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**Maple Grove Mennonite Church**  
**November 28, 2021**

9:30 AM Sunday School

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.*

*Nursery care is provided during SS and the worship service for infants through age 3.*

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Prelude Pat McKeehan  
Welcome & Opening Kathy Yutzky  
Candle Lighting Dylan Bonson

Leader: We light a candle of hope. And we imagine:

**People: God's righteousness, God's steadfast love, God's justice.**

Leader: We light the candle to see God's goodness in us, among us.

**People: Imagine that! We are God's wonders, blessed wonders.**

Hymns & Greetings Tim Peachey

Visitors & Church Announcements

Prayer for the Offerings (Regular & Building Fund)

Dwelling in the Word Romans 12 Herb Zook

Sharing: Where have you seen God? Where do you need God?

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon "Vote For Follow me, I'll set you free" John Baker

Response Song

Final Blessing

Sending Song

November 21, 2021	
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
\$3,185.00	SS: 75 WS: 92

**This Week:**

Monday, Nov. 29, 6:00-9:00 PM - Group 12 in FH

Friday, Dec. 3 - Peachey Wood Products Christmas Dinner in FH

**Next Week's Text:** Luke 3:1-6

**Looking Ahead:**

December 5 - Dale Stoltzfus and Keith Weaver Here

December 12 - Primary Department Christmas Program

December 19 - Action on New Mission Statement

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service

February 7-10 - Meat Canner at Chief Logan Fire Co.

February 20 - Marvin Lorenzana here from EMM

**Prayer Concerns:**

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Jay & JoAnn Byler and Willard & Lois Yoder
- ◆ Betsy Yoder's father passed away this past week. Pray for the entire family during this time of loss.
- ◆ Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Pray that God would bless you and challenge you as you use the Maple Grove devotional booklet from day to day.
- ◆ Continue to pray for the Search Committee and Council as they meet and discern future pastoral leadership and our congregational structure.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Give thanks for John Baker and Herb Zook sharing their Bible study gifts with us this morning.
- ◆ Holidays are often family times. Take time to praise God for the family you have, either biological or your sisters and brothers in Christ.
- ◆ Praise God for the God-appointed conversations you will have this week. Let the Spirit do the talking!

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday. It will be hosted by the Faith at Work SS class. All are welcome to stay for this time of food and fellowship!

The **poinsettias** at the front of the church may be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. The cost is \$7.50 per poinsettia and can be paid to the office by Dec. 19. Let the office know who you are purchasing the poinsettia for, and we will run a list of the purchasers and honorees on December 26. You may take the poinsettia on the 26<sup>th</sup> as well.

There is a **Building Fund offering** today.

Mennonite Disaster Service is needing more bridges built in West Virginia. They are **needing 4-6 men to assist** with this work December 6 – 10. If you are able to help, contact Delmar King as soon as possible. His number is: 717-935-2024.

The Implementation Team presented our **new mission statement** on Sunday, Nov. 21 and the congregation will take action on it Sunday, Dec. 19. The new mission statement is:

***To explore, experience, and express God's love in Christian community for His glory.***

It will replace our current mission statement which is as follows: *Maple Grove Mennonite Church is a gathered and sent people of God, committed to an intimate personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His teachings. Serving as ministers and active participants in the mission of God for the world, we live to share the Good News of God's love by word and deed. Praying for our neighbors, community, and the world, we advocate reconciliation, peace, justice, and mercy for all.*

Alan Kauffman will be back in the office again on Tuesday morning, November 30.

Dale Stoltzfus and Keith Weaver are planning to be here next Sunday, Dec. 5 and will be sharing briefly during the worship service. They also plan to be with us for the fellowship meal.

**Today is the last Sunday to:**

- ◆ Donate boxes of tissues to Shelter Services, Inc. *For the month of December, we will collect bags of sugar.*
- ◆ Let the office know if you have changes to the church birthday & anniversary calendar.

Today is the first day of Advent, marking the first day to use our **Advent devotional booklets**. If you have not picked up a devotional booklet, there are still a few copies under the mailboxes. If all are gone when you go to get one, let the office know.

Our **Christmas Eve offering** will be for Shelter Services homeless shelter. The shelter has experienced major financial shortfalls this year with \$50,000 in grants no longer available and decreased giving in general. We will be receiving offerings *beginning next Sunday* through Christmas Eve. Make checks payable to Maple Grove.

The Central PA World Hunger Assoc. will be having their 48<sup>th</sup> annual **Meat Canning Project** at Chief Logan Fire Co. in Lewistown. (former East Derry Fire Co.) on Feb. 7-10, 2022. MCC has set up new Covid guidelines for the 2022 canning year and those are detailed in a letter on the bulletin board. They will be canning 30,000 lbs. of chicken this year and have about ¼ of the money to complete this project. If you or a group are willing to be part of this project, you *must* contact Jesse Diem (717-348-9577) Sylvanus Peachey (717-935-2511) or Jonathan Coldren (717-250-6840) as soon as possible. Walk-ins are discouraged as they need to set an accurate schedule of who is taking part. If you are unable to help in person, monetary donations can be sent to: Central PA World Hunger Assoc., PO Box 76, Belleville, PA 17004.

<b>Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy</b>		
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Nursery – SS</b>	Sheila & Amber Penepacker	JoAnn Byler & Toni Peachey
<b>Nursery - Worship</b>	Kay Peachey & Pearl Stanbrough	Kristin Kauffman & Sarah Yoder
<b>Sound Technician</