

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 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.

The Lord is Our Righteousness



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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.

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| Prelude | Worship Team |
| Welcome & Opening | Doug Peachey |
| Hymns & Greetings | Worship Team |
| Visitors & Church Announcements | |
| Prayer & Offering | |
| Children's Lesson | Rosie Peachey |
| Dismissal for Children's Program Practice | |
| Sharing & Prayer | |
| Worship in Song | |
| Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6 | |
| Sermon "Getting Ready for the Way" | Alan Kauffman |
| Response Song | |
| Final Blessing | |
| Sending Song | |

Choir Practice Tonight: Women will practice at 5:30, men and women at 6:00, and men at 6:30.

| December 2, 2018 | | |
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| Offering | Ab Geckle Memorials | Attendance |
| \$3,783.00 | \$25.00 | SS: 82 WS: 105 |

Looking Ahead:

December 16 - Primary Department Christmas Program
 December 24 - Christmas Eve Program

Senior Birthday This Week

Irvin Kanagy December 16

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Erin Farrell and Lester Yoder

Dear Church Family:

My heart is overwhelmed with thankfulness for your love and concern for my family during my father's illness and death. **Thank you** for the cards - they were like a hug from each of you and we appreciated them very much. Thank you also for welcoming my parents and loving them while they were here - they certainly did enjoy your fellowship. I can't thank Alan enough for the visits to my dad and for his awesome devotion at Daddy's service. MANY of my relatives were VERY complementary towards Alan and his message. I am so thankful and blessed. Lynn and Jon and family

The **Pastor Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC)** will be meeting at the church Monday, December 10 from 11:00 AM to noon in room 201.

Our **Christmas Eve offering** will be given for Hurricane Florence victims. One Harbor Church, (where Sarah Yoder's sister Anna is a member) in North Carolina, has been working closely with victims providing basic daily needs as well as remodeling and reconstruction of homes. Make checks payable to Maple Grove.

Our day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club is next Tuesday, Dec. 18. Please bring your donations to church next Sunday, or put them on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 Tuesday.

A **Live Nativity** at Dryhouse Farm in Belleville will take place on Thursday, Dec.20 from 4:30-9 PM. This free event features live animals and actors and takes place in a late 1800's barn. Free coffee and cookies for all. Address is 53 Dryhouse Farm Ln, Belleville.

We are collecting **socks, men's gloves, men's hats and washcloths** for Shelter Services during December. There are clothespins by the Christmas tree in the foyer for you to pin your donations on the tree, or you can put them in the box provided.

Spiritual Disciplines Discipleship Course is being offered this winter at Allensville Mennonite Church. The class will meet Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:45 PM from January 14 until March 4. Course content includes lessons on Scripture reading, prayer, solitude, giving, evangelism, and fasting among other topics. There is a course registration fee of \$15, which includes a book, *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*, each member will be able to keep at the end of the course. Please sign up on the registration sheet on the bulletin board by December 30th. *Note: for couples who register and plan on sharing a book the registration fee is \$15 per couple.*

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ December Backyard Club News
- ◆ Thank you letters from Habitat for Humanity and Central PA World Hunger (Meat Canner)

| | This Week | Next Week |
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| Nursery – SS | Josh & Morgan Detwiler | Esther Hartzler & Joan Yoder |
| Nursery-Worship | Nancy Kauffman & Deb Durst | Sheila Penepacker & Pearl Stanbrough |
| Sound Technician | Matt Kauffman | Jared Byler |
| Pray-ers | Lavern Yutzy & Sandy Tussey | John Rheam & Jason Yoder |
| Ministerial Team Greeters | Foyer: Lynn Peachey North Door: Joyce Rheam | Foyer: Ray Yoder North Door: Lavern Yutzy |

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