

Welcome to Maple Grove Mennonite Church

September 20, 2020

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 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.

Prelude	Andrea Yoder
Welcome & Opening	Sandy Tussey
Hymns & Greetings	Andrea Yoder
Congregational Prayer	
Worship in Song	
Scripture Reading	John 21:15-17
Sermon	“God of Second Chances” John Baker
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

The arrangement on the altar table this morning is in honor of **Lois Yoder's 85th birthday** and was given by her family.

September 13, 2020		
Offering	Picnic Food	Attendance
\$2,284.00	\$365.00	No SS WS: 70

This Week:

Monday, Sept. 21, 6:00 PM – Council Meeting

Next Week's Text: Matthew 21:23-32

Looking Ahead:

October 4 - Fall Communion Service

October 5 - CPYM Fund Raiser Banquet in FH

November 1 - All Saints Day Service

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Wayne & Nancy Miller and Don & Sandy Peachey.
- ◆ Helen G. Yoder died this past week. Continue to remember the family in your prayers and acts of caring.
- ◆ Council meets tomorrow evening. Keep them in your prayers as they meet and make decisions.
- ◆ LMC's Fall Leadership Assembly is going to be a Zoom meeting this coming Saturday morning. Keep LMC and this meeting in your prayer time.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ This coming Wednesday is the first day of Autumn. Take time to enjoy the beauty of this season.
- ◆ Praise God for the many who contribute their gifts that lead us in worshipping God from week to week. Included in this are those who invest time to make sure our services are on Facebook every week.
- ◆ Give thanks for those that continue to be on the "front lines" of the world's battle against Covid-19.

Nancy and I wanted to **thank all of you** for the thoughtful remembrance of my 30 years of pastoral ministry last Sunday. The cake was delicious! We are blessed to have spent nearly 18 of those 30 years in ministry here. Thank You!
Alan & Nancy

Thank you to the persons who helped me during the sermon a few weeks ago. Also, we thank all of you for your cards, calls, and especially for your prayers for us. It's a blessing to be a part of a caring church family. May God bless each one of you.

Dave & Effie Spicher

Lavern and Kathy Yutzys have volunteered to serve as Shelter Services Coordinators. **Thank you** Yutzys for your willingness to serve in this ministry! The items we will be collecting for Shelter

Services from now through Oct. 24 are **shampoo, combs and brushes**.

Maple Grove had \$36,000 in **excess funds** for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. As approved at the church business meeting, \$9,000 was sent to each of the following missions: Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Disaster Service and LMC Covid-19 Relief Fund. There was also \$9,000 put aside for possible pastoral education needs in the future. **Thank you** for your generosity and financial support!

NOTE THE CHANGE: Starting this coming week, our worship service, which had been premiering on Facebook on Monday evenings, will not be premiering until the following Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. This will give those who are uploading it more time to do so. It will also potentially reach more people, who are looking for worship services to view on Sunday mornings.

A number of you have expressed the desire to **include sharing and prayer time** in our worship again as we had in the past. Starting on Sunday, October 11, we plan to do so. However, because of recording our services and wanting to be careful to not share private information "to the whole world", our announcements and sharing and prayer time will happen after the final blessing and before the sending song. That way, the recording of our service will conclude with the final blessing and all of our announcements/sharing will not be recorded.

The **slate of open 2020-2021 church and SS positions** is in your mailbox today. Additional copies are available under the mailboxes. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to use your gifts within the church. Both members and non-members may volunteer to serve in an open position or nominate someone you feel is gifted to serve in one of the open positions. Completed forms may be returned to one of the following Council members: Nancy Kauffman, Nate Kauffman, Chris Tatom, Sandy Tussey, Jason Yoder, Lester Yoder or the church office by Sunday, October 4.

If you want to send an email to the church addressed specifically to Alan, you can now do so. The email address (which will be listed in the bulletin most weeks) is: alan@maplegrovec.org. If you send this to the church, Alan will also receive this at his home. Thanks John Baker for setting this up for us.

If you have been attending Maple Grove, but are not yet a member and are interested in **joining Maple Grove**, let Alan Kauffman know. We would like to provide that opportunity for people to join sometime in the near future if there is interest.

The **2019-2020 annual report booklet** is under the mailboxes for those who would like one. Please feel free to help yourself.

It's time to begin working on our **Operation Christmas Child** project for this year. You can place your gift donations in the box in the foyer. If you prefer that we do the shopping, you may give money donations to Erin Byler or JoAnn Byler. Checks should be payable to Maple Grove.

Today (Sept. 20) is Lois Yoder's 85th **birthday**. Her children have planned a "Safe Celebration" for her. In order to participate, all you need to do is drive around the church anytime today from 1:00 – 2:00. Lois will be seated at a place (inside or outside) where she can see you. Simply honk and wave. If you want to make a sign, you may. If you want to bring a card, there will be somebody available to take those, but please remain in your vehicle. Help make Lois' 85th birthday celebration a memorable one!

Due today

- ◆ Articles for the Maple Leaf to Lynn Peachey. Email to plpeachey51@gmail.com or put in her church mailbox.
- ◆ Blue volunteer sheet for persons willing to take in meals, provide transportation etc. to deaconesses or church office.

Our day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club is this coming Monday, September 21. Please have your donations on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 that day.

Join the Belleville Mennonite School community as we celebrate 75 years of God's faithfulness to the school at the **Faith Promise Banquet** on Friday, October 2. The evening will begin with a time of fellowship at 6:00 and feature a walk through 75 years of history, a dinner at 6:30, keynote address, update on BMS today, a concert choir selection, and the recognition of two special alumni. The homemade dinner is free of charge; however an invitation to give to the Faith Promise Annual Fund, which supports the school's operating budget, will be presented. Seating is limited so please reserve your seat soon by calling the office, 717.935.2184.

On Saturday, September 26, Allensville Community Church will be hosting a **time of prayer** from 9-11 AM in connection with the Prayer March in Washington D.C. led by Franklin Graham.

The **Sky Family** will present Celtic Revival at the Allensville Community Church on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings, October 2-4 at 7:00 PM. The program will also be given on Sunday morning, Oct. 4 at 9:00 and 10:15 AM. All are welcome. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be collected.

We invite all Christian single women/widows who are interested, in a time of fellowship over lunch Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM. Contact Donna Peachey 717-440-2759 or Rebecca Ulmer 570-412-2513 by text or phone for further details.

<i>Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy</i>		
	This Week	Next Week
Nursery - SS	Esther Hartzler & Sheila Penepacker	Sarah Yoder & Krissy Bonson
Nursery - Worship	Pearl Stanbrough & Amber Penepacker	Kay Peachey & Deb Durst
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	John Baker