
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

January 17, 2021

10:30 AM

Worship Service

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.

Prelude	Andrea Yoder
Welcome & Opening	Kathy Yutzy
Scripture Reading	John 17:20-24 and Colossians 3:12-14
Sermon	“A United Front” Chris Tatom
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Action on Slate	Nate Kauffman
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Share & Prayer	
Sending Song	

January 10, 2021	
Offering (Jan. 3 & 10)	Attendance
\$8,321.00	WS: 66

Next Week's Text: Jonah 3:1-10

This Week:

Monday, Jan. 18, 6:00 PM – Council Meeting

Looking Ahead:

March - My Coins Count offerings each Sunday

April 11 - John Schmid here

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Larry & Jean Eckland and Ray & Dar Yoder
- ◆ Keep praying for our Elder/Deaconess selection.
- ◆ Joe Biden becomes our President this coming week. Pray for a peaceful transition.

- ◆ Pray for our shut-ins, who have truly been shut in over the past 10 months.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Praise God for the many people on the slate who are willing to use their gifts for our church and community in the coming year(s). Also, give thanks for those whose terms have ended. These people agreed to serve an additional four months until our selection for new positions was complete. THANK YOU!
- ◆ Give thanks to God for the new people in our congregation and for those who are checking us out online.
- ◆ Praise the Lord, Oh my soul. May all that is within me praise God's holy name!

There will be a **mission offering** next Sunday, Jan. 24. It will be given to Central PA World Hunger Assoc. (Meat Canner).

The family of Mary H. Stoltzfus who graduated to Eternity on December 24, 2020 will be holding a **drop-in visitation** here in the fellowship hall on January 31, 2021 from 2-4:00 PM.

A few months ago, I became aware of the book, [An Uncommon Guide to Retirement, Finding God's purpose for the next season of life.](#) I found it helpful. It puts a different spin on retirement than the typical “never-ending vacation”. After reading it, I purchased a couple of copies, since there are a number of people in our congregation who are recently retired or are looking that direction. If you would like to borrow a copy, let me know. Alan Kauffman

Absentee ballots for action on the slate are due in the office today by noon and must be signed.

Our day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club is Monday, January 18. Please have your donations on the bench in the foyer by 10:30 that day.

The **Central PA World Hunger Assoc. Meat Canner** will be held Feb. 8 – 12 at the Chief Logan Fire Co. (formerly East Derry Fire Co.) Due to covid restrictions, they are limited to 25 volunteers on site at a time, and masks are required to be worn. In order to comply with the capacity requirements, you must schedule a work appointment. Please contact Jesse Diem (717-348-9577), Henry Stoltzfus (814-625-2424) or Jonathan Coldren (717-250-6840) to schedule. They have \$9,000 less in their account this year than last, and turkey is \$.60/lb. more this year than last. There are many challenges to overcome, but there is a great need for canned meat. Please consider helping in whatever way you can.

The Ministerial Team is inviting the congregation to join them in a month of prayer for our **elder and deaconess selection** for the coming year. At their next meeting, February 2, the Ministerial Team will be involved in sharing names God has laid on their hearts for persons God may be calling to this role of leadership. The candidates should exemplify the qualifications as stated in I Timothy 3:2-13, Titus 1:6-9 and Acts 6:3. There is additional information about these leadership positions in the church constitution, Page 3, Article VII, Sections 1 and 2. If, in your time of prayer, God impresses on your spirit the name of a person God may be calling as either elder or deaconess, you may contact Jason Yoder. He can be reached at jasonmyoder@gmail.com, 717-250-0447 or you may put your nomination in his mailbox. Your nomination should include your name as well as the person you are nominating. Current members of the Ministerial Team as well as members of PCRC are not eligible to be nominated. Members of those two groups are Sue Farrell, Alan Kauffman, Kristin Kauffman, Nate Kauffman, Andrea Yoder, Ed Yoder, Jason Yoder, Ed Yoder, Ray Yoder, Ruby Yoder and Kathy Yutzy. Thank you for making this a matter of prayer.

Maple leaf articles for the February issue are due January 17th. I am looking for articles on "How I Met My Mate"...and how did you know they were the one for you? You can put your signed article in my church mailbox by 3 pm the 17th or email it to me at plpeachey51@gmail.com. I am always willing to record you and type your article if you wish. Thank you. Lynn Peachey

During the month of January we will be collecting canned food or complete meals that do not need refrigerated for **Shelter Services**. There is a basket in the foyer for your donations.

Church Directory Update

We are preparing for the 2021 update to the church directory. Those listed below have not had their picture included in the directory, had changes in their family since the last update, or it may be time to update your photo. If your name is not included below and you would like to be included in the directory, or if you want to update your photo, we invite you to have your picture taken as well. John Baker will be taking photos following the service in room 200 (just past the water fountain) the next two Sundays, Jan. 24 and 31.

Steven Bender & Priscilla Stahm and family

Ken & Mel Byler

Doug & Cindy Esh

Lynn, Lorena, Sheldon & Camron Fleming

Bill Frank

Fern Hartzler

Mark Peachey

Kate Van Horn

John, Becky & Holly Yoder

Lester & Margie Wheeler Yoder

Roland Yoder

Will & Betsy Yoder

Also, if there are changes or corrections to your directory information such as address or phone number, please let the church office know.

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ Thank you note from Big Valley Ambulance
- ◆ January Backyard Club News



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