
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

January 24, 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	Worship Team
Welcome & Opening	Ray Yoder
Scripture Reading	Jonah 3:1-10
Sermon	"Afraid of Grace" Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Share & Prayer	
Sending Song	

January 17, 2021	
Offering	Attendance
\$3,841.36	WS: 57

This Week:

Tuesday, Jan. 26, 6-9:00 PM – Valley View Board Meeting in FH

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2-4:00 PM – Mary Stoltzfus Visitation in FH

Next Week's Text: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

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: Billy & Wava Erb and Betty Yoder
- ◆ Continue to remember Tom Paden and the family regarding Tom's move to Ohesson Manor this past week. Tom's

address is: Ohesson Manor Nursing Home, 276 Green Ave., Lewistown, PA 17044.

- ◆ Cindy Esh continues to recover at home from her accident late summer that injured her foot. Keep her and Doug in your ongoing prayers.
- ◆ Pray for a greater supply of vaccinations so that all who desire to get vaccinated can do so.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Chris Tatom preached on Christian unity and this week was Christian Unity week. Give thanks for the unity we can all have in Jesus, despite our other differences.
- ◆ God's grace, it is amazing! Give thanks for this free and precious gift.
- ◆ Max Zook's last sermon as pastor of Locust Grove is today and he finishes up the end of the month. Give thanks for Max's 36+ years of service to Locust Grove and our community.

Senior Birthday This Week

Margie Wheeler Yoder

January 28

The **mission offering** today will be given to Central PA World Hunger Association (Meat Canner). There is a basket marked "Mission Offering" on the table at the entrance to the auditorium.

Central PA World Hunger Assoc. **meat canner** will be held Feb. 8th – 12th 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 this year, but there is a great need for canned meat. Please consider helping in whatever way you can.

At their meeting on Jan. 18, Council decided that we will continue our worship services with no SS and no congregational singing through Sunday, Feb. 14. Council will review this on Feb. 15.

Children's bulletins are available at the entrance to the auditorium, one for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12.

The **February Maple Leaf** is under the mailboxes. Help yourself!

The 2020-2021 slate was unanimously affirmed last Sunday. **Thank you** for your support!

The church received \$171.58 this week from **Everence** which represents the points earned on a member's credit card. Did you know you earn 1.5% on transactions paid for by Everence's MyNeighbor credit card and then you can designate a charitable organization to receive those earnings. If you are interested in more information about this, please contact our Everence Advocate, Herb Zook.

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 Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 2-4:00 PM. Mary's husband Paul, was pastor here from 1973 to 1980.

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 church 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.

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 *today and next Sunday (Jan. 31) in the fellowship hall*.

Steven Bender & Priscilla Sahn and family
Ken & Mel Byler
Doug & Cindy Esh
Lynn, Lorena, Sheldon & Camron Fleming
Bill Frank
Fern Hartzler
Mark Peachey
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.

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

Next Sunday is the last day to contribute canned food or complete meals that do not need refrigerated for Shelter Services.



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