

Many of you received a **Stewardship University brochure** in your mail boxes. Keep these till after Christmas when you will be hearing more about it from your Everence Advocate.

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.

Mountain View Chapel young Sunday School class will be hosting a **Live Nativity** on Friday, December 22, from 5:30 – 9:00 PM at Dryhouse Farm, 53 Dryhouse Farm Lane, Belleville. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate for all!

The Craft Stand coordinators want to remind **crafters** to create for the 62nd annual PA Relief Sale which will be held *the first full weekend of April*, Friday and Saturday, April 6 & 7, 2018, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking crafters who work with fabric, wood, paper, yarn, thread, or jewelry to make and donate quality crafts. Yes, the sale is still three months away, but well-made crafts take lots of time! Please see the Craft Stand poster (on bulletin board) for additional details. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring to the Craft Stand during the sale. Feel free to call or email us with your questions or comments. Remember: all proceeds benefit MCC.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Sarah Yoder & Krissy Bonson	Josh & Morgan Detwiler
Nursery-Worship	Nancy Kauffman & Marilyn Spangler	Kay Peachey & Veru Farrell
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	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”

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

*December 17, 2017
Third 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 whole”



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Maple Grove Mennonite Church

December 17, 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 Andrea Yoder

Focus Statement Jason Yoder

“Rejoicing in God’s comfort, we catch God’s vision of shalom.

*We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work
restoring creation”.*

Candle Lighting Deb Durst

Welcome & Opening Jason Yoder

Hymns & Greetings Andrea Yoder

Visitors & Church Announcements

Prayer & Offering

Children’s Lesson Nancy Kauffman

Sharing & Prayer

Worship in Song

Scripture Text Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Sermon “*Putting Humpty Together Again*” Alan Kauffman

Response Song

Wisdom & Wonder, Act 3 Alan Kauffman & Wyatt Kauffman

Final Blessing

Sending Song

December 10, 2017

Offering	Mission	Attendance
\$5,581.00	\$700.00	SS:83 WS:140

This Week:

Wed., Dec. 20, 6:45 PM – Sing at VV Terrace Activities Room

Thursday, Dec. 21, 9:00-Noon – Playgroup in FH

Next Week’s Text: Luke 1:26-38

Looking Ahead:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Program

December 31 - Keith Weaver, Lancaster Conf. Moderator, here

January 21 - Pulpit Exchange (Sherman Stoltzfus here)

February 11 - Ministerial Team Retreat at John Rheams at 4:00

February 25 - Music Sunday

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Rod & Sue Farrell and Leonard & Ruby Yoder

Senior Birthday This Week

Leroy Kanagy

December 23

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.

Council and the Ministerial Team have reviewed and unanimously approved **Alan’s revised 2016-2020 covenant**. A copy of the revised covenant is in your mailbox today. The congregation will take action on it during the worship service Sunday, Dec. 31 and if approved will take effect January 1, 2018. Absentee ballots are available in the office.

Our **Christmas Eve Service** will be held next Sunday evening, Dec. 24, at 7:00 PM. It will include songs by a men’s group, a women’s group, and the choir, readings, congregational singing and the traditional candle lighting. Our Christmas Eve offering will go to MDS for their disaster efforts.

2018 Church Birthday/Anniversary calendars are available under the mailboxes. Help yourself!

A new **prayer ministry** is starting at Maple Grove in 3 weeks. Beginning on January 7, after the worship service, there will be 2 people available at the front of the auditorium, if you would like to share a prayer request and be prayed for. Our prayer space will be the front, right of the auditorium. The 2 pray-ers for each week will be listed in the bulletin. Initially, this group of pray-ers will primarily be members of the Ministerial Team; but we hope to expand this group as time goes on. If you would like to participate as a pray-er, let Alan Kauffman know. Your requests for prayer do not have to be “big” requests. You do not even have to name your request if you are not ready to do so. You can simply ask for prayer for something in your life you are not yet ready to share. The pray-ers will not share what you share with anybody else, unless you request that they do. We are hopeful this will provide a greater opportunity for attenders at Maple Grove to leave worship, having been cared and prayed for.

Ray and Dar Yoder invite you to their walk-in **wedding reception** on Friday, Dec. 29, in the fellowship hall from 5-8 PM. No gifts requested.

Valley View Singers: This week we will be joining a group from Locust Grove and singing in the Terrace Activities Room at 6:45 PM. Park in the parking lot across from the pharmacy and enter through the side door to the Terrace activities room. *Please note new time and location.*

It's that time of year again for **library book/video reminders**. Please fill out the paper in your mailbox if you got one and let me know if you still have the book/video within the next four weeks. Thank you!
Amber Penepacker

Quarterly financial statements have been distributed to Ministerial Team, Council and the Finance Committee. Additional copies are available under the mailboxes for those interested.

Our day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club is this coming Tuesday, Dec. 19. Please have your donations on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 Tuesday.

Following is a list of Maple Grove seniors who are residents at Valley View or other senior facilities:

Valley View Village Residents

Nancy Byler	Iris Peachey
Larry & Jean Ecklund	Gib & Joyce Yoder
Mary French	Lester Yoder
Lee & Fern Hartzler	Mattie Yoder
Nancy Kinsinger	Roland Yoder
Wayne & Nancy Miller	Zelda Yoder

Valley View Terrace Residents

Ab Geckle	Carl & Fern Grace
Sarah Glick	Warren Yoder

Valley View Haven Residents

Adella Kanagy	Earl Yoder
Uncle Bob & Nancy Reitz	Margaret Yoder
Esther Stuter	

Memory Lane Residents

Dwight Glick	Esther Kauffman
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North Ridge Center Resident (McAlisterville)

Irv Kanagy