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## Maple Grove Mennonite Church

March 28, 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.*

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Prelude	Worship Team
(Children's palm procession)	
Welcome & Opening	Doug Peachey
Worship in Song	Worship Team
Prayer for the Offerings (Regular & My Coins Count)	
Scripture Reading    John 12:12-19	
Sermon    "The god we want, the God we need"	Alan Kauffman
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Visitors & Church Announcements	
Share & Prayer	
Sending Song	

March 21, 2021		
<b>Offering</b>	<b>My Coins Count</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
\$3,199.46	\$442.36	SS: 62   WS: 96

### This Week:

Monday, March 29, 6:00-8:30 PM- FH in use  
Wednesday, March 31 - Fast & Pray Day  
Thursday, April 1, 7:00 PM - Maundy Thursday Service  
Sunday, April 4, 9:00 AM - Easter Continental Breakfast, No SS

### Looking Ahead:

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

### Prayer Concerns:

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Amy & Samantha Frey and Floyd & Helen Yoder

- ◆ Our devotional guide this week focuses on deeper hope. Pray for those you know in situations that feel hopeless.
- ◆ The Christian church in Columbia continues to endure threats, persecution and violence against it. Pray.
- ◆ Keith Weaver is the moderator of LMC. Pray for Keith and his work on behalf of us and the hundreds of other churches.

### Praise Notes:

- ◆ Hosanna!! Blessed is the One who came and still comes to us in the name of the Lord!
- ◆ Give thanks for the chance we have to share communion and a service this Thursday evening! We were not able to enjoy this time together last year.
- ◆ There are many good things happening at Maple Grove! Take time to thank God for one or more of those things this week.

### Senior Birthdays This Week

Wayne Miller	March 29
Marie Werner	April 4

Jeff & Jolene Byler, Darv & Joan Yoder, Robert & Karen Zook would like to **thank the congregation** on behalf of their aunt Barb Bossinger for the prayers and well wishes. She is recovering from congestive heart failure and other issues at Valley View, Room 406 for those who would like to send a card.

Reminder: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested in doing **work projects in the community**. Please sign up before next Sunday, April 4. Contact Delmar King at 717-935-2024 or 717-994-3010 with questions.

Today is the last opportunity to contribute to our **"My Coins Count"** project, the local Belleville Fire Company Seth Berger Fund. So far, we've collected \$920.78! As you enter the auditorium, there are firemen's boots to put your coins, dollars and checks. Checks should be made to Maple Grove.

AGE GROUP	# of PEOPLE	% of TOTAL		PEOPLE REQUIRED
70 & UP	62	38 %	CHURCH POSITIONS	51
			PCRC	3
60 - 69	35	22%	MINISTERIAL TEAM	6
			COUNCIL	6
50 - 59	20	12%		
			TOTAL	66
40 - 49	8	5%		
			The total of 66 above does not include those serving on Ad-hoc groups, teachers, ushers, nursery, worship team, and other ministry tasks.	
30 - 39	12	7%		
20 - 29	8	5%		
15 - 20	2	1%		
1 - 14	16	10%		
TOTAL	163			

This chart is an age demographic of our congregation taken from our church directory. It shows an approximate number of people and percentage in each age group.

After reviewing this data at our last council meeting, Council decided to begin the process of restructuring alongside with the work of the implementation committee. Council made this decision to restructure based on our age groups and size of congregation ratio to the number of positions to fill.

Council set a goal of having a new structure in place by no later than September 2022. Because of this, we are asking persons in current church slate positions if they would be willing to serve until August 31, 2022. If you are not willing to continue in your current position, please contact Nate Kauffman, or one of the church council members.

Our **Maundy Thursday Service** will be held this coming Thursday evening, April 1, in the auditorium at 7:00 PM. *Our worship will include singing, some of our children will have parts in the service, and three women will be portraying three different Mary's in the Bible.* 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 or what Maundy Thursday/Good Friday has meant to you. This service is not just for members, but for anyone that wants to worship and reflect on what Jesus has done for us.

Today is the **last day to sign up** if you are planning to attend the continental breakfast which will be served in the fellowship hall on Easter morning at 9:00. All food and place settings will be provided and there will be a *basket for contributions* toward the cost of the fruit and donuts. 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!

