
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

February 21, 2021

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.*

Prelude	Andrea Yoder
Welcome & Opening	Ed Yoder
Worship in Song	Andrea Yoder
Scripture Reading	Mark 1:9-15
Sermon	“Mark - My Words!” Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Share & Prayer	
Sending Song	

February 14, 2021	
Offering \$4,429.46	Attendance WS: 61

This Week

Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30 – House Fellowship Group meeting in FH

Next Week's Text: Romans 4:13-25

Looking Ahead:

March - My Coins Count offerings each Sunday

April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 11 - John Schmid here

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Lynn, Lorena, Sheldon & Cameron Fleming and Lester & Margie Yoder
- ◆ Pray that Lent would be a time God can use to do the next phase of His life-long building project in you.

- ◆ The Search Committee met with Dale Stoltzfus (our bishop) this week to begin their work. Pray for them and for Dale.
- ◆ Pray for the many suffering from the harsh winter over the past few weeks.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Give thanks for those who keep our roads, parking lots and sidewalks clean this time of the year.
- ◆ Jesus came to bring Good News! And it can be our news. Praise God!
- ◆ Imagine the best future you can for Maple Grove. Then give thanks to God because God is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

The **Pastoral Search Committee** (Search Committee) met on Tuesday evening, Feb. 16, with Dale Stoltzfus, our current LMC Bishop. He laid out the steps for the Search Committee throughout our work. We will be working on some of the background information for our congregation over the next several months. There is a Progress Chart on the bulletin board which we will keep updated as we move forward. We request your prayers as we do this, which will take both time and discernment. The committee appointed Herb Zook as chairman and Joann Byler as secretary. The other members are Krissy Bonson, Lisa Rheam and Andrea Yoder. Thank you for praying for each of the Search Committee members as they seek God's leading.

Our "**My Coins Count**" offering for the Sundays in March are going to be given to our local Belleville Fire Company. The Fire Company has said that any monies received will be given to the "Seth Berger Fund". Seth was a young firefighter from Belleville, who was killed in an auto accident January 19, 2020. To date, the focus of the fund has not yet been determined. It could be used for scholarships for others wanting to become a fire fighter. But more than likely, it will be used to purchase some piece of needed equipment for the Belleville Fire Company. Start saving your coins

(dollars and checks are permitted too!). Our goal is \$1,000. We will begin collecting on March 7. Checks should be made to Maple Grove Church.

There will be a **Building Fund Offering** next Sunday, Feb. 28.

Maple Leaf articles are due today. Lynn will pick up her church mail after 3:00 PM today or you can email her at plpeachey51@gmail.com. The focus is on childhood memories.

LMC is offering two **zoom Biblical classes**. Church History for Anyone, Part 2 will begin Thursday, March 4 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and conclude on May 6 after 10 sessions. Completion of part 1 is not necessary to take part 2. The course will cover from the 16th Century Reformation to the 20th century, which will include Pentecostalism, Evangelicalism, and Vatican Council II Catholicism. If you would like to join the class, register by paying the \$30 registration fee at <https://lmcchurches.org/donate/>, select “Other Payments” and designate Church History P2 in the box. Registration is limited to 20. A second class “Love your Enemies, What Does Jesus Mean” will be offered Thursday evening in person or zoom, March 4 through April 8 from 6:30 to 8:05 PM. Additional information on both courses is on the bulletin board.

St. John’s Christian Day Care and Preschool is seeking to hire two patient, responsible adults (age 18 or older). For more information, or to apply, please contact Lisa Lingle (director) at 717-935-2959 or sjcdaycare@embarqmail.com.

Next Sunday is the last day to contribute **tooth paste, tooth brushes and bath soaps** for Shelter Services. Thanks for your support!

Food for thought from our Health Promoter – Dar Yoder

True power does not crush others, but helps them to see their own greatness.

