

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

January 20, 2019

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	Andrea Yoder
Welcome & Opening	John Rheam
Hymns & Greetings	Andrea Yoder
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Prayer & Offering	
Dwelling in the Word	Jim Campbell
Dismissal for Children's Church	Herb & Marlene Zook
Sharing & Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	I Sam. 17:12-25, Philippians 1:20-21 & 27-29
Sermon	"What's in Your Wallet/Mind" Doug Pierce
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

January 13, 2019	
Offering	Attendance
\$2,350.00	SS: 74 WS: 88

This Week:

Monday, Jan. 21, 6-9:00 PM – Volleyball in FH
 Tuesday, Jan. 22 – FH Carpet Cleaned
 Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7:00 PM – Prayer Meeting

Looking Ahead:

Feb. 2 – Men's Wild Game Supper in FH
 Feb. 11-14 – Meat Canner at East Derry Fire Co.

March – My Coins Count offerings

Mar. 9 – Ministerial Team Retreat at Burnham OIP (5:00)

Mar. 15-16 – LMC Celebration of Church Life at Petra Church

Mar. 17 – Leadership SS Elective starts (9 wks.)

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to be praying for this week: Mike & Faith Geckle and Floyd & Helen Yoder
- ◆ Ray Yoder will be having knee replacement surgery on Tues., Jan. 22 at Mt. Nittany Hospital. Keep him in prayer then and during his rehab.

Please note: Two cups of beef broth are missing in the ingredient list in Carol Yoder's Taco Soup recipe on page 122 in the new Maple Grove cookbook.

College Student Care Package: The Worship Committee is currently taking up a collection for a care package to be sent to Logan Peachey in time for Valentine's Day. Donations can be placed in the box under the main bulletin board. Contact Jen Baker (717-935-2862) for more information.

Today is the **last day to sign-up** if you are planning to attend the wild game supper on Saturday, February 2, at 5:00 PM at the church. Even if you don't hunt or didn't get anything this year, please come with a dish to share and enjoy the evening. An ice cream cake will be provided for our dessert. After the meal, there will be pictures and sharing a few stories from a 2018 Newfoundland hunt that some from our church enjoyed in September. If you have questions, contact Alan Kauffman.

Leadership is a topic that's widely talked about but largely misunderstood. Chris Tatom will be leading a 9-week **Sunday School elective** starting on March 17 on the topic of leadership.

During this 9 week class, we will be looking at leadership qualities of David, Paul, and, of course, Jesus. These 3 biblical leaders set tremendous examples of what great leaders are supposed to look like. Leadership comes down to influence and not authority. Therefore, if you have a family, friends, or are around people at work, you are a leader and this elective is for you! Chris will also break down the spiritual gifting of leadership and what Paul means in Romans 12:8. Sign-up in your Sunday School class by Feb. 17, if you are interested in diving deeper into what the Bible says about leadership and biblical examples of what a leader is supposed to look like.

The Missions Committee tallied the results of the congregation's vote on what to do with the **church's "extra funds"**. Those disbursements will be made this week. For more details on the disbursements, please see the Council minutes (1/14/19).

LMC's Celebration of Church Life is scheduled for Fri. and Sat., Mar. 15-16 at Petra Church in New Holland, PA. Seminars will be offered on Saturday afternoon for children, age 5 through adult, with childcare provided for infants through age 4. You'll also hear updates on what is happening throughout the conference, participate in corporate worship and hear a timely challenge from Marvin Lorenzana of Mennonite Mission Network. A list of seminars is on the bulletin board. Registration is required for seminars and meals to assist with logistics. To attend, please register at the following link <https://ccl-2019.eventbrite.com> and let the office know so carpooling can be arranged.

The **Missions Offering** for next Sunday, Jan. 27, will be going to the STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral) Ministry Program. This is a 3-yr. certificate in pastoral ministry curriculum from LMC for all ages. STEP is funded by tuition, congregational

giving, and matching Everence grants. A STEP brochure was in your mailbox last Sunday.

The Ministerial Team has begun the process of **selecting our next Elder & Deaconess**. We have decided to spend this month in prayer, specifically asking God to lead us to a person or persons that God has gifted and is calling to serve in this ministry. We would covet your prayers as we all seek God's will in this endeavor. We will not be soliciting nominations from the congregation, as in recent years. (See the 1/7/19 Ministerial Team minutes for more details) The Ministerial Team will prayerfully discern those gifted, whom God may be calling to serve at this time. This will be followed by conversations with those individuals. Our desire would be to find two people (for both elder/deaconess) who would be willing to serve. If our discernment reveals two people willing to serve, we will use the lot to determine who God is choosing for this ministry. If only one person is willing, we will be asking the congregation to affirm that individual. Let us ask God for direction in this process. Thank you. The Ministerial Team

The first few Sundays in February will be **different types of sermons** than we normally have. On February 3, we will be having an "interview sermon". Jared Byler will be interviewing John Baker, Alan Kauffman and Chris Tatom on "Hearing God." At the end of the interview, there will be opportunity for questions from the congregation. So come prepared to ask questions you may have regarding hearing God. Then, February 10 and 17, Alan will be talking about "How to Study the Bible." These two sermons will grow out of his study/preparation for the January 21st evening he is leading at Allensville Mennonite as part of the Spiritual Disciplines course there by pastors/lay leaders from the area.

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday,

March 2. Keith Blank will deliver our keynote message this year. His topic is Whole-life Stewardship. For more information or to register, contact Lynette Morales at 717-653-6662 or lynette.morales@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

The following persons/families **still need to have their pictures taken** for the update to the church directory. Lynn Peachey will be taking photos following the service next Sunday, Jan. 27. Meet in the foyer by the bench. If your name is not included below and you wish you to have your photo updated, you are welcome to do so. Also, if you have a recent picture you would like to use, send it to the office.

Clint, Krissy, Dylan & McKayla Bonson
Scott, Emily, Jacob & Lydia Brown
Helen Glick
Fern Grace
Pat, Ashley, Mason, Jackson & Kaden Joyce
Brian, Katerina, Mason & James Ketchum
Dustin Peachey
Amber Penepacker
Andrea Yoder
Jason, Sarah, Ellie & Deacon Yoder
Tim & Lucille Yutzy

What if I told you that together we could reach the low-income neighborhoods of Lewistown with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? What if I told you that a family from your church, or a Sunday School class, or an older couple, or some of your youth could establish a spiritual presence in a low-income neighborhood of 25 homes, that through that presence they could love, evangelize, and disciple the people of that neighborhood in the Gospel, that they could sit on a blanket with the kids of the neighborhood each week and share the Gospel, and that they could deliver the Word of God

to the adults each week in their homes? What if I told you that this would cost about \$15.00 per week and it would take about one hour a week?

All of this is possible right now, all we need is to equip Christians to come and join us in the work. Backyard Ministries has developed discipling relationships with 100 Lewistown families. But there is so much more to do. Each week when I come to Lewistown I drive and walk by neighborhoods and doors that could be reached. I visit as many families as I can a day, but there are hundreds more that I do not have the time to visit. Our ministry is willing to share the methods that God has given us with you. We want to equip you and your congregation to adopt a neighborhood. We have taken the time to map out neighborhoods in Lewistown for you to adopt. We will provide everything you need.

I have attached a flyer for our training seminar at Mountain View Mennonite Chapel on Tuesday, January 29 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Our plan is to train Christians to take the Gospel to Lewistown through door ministry and Backyard Clubs. We will provide everything needed and be giving opportunity for folks to adopt neighborhoods. I would love to see each of your churches adopt at least one neighborhood. This is actually very possible. If the dozen or so churches who are receiving this letter do this, we could see an amazing move of God in the low-income neighborhoods of Lewistown this year. Thanks so much for your support and God bless you in your work for the Kingdom today.

Kevin Dellape

During the month of January we will be collecting **little flashlights and pillowcases** for Shelter Services, Inc.

Quilting for the Belleville Mennonite School Annual Auction will be held 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. January 21-25 and Jan. 28-Feb. 1 at Oakwood Centre at Valley View. All quilters are welcome - from beginner (we'd love to teach you!) to expert! If you have a quilt top to be donated for quilting please contact Juli Sunderland ([814-667-2511](tel:814-667-2511)), Jewel Peachey (717-667-9308) or Michelle Byler (717-935-5485) as soon as possible. Donations to help off-set the cost of materials are also welcome.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Esther Hartzler & Sandy Peachey	Sarah Yoder & Krissy Bonson
Nursery-Worship	Sheila Penepacker & Pearl Stanbrough	Kay Peachey & Veru Farrell
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	John Baker
Pray-ers	Ray Yoder & Jason Yoder	Lynn Peachey & Kurt Rheam
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”