
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

March 21, 2021

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 for infant through age 3.

Prelude	Andrea Yoder
Welcome & Opening	Sandy Tussey
Worship in Song	Andrea Yoder
Prayer for the Offerings (Regular & My Coins Count)	
Dismissal for Children's Church K – 5 th Gr.	Lisa Rheam
Scripture Reading Psalm 51:1-12	
Sermon ". . . But GOD, the sequel"	Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Share & Prayer	
Sending Song	

March 14, 2021

Offering	My Coins Count	Attendance
\$3,879.00	\$108.47	SS: 56 WS: 77

This Week:

Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 PM – Valley View Board & Committee (FH & Room 203)

Tues., March 23, 6:30 PM – Search Committee Meeting (Rm 205)

Wednesday, March 24 – Fast & Pray Day

Next Week's Text: John 12:12-19

Looking Ahead:

April 1 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 4 - Easter Continental Breakfast, No SS

April 11 - John Schmid here (Adult SS in auditorium)

Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Thelma French and Gib & Joyce Yoder
- ◆ Pray for Willard Yoder, Lois and the family as Willard continues to struggle with his health.
- ◆ Today's text is a confession for sins. Take time to pray for areas of your life that need a cleansing from God.
- ◆ As farmers begin getting into the fields, pray for safety.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Praise God for answered prayers in your life and the lives of others.
- ◆ Not everyone is called to serve by leading. Take time to give thanks for the countless, generous acts of service done behind the scenes at Maple Grove.
- ◆ "Go make disciples". Jesus believed His doubting disciples were capable of this. Give thanks for God's confidence in our ability and that God's Spirit assists us!

Thank you Maple Grove Church family for your many prayers, cards and notes during my recent hospitalization. They were an encouragement to me.
Fern Grace

We're half way through our "**My Coins Count**" offerings but are not yet half way to our goal of \$1,000. Next Sunday will be the last opportunity to contribute to our local Belleville Fire Company Seth Berger Fund. As you enter the auditorium, there are firemen's boots to put your coins, dollars and checks. Checks should be made to Maple Grove.

Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held April 1, in the auditorium at 7:00 PM. There will be communion, but there will be no foot washing. An alms offering will be collected as you enter the auditorium and will be used for future alms needs. There will also be a time for us to share what we may have experienced in this journey of "Going Deeper" during Lent. This service is not just for

members, but for anyone that wants to worship and reflect on what Jesus has done for us.

A continental breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall on **Easter** morning at 9:00. All food and utensils will be provided. There are sign-up sheets in the classrooms and on the bulletin board for those planning to attend. There will be no Sunday School that morning and the Worship Service will begin at 10:00 AM. Again, all are welcome!

If you are unable to attend the **communion service** but would like to be served the emblems in your home, contact Alan.

Next Sunday is the **last day** to turn in your subscription for *Anabaptist World* (formerly *The Mennonite*). If you would like to order under the church group plan, the cost is \$39/yr. Your check should be payable to Maple Grove Church and you may drop it off in the church office.

For the month of March we are collecting **Clorox and laundry detergent** for Shelter Services. The Shelter also has a need for a micro wave and a few sets of double bed sheets. These should be in good condition but do not have to be new. If you can donate any of these items, please contact Lavern & Kathy Yutzy at yutco@msn.com or 717-437-0707 or 717-437-0006.

Friday, May 28 BMS has been set aside as part of Grades 6-12 **Race & Serve for Education**. There will be nearly 100 students who will be assigned to a variety of locations to give back to their community and church families. Students will be available from 8:15-11:45AM to assist with anything from washing windows, yard work, ranking firewood to painting and organizing. The possibilities are endless! Contact Gwen Renno at 717-935-2184 if you have, or know of ways they can be of service.

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Sheila & Amber Penepacker	Esther Hartzler & Dar Yoder
Nursery-Worship	Pearl Stanbrough & Rosie Peachey	Kay Peachey & Deb Durst
Sound Technician	Jared Byler	John Baker

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ Thank you letter from Shelter Services for cleaning supplies
- ◆ Thank you letter from Mennonite Historical Society for \$300 budget disbursement



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

**LENT/EASTER DEVOTIONAL GUIDE
GOING DEEPER**

WEEK 6 – MARCH 22 - 28, 2021

As the first of spring flowers begin to emerge, this is a perfect time to spend a week reflecting on growth. For plants to grow and produce blooms/fruit, they need some type of rootedness. For Christians, one metaphor for us is that Jesus is the rooted vine and we are the branches. Jesus is the reason for our growth. Hopefully, as we enter week 6, we are finding the benefits that come in staying connected to the life-giving source of Jesus through prayer, reading, reflecting and noticing Jesus in our neighbors and church family.

THEME – DEEPER GROWTH

THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY: God desires growth and fruit from our lives. Healthy plants bear fruit. Many factors contribute to a plant's ability to bear fruit. For growth and producing fruit as Christians, Jesus tells us of the one necessary factor – we must stay connected to Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING FOR EACH DAY – John 15:1-8

DAILY PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

MONDAY – Bible reading, prayer, other Christians, worship, Christian programming, There are many ways easily accessible to us so that we can stay connected to Jesus. Which one or two are most important to you? Praise God for the ways that are available for you to stay connected to Jesus.

TUESDAY – Pray for someone dear to you who needs Jesus. Pray without ceasing!

WEDNESDAY – Pray for God to show you ways that your fruitfulness can be shared with your neighbors and community.

THURSDAY – In their own ways, Ministerial Team,

Council and Worship Committee, song leaders, worship leaders and others contribute to providing opportunities for us at Maple Grove to experience Jesus. Pray for these groups today.

FRIDAY – Pray that the percentage of Christians in the world would continue to grow and that those who are already Christians would be fruitful.

SATURDAY – Are you satisfied with your growth as a Christian this past year? If so, praise God for your growth. If not, what might be needed to be more connected to Jesus and more fruit bearing? Pray and act.

SUNDAY PRAYER-
God of harvest, Gardener supreme
You plant us, feed us, equip us and having provided for us,
You look for a harvest: a fruitfulness in service to You and others.
God of harvest, Gardener supreme
feed us, prune us, grow us more so the harvest of our lives brings glory to You.

BLESSING FOR EACH DAY–

You were meant to grow, so go grow! Don't be satisfied to be an artificial plant. Resist the temptation to be an ornamental tree or a fig tree that never bears figs. Stay connected to Jesus and bear an abundant crop of fruit that you were created to bear. And as you do, may the joy of Jesus be in you and may that joy be complete!

FINAL THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY– (Take a few moments to quietly reflect on what God's Spirit may be saying to your spirit.) Evidence of fruit bearing is not only in our actions, but also reflected in our attitudes. Our attitudes might best be described by the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Pick one of these today that need the most work and be aware of its presence or lack of presence throughout your day. Staying connected to Jesus is the key! Don't give up!