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**What happens to my subscription to *The Mennonite* between now and 2020?**

Everyone with time left on their subscription to *The Mennonite* will have that time added on to your subscription of the new magazine that will begin publishing in September 2020. For those who subscribe to *The Mennonite* and *Mennonite World Review*, your remaining time will be combined and added to your new subscription.

**How much will the new magazine cost? Will there still be group subscriptions?**

The cost of the new magazine is still to be determined. If you are part of a group subscription to *The Mennonite*, you can maintain your group going forward.

**How will renewals to the new magazine happen?**

We are rebuilding our online subscription renewal system so that it works better than the current one. In addition to the online renewal option, subscribers will still be able to renew by mail.

	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Sheila Penepacker & Krissy Bonson	Toni Peachey & JoAnn Byler
Nursery-Worship	Kay Peachey & Deb Durst	Amber Penepacker & Kat Ketchum
Sound Technician	John Baker	Jared Byler
Ministerial Team Greeters	Foyer: Ed Yoder North Door: Joyce Rheam	Foyer: Jason Yoder North Door: Andrea Yoder

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

***Welcome to  
Maple Grove Mennonite Church***

*November 24, 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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**Maple Grove Mennonite Church**

November 24, 2019

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

*If you desire prayer, those wearing white ribbons are available to pray with you.  
If you are new to our church and want additional information about Maple Grove, please  
see Alan or an usher 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	Robert Zook
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Visitors & Announcements	
Prayer & Offerings (Regular & Building Fund)	
Dismissal for Primary Dept. Practice	
Receiving of New Members	Alan Kauffman
	John & Toni Peachey and Darv & Joan Yoder
Prayer for Concerns	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 98
Sermon	“New Song Time” Alan Kauffman
Sharing our Praises & Hopes	
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

November 17, 2019	
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
\$2,848.00	SS: 91 WS: 98

**This Week:**

Wed. &amp; Thurs., Nov. 27-28 – Setup for Hometown Holiday Bazaar

Thursday, Nov. 28 – Happy Thanksgiving!

Fri. - Sat., Nov. 29 &amp; 30 – Hometown Holiday Bazaar in FH

**Next Week's Text:** Philemon**Looking Ahead:**

Dec. 15 - Primary Dept. Christmas Program

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service

Jan. 12 – Congregation Action on Alan's Covenant

**Prayer Concerns:**

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Sue, Veru & Regan Farrell and Lester Yoder
- ◆ Thanksgiving week is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Pray for safety.
- ◆ Chris Tatom is preparing to preach next Sunday. Keep him in prayer.
- ◆ Dan & Deb Durst's son-in-law Carl Putnam will have hip replacement surgery this Wednesday, Nov. 27. Pray for successful surgery and complete healing for him.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Celebrate the marriage of Dan & Deb Durst's daughter Michelle to Carl Putnam. They exchanged vows on the beach in Waikiki, Hawaii on November 5.
- ◆ Thanksgiving is meant to become thanks-living. Make thankfulness part of your daily life.
- ◆ Give thanks for Darv & Joan Yoder and John & Toni Peachey who are joining our congregation today!

**Senior Birthday This Week**

Grace Yoder

Nov. 28

**Restructuring/Mission Update:** The Church Council has met with Conrad Kanagy twice so far. What is becoming clear is that our focus on restructuring needs to be preceded with a focus on our mission as a congregation. Structure always follows our mission. Our mission will dictate our structure needed to carry out our mission. So why has God chosen to place Maple Grove in this community? How can we partner with God in His mission here? We

would ask each of you to be part of this mission discerning process. Here is how you can help in the coming months: 1. Be in prayer with Council, along with Conrad and Jacob Kanagy, as we lead this process; 2. Take part in the survey/questionnaire Council and the Kanagys will create that will be coming in the next couple of months; 3. Take part in small group discussions that will be a follow-up to the survey/questionnaire; 4. Be prepared to discover your God-given gift(s) and become a vital part of the mission of Maple Grove Mennonite Church! Each one of us is needed as we move ahead together in God's mission for Maple Grove!

Council and Ministerial Team both recently unanimously approved a **covenant extension** for Alan Kauffman that would begin January 1, 2021 and extend through December 31, 2023. (NOTE: This additional 3 years may or may not be all full time, depending on the model of pastoral transition we employ.) The congregation must now act on this covenant extension by at least an 80% approval. (Alan has indicated he and Nancy are wanting something higher than 80% for him to continue on.) The congregation will be given a copy of the proposed covenant on December 29 and action will be taken during the worship service of January 12. Absentee ballots will be available (and must be signed) for those not able to be here on January 12. Absentee ballots must be returned to the church office no later than noon on January 12. If you have questions about this, you can contact Alan or a member of Council.

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday, Dec. 1.

Council recently approved a request to organize a **PARENTS NIGHT OUT** program. There is a form in everyone's mailbox asking for volunteers to provide childcare for our young families in the church. If you can help please sign up! You can indicate if you would rather watch children in your home or go to their home. When a couple needs childcare they can go to the list and call people from the list until they get someone who can help them out. Just because

you sign up to provide help does not mean you "must" accept every request; we understand that it won't always suit. Let's pull together to provide a break for our busy parents of children to have a date night! Thank you for helping.

Maple Grove's newsletter is now available on our **church website**, [www.maplegrovemc.org](http://www.maplegrovemc.org).

This past Sunday evening, 52 grocery bags were filled for Backyard Club to distribute to needy families for their Christmas dinner. Additional groceries will be given to the homeless shelter. We also filled 140 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with gifts for children. Thirty-seven more were filled later from boxes purchased from another church for a total of 177 boxes. **Thank you** all so much for your generous support of these ministries!

**Reminder** to those who signed up to make pumpkin bread for BYC: Have your bread at the church tomorrow (Monday) morning by 9:00 AM.

Today is the **last day** to let the office know if you have changes to our 2020 church birthday/anniversary calendar.

**November Homeless Shelter Item:** Pillows

**Belleville Community Hall basketball sign-ups** are scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM at the community hall.

Our **Hometown Holiday Bazaar** will be held in the fellowship hall on Friday, November 29 (9am-5pm) & Saturday, November 30 (9am-3pm). We have added new vendors this year! Items include: jewelry, photography, wooden crafts, knitwear and crochet items, hand-turned wooden pens, Amish quilts and table runners, primitive dolls, natural soaps, bath and body products, and MORE! Come along to get a head start on your Christmas shopping and refuel with

a snack from our lunch stand and bake sale table. Proceeds from the table fees support Operation Christmas Child and proceeds from the bake sale/lunch stand benefit the church kitchen fund. We look forward to seeing you there!

**St. John's Holiday Gift Show** will be held November 29 & 30 from 9am-5pm on Friday and 9am-2pm on Saturday. The proceeds will benefit the Casey Marthouse Memorial Scholarship Fund at the Daycare & Preschool.

West Kish Presbyterian will host our first **Blue Christmas – Longest Night Service** on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. This is a beautiful service of Word, song, prayer and healing and may feature guest musicians. It is important for all of us to recognize and support those for whom the Christmas season is a challenge. Separation from family members due to divorce, the military, incarceration, work abroad or death often makes it difficult to hook into the 'merry' part of the season. Even for those who are blessed to be surrounded by family and friends and the resources to share material gifts, a Blue Christmas service give us time to be sensitive to others' needs while honoring our own spiritual requirement for quiet refection during this heightened time before Christmas. Everyone will receive a small gift as a reminder that even the darkest night turns to new light with the blessing of Christ in our life. Be still, be filled with the spirit, and receive the many gifts of this event.