

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

March 11, 2018

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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9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Worship Service

If you are new to our church and want additional information about Maple Grove, please see Alan for a visitor packet after the service.

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

Prelude	CD
Welcome & Opening	Chris Tatom
Hymns & Greetings	Andrea Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Children's Lesson	Lynn Peachey
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 2:1-10
Sermon	"From Grave News to Great News" Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

March 4, 2018			
Offering	Spring Mtgs.	Building Fund	Attendance
\$4,583.00	\$223.00	\$50.00	SS:89 WS:109

This Week:

Monday, Mar. 12, 6-9:00 PM - Volleyball in FH
 Monday, Mar. 12, 6:30 PM - Worship Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, Mar. 13, 6:30 PM - Council Meeting
 Wednesday, Mar. 14, 6:30 PM – 150th Anniversary Meeting
 Wednesday, Mar. 14, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
 Thursday, Mar. 15, 9:30-Noon - Play Group in FH

Senior Birthday This Week

Freida Paden

March 12

Looking Ahead:

March 18 - Annual Heritage Center Hymn Sing at Valley View Amish Mennonite Church at 6:30 PM

March 29 - Maundy Thursday Love Feast & Communion Service

April 1- Easter Breakfast, No SS, Worship At 10:00 AM

April 7 - Soup & Scoop (share your collection or hobby!)

Next Week's Text: Luke 9:23-27

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Rob Hartzler and Margaret Yoder
- ◆ Mayard Bietzel will be preaching here next Sunday. Keep him in prayer this week as he prepares.

Maple Grove Trivia Question

Answer to Last Week's Question: Attempts to establish a church library were made as early as 1900. As interest in mission work around the world grew, members began reading; finding worthwhile books, and sharing with one another the things they found to be profitable. One such book was the "Story of John G. Paton". Another book widely read and which made its imprint on all who read it was "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life", by Hannah Whitehall Smith. Each reader upon reading a book entered his/her name on the page provided and recommended its worth to other readers.

This Week's Question: Early Ministers, Deacons and Bishops were called by lot from the congregations. Who was the first "outside the Valley" leader called by the congregation?

This year, the Worship Committee decided to focus on Holy Week and Maundy Thursday instead of the whole season of Lent. There is a **devotional booklet** in your mailbox today to help guide us through Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday Service (March 29)

A light meal will be served and all food and place settings will be provided. The service will begin at 6:30 and will include communion, foot washing and an alms offering. The alms offering will be for future needs. The evening will conclude with a skit and an opportunity for each to "nail their sin" to the cross.

Easter (April 1)

- ◆ An Easter breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall at 8:30 AM. There are sign-up sheets in the classrooms and on the bulletin board for food contributions. Place settings and drinks will be provided.
- ◆ There will be no Sunday School and the Worship Service will begin at 10:00 AM.

If you are unable to attend the **communion service** but would like to be served the emblems in your home, contact Alan.

The candidates for **deaconess** are Rosie Peachey and Ruby Yoder and the candidates for **elder** are John Baker and Jason Yoder. A date for the lot service will be scheduled at a later time.

It is time to renew your subscription to **The Mennonite**. If you would like to order under the church group plan, the cost is \$37/yr. as opposed to the cost of an individual subscription which is \$46/yr. Your current subscription will expire next month. Your check should be payable to Maple Grove Church and you may drop it off in the church office by Sunday, March 25.

FUN FOR FUNDS: Our first “My Coins Count Collection” was \$171.65. We will be collecting money through March, with all the proceeds going toward the construction of our new Mennonite Central Committee Thrift Shop in Belleville. There are 6 willing and not so willing participants who have agreed to take a “pie in the face” if enough money is put in their designated containers which are located on the bench in the foyer. If any or all of the 6 people collect \$300, they will get “pied” by our children sometime in April for all to see. The amount collected for each “pie taker” last week was:

John Baker	\$11.39
JoAnn Byler	\$71.46
Alan Kauffman	\$10.21
Kay Peachey	\$63.04
Lisa Rheam	\$ 5.20
Chris Tatom	\$10.35

Nancy Byler’s daughter-in-law Karen died last week. If you would like to send a card to Nancy’s son Tom, his **address** is: Thomas R. Byler & family, 110 Windsong Drive, Gray, TN, 37615. Tom was baptized and a member of Maple Grove in the 1960’s.

Our family would love to have you join us for a **90th birthday celebration** in honor of Savilla King, Saturday, March 24. Drop in at your leisure from 2 to 4 PM for fellowship and refreshments in the Maple Grove fellowship hall. No gifts necessary.

A group will be going to the MCC resource center in Ephrata for a **work day** on Monday, April 9. There will be work for both men and women. Meet at the church in time to leave at 6:30 AM and take a packed lunch. We will take the church van if there is enough interest. If you are planning to go, please sign-up on the bulletin board by April 1. Questions can be directed to Marlene Zook.

Alan will be on **vacation** Thursday, March 15 through Sunday, March 18. Pastoral concerns during this time should be directed to a member of the Ministerial Team.

All are welcome to the 15th annual **Heritage Hymn Sing** at Valley View Amish-Mennonite Church on March 18 at 6:30 PM. Hymns and gospel songs will be sung in four part harmony with special music by local groups. Bring finger foods if you are able to stay for a time of fellowship afterward. A free will offering will be received. Sponsored by the Mennonite Heritage Center of Mifflin County.

It’s not too late to sign up for Lancaster Mennonite Conference’s Celebration of Church Life at Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community on Saturday, March 24. We will be leaving at 6:30 AM from the church and are not planning to stop for breakfast. Registration is required for seminars and there is a sign-up sheet for the van on the bulletin board. To register for seminars and meals, go to ccl-2018.eventbrite.com, call 717-293-5246 ext. 100 or you may contact the office.

During the month of March we will be collecting **ground coffee, creamer and sugar** for Shelter Services.

Bowl for Kids’ Sake to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters will be held the end of March. Jim Campbell will be collecting donations over the next few weeks. Checks should be payable to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

There is still an opening for an outdoor janitor. If you are interested in this paid position, contact one of the trustees: Clayton Penepacker, Raymond Tussey and Jeff Young. Duties include removing snow from sidewalks and steps, weeding mulch beds, mowing across the street, and keeping the front bank free of weeds.

As part of our church history booklet, we are developing a list of **persons who have served in alternate service**. If you or someone from your family served, let Betty Hartzler know.

If you would like to be involved with **Time of Caring** organized by Big Valley Ministerium, please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible. You can sign up if you have jobs you need help with, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the jobs. The base of operation will be the Community Center (former Union Elem. School). The work schedule will begin at 9 AM with coffee and donuts and end at 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided by at the community center by area churches.

New to the Bulletin Board

Thank you letter from Shelter Services

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Josh & Morgan Detwiler	Rhoda Campbell & Esther Hartzler
Nursery-Worship	Nancy Kauffman & Marilyn Spangler	Sheila & Amber Penepacker
Sound Technician	Matt Kauffman	John Baker
Pray-ers	Ray Yoder & Lynn Peachey	Chris Tatom & Joyce Rheam
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”