are new to our church and would like to know more about us, let our pastor know as you leave today and he will give you a visitor’s packet.

I cannot **thank you** all enough for the loving prayers, and thoughtful letters I received while in treatment. At a time when I felt overwhelming guilt, shame, and remorse you reached out and made me feel loved. That love you showed me gave me a sense of faith and humility that continues to grow stronger every day. Words are not enough to express my thankfulness.

Best Regards, Zach Peachey

A very **BIG thank you** to all the great bakers, good helpers, Clayton and Sheila for the amazing sauerkraut, and Loren and Wanda for the awesome chicken corn soup. We had a very nice Christmas Open

House Church Bazaar. We raised \$426 for the kitchen fund. Thanks again for all the hard work. God is Perfect!

Jeri Young

Grace Yoder’s **new address** is: 196 South Main St., Apt. 103, Lewistown, PA 17044. Her phone number is 717-436-2466.

You may still bring **mittens and gloves** for our tree in the foyer. They will be donated to Shelter Services.

The Barrville Mennonite Church is hosting the Sky Family for a **Celtic Christmas Program**. The concert will be on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13 at 6:30 PM and the church is located at 48 Barrville Mountain Road, Reedsville PA. There is no cost to attend and a free will offering will be taken to assist in the music and ministry of the Sky family.

The next **Dementia Support Group Meeting** will be held on Monday, December 4, at 3:30 PM in the Terrace Activities Room.

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Nursery – SS | Erin Byler & JoAnn Byler | Kristin Kauffman & Esther Hartzler |
| Nursery-Worship | Pearl Stanbrough & Rhoda Campbell | Sheila & Amber Penepacker |
| Sound Technician | Jared Byler | Matt Kauffman |
| Ministerial Team Greeters | Foyer: Kurt Rheam South Door: Sandy Tussey | Foyer: Ray Yoder South Door: Lavern Yutzy |

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