**Today is the last day**

- ◆ Pay your subscription for *Anabaptist World* (\$39)
- ◆ Donate Clorox and laundry detergent for Shelter Services.

Next month we will be collecting eggs, cheese and butter for Shelter Services. Please put donations in the kitchen refrigerator on the shelf labeled "Shelter Donations".

A **Single Moms Mother's Day event** will be held from 10:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 15, at the New Life Church, 101 N. Beech Street, Burnham, PA 17009. The event will feature a delicious brunch for single moms and the following features: an interactive food prep demonstration, Successful Sleep Time with Children, and Satin Hands Pampering Treatment. There will be activities and childcare for children, ages 0 to 12 years. RSVP for this event by calling or texting 717-437-4946 or 717-935-2164.

Everence Federal Credit Union has a **job opening** for a part-time (24 hours a week) Member Services Representative (MSR) in our Belleville branch. Person is responsible for processing deposits, withdrawals, loan payments, and similar cash transactions. Qualifications include good math skills and basic computer skills. Banking background is helpful but not required.

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Esther Hartzler & Dar Yoder	No SS
Nursery-Worship	Kay Peachey & Deb Durst	Kristin Kauffman & Sarah Yoder
Sound Technician	John Baker	Jared Byler

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Ministers: Everyone



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

**LENT/EASTER DEVOTIONAL GUIDE**

**GOING DEEPER**

WEEK 7 – March 29 – April 4, 2021

This is an emotional rollercoaster kind of week in the life of Jesus. What began with a waving of Hallelujah palm branches quickly shifts to a mob of “Crucify Him!” Woven into the fabric of wonderful teaching moments and Passover celebration are threads of resistance, scheming, betrayal, denial and death. When life is a mix of unpredictable ups-and-downs for you (as it has been for many the past 12 months), where do you find hope? Even in the face of suffering and death, as Jesus prayed in the Garden, Jesus placed His hope in God, “not my will, but yours be done.” God’s will, though not always perfectly clear, is always a true and reliable source of hope.

**THEME – DEEPER HOPE**

**THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY:** Faith is confidence in what we hope for and being sure about what we do not yet see. Thus our hope increases in proportion to the trustworthiness of the one we have confidence in. Failure is ultimately assured if our hope is in anyone/thing other than God, who is always faithful.

**SCRIPTURE READING FOR EACH DAY** – 1 Peter 1:3-12

**DAILY PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:**

*MONDAY* – As we face an unknown future, hope grows as we see how God has been faithful in the past. Take time in prayer, thanking God for specific ways He has been faithful in the course of your life.

*TUESDAY* – Hope and wait are often interchangeable in scripture. Pray for somebody close to you who is waiting for something important.

*WEDNESDAY* – Sometimes we can become an answer to someone’s prayer, thus helping them grow in hope. Pray that you would be sensitive to God’s nudging today to those living around

you and respond in obedience, no matter how absurd it may seem.

*THURSDAY* – Today is Maundy Thursday. Maundy comes from the Latin word “command”, referring to Jesus’ new command to “love others as Jesus loved us.” Pray for ways you are hoping the church will live this command.

*FRIDAY* – Today is Good Friday. It can only be called “good” by those who have radical hope. Pray with radical hope for our world today.

*SATURDAY* – What in your life needs resurrection? Pray with hope. For the God who raised Jesus from the dead listens and cares and is still as powerful.

*SUNDAY PRAYER-*

These times are frightening, Lord. Headlines daily deliver troubling news. If we dwell there, God, we will lose all hope. Thank You for Your protection and the promises we have in Your word. Nothing can separate us from Your love and the victory achieved by Christ at the cross. He is our hope and ever present help in trouble. We have no need to fear. You will never leave nor forsake Your own! Thank You, God!!

**BLESSING FOR EACH DAY–**

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God. With God, all things are made new, the world is alive with possibility. So hope! Live each day believing this truth; what we see is not all that can be! Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death.

**For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

**FINAL THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY–** (Take a few moments to quietly reflect on what God’s Spirit may be saying to your spirit.)

Holy Week and Easter, like life itself, is a series of highs and lows, successes and failures, obedience and sinning. But don’t give up! Never give up hope when God is involved. Be a believer in hope today. Be a beacon of hope today.