Implementation Team Congregational Announcement

I wanted to give you all an update on where we are at in the Mission Visioning process. After meeting with Conrad and Jacob Kanagy, and with the approval of the Council, we are forming a five member ad-hoc group that we are calling an Implementation Team. The main goal of this team is to use the results of the survey questionnaire and the listening sessions and come up with a succinct mission statement that reflects Maple Grove's mission based on God's calling for us. After creating a mission statement, this team will then spend time dreaming, reflecting and developing action ideas based on the mission statement. The team will then submit a 1-2 page recommendation to the Council, including but not limited to: a succinct mission statement, 2-3 simple and short-term steps intended to be used to integrate the mission statement into church culture and mindset. This group is ultimately responsible to Council.

Once formed, the Implementation Team will spend three to five months brainstorming not only what our mission statement could be, but also some short-term, practical steps for how we would carry out our mission. I am looking for 4 other volunteers who, like me, have a passion to explore and articulate what God's mission for Maple Grove could be. You do not have to be a member to join me in these tasks, just someone who finds this work important and is excited about the possibilities it could produce for Maple Grove. If you are interested, please talk to me before March 15! Also, if this is not your gift, feel free to encourage others to volunteer who you believe might be an asset to this team. Council will then discern and select the Implementation Team from those that have volunteered.

Thanks for considering this important congregational work.
Jason Yoder

LENT/EASTER DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
GOING DEEPER
WEEK 2 – FEBRUARY 22 – 28, 2021

Lent is typically a time of the year when we choose to give something up. Our purpose for giving something up is to gain something even better. You may have to give something up in order to use this devotional guide during Lent and Easter. We hope you do. Pay attention to the who or the what that “takes a seat” in your thoughts each day and consider what God may be trying to teach you or ask of you.

Each week’s guide will contain (to be read every day): 1. A thought for the week; 2. A scripture for the week; 3. A blessing for the week; 4. A closing thought/action prompt for the week; and each day will have a specific prayer directive. (Each week, Sunday’s prayer will be a prayer someone else has written.) We hope the repetitive nature of this guide helps to drive the words deeper into your spirit.

This guide is designed to be used every day. However, don’t quit if you are not able to use it every day. If you can only use this 3-4 times a week or less, you can include the daily prayer directives from other days you missed so you are still praying for each thing every week. We hope you enjoy this Lenten/Easter time with God.

THEME – DEEPER RELATIONSHIPS

THOUGHT FOR EVERY DAY THIS WEEK: Our relationship with God establishes who we truly are and becomes foundational in our interactions with others and the world. Knowing we are loved by God, no matter what, allows us to be secure in who we are and to extend love to others.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR EVERY DAY THIS WEEK –
Mark 1:9-15

DAILY PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

MONDAY – If you are a Christian, pray a prayer of praise for the peace and joy and all of the benefits that come from your relationship with God. If you are not a Christian, consider asking God to reveal Himself to you today and this week.

TUESDAY – Pray whatever prayer is needed most for the relationships you have with those most dear to you.

WEDNESDAY – Pray for and be alert for any opportunities God provides today to relate to somebody in your neighborhood or community on a deeper level.

THURSDAY – Pray for a spirit of relational unity in our church at Maple Grove and for the church around the world – that we may be one.

FRIDAY – Many relationships in this world are broken. People are divided. Pray for some of the relationships that you believe need restored in our world.

SATURDAY – Pray for those relationships that have been altered in your life or the lives of others, due to death, divorce, distance or other factors.

SUNDAY PRAYER– Break down the hardness in our hearts, Lord, the wall that insulates us from the world, the wall that stops us from feeling others’ pain. Break down the hardness in our hearts, Lord, so we might see and touch this world with your love, and through your grace, transform its pain to joy. Break down the hardness in our hearts, Lord, so that we may have deeper relationships with you and with others.

BLESSING FOR EVERY DAY THIS WEEK – You are a beautiful creation of God. God loves you as you are! Not for what you have done or not done; but simply because of who you are. Be God’s beloved creation to the rest of His world today!

FINAL THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY– (Take a few moments to quietly reflect on what God’s Spirit may be saying to your spirit.) What is the one thing I plan to do today relationally in response to God’s unconditional love for me? What does love require of me? (This need not be earth shattering, but may be one simple thing.)

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ Thank you note from Big Valley Ambulance for our donation of \$3,760
- ◆ Thank you letter from LMC for our \$15,000 donation (\$11,000 for Coronavirus Relief Aid and \$4,000 for the General Fund)



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