

# *Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church*

*December 10, 2017  
Second 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 So”***



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## **Maple Grove Mennonite Church December 10, 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*

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Prelude	Worship Team
Focus Statement	Jason Yoder
<i>We long to be comforted, we long for change. Moving from uncertainty and fear, we call upon God to make things ready – the mountains leveled, the paths made straight, our hearts prepared.</i>	
Candle Lighting	Sue Farrell
Welcome & Opening	Jason Yoder
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 40:3-5 Alan Kauffman
Wisdom & Wonder, Act 2	Alan Kauffman & Wyatt Kauffman
Children's Lesson	Nancy Kauffman
Dismissal of Children for Christmas Program Preparation	
Worship in Song	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Sharing & Prayer	
Children's Program	<i>“The Savior's Birth”</i> (see insert)
Final Blessing	Primary Dept.
Sending Song	<i>“Joy to The World”</i> (vs 1)

### **December 3, 2017**

Offering	Building Fund	Mission	Attendance
\$5,458.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	SS:74 WS:128

### **This Week:**

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 6:30 PM - Ministerial Team Meeting  
 Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting  
 Saturday, Dec. 16, - Sterling Hardy Memorial Service in Auditorium

**Next Week's Text:** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**Looking Ahead:**

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: Larry & Jean Eckland and Mattie Yoder

**Senior Birthdays This Week**

Nancy Reitz	December 12
Irv Kanagy	December 16

Please share with us in **joyous praise and thanksgiving** for answered prayer. Thank you, Maple Grove, for your continued prayers in our efforts to be granted adoption of Veru and Regan. On Monday, December 4, the judge awarded us voluntary adoption. The final decree is to be made in January 2018. Our prayers are answered.  
Rod and Sue Farrell

**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.

Our day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club is next Tuesday, Dec. 19. You can bring your donations to church next Sunday or have them on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 next Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

Karen Spicher and Jae Young Lee, who live in intentional community and do peacebuilding work in South Korea, are looking for several families in the Big Valley area who would like to host and share life with Korean learning tour participants, from the evening of Saturday, January 20, to the morning of Monday, January 22. The learning tour they are a part of is organized by Korea Peacebuilding Institute (KOPI). Before visiting Big Valley, the group will visit Zehr Institute for Restorative Justice in Harrisonburg, Mennonite Central Committee in Akron, and the Nickel Mines Amish community. They are a group of mostly school teachers (some traveling with their children!), and many have a deep interest in Mennonites and Amish. Not all are Christians, though many are. Some speak English; some speak very little. If you are interested in this opportunity for hospitality, service, and international friendship, please speak with your pastor or email [spicherkaren@gmail.com](mailto:spicherkaren@gmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

New to the Bulletin Board

December Backyard Club News

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Nursery – SS</b>	Kristin Kauffman & Esther Hartzler	Sarah Yoder & Krissy Bonson
<b>Nursery-Worship</b>	Sheila & Amber Penepacker	Nancy Kauffman & Marilyn Spangler
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Matt Kauffman	Jared Byler
<b>Ministerial Team Greeters</b>	Foyer: Ray Yoder South Door: Lavern Yutzky	Foyer: Joyce Rheam South Door: Lynn Peachey

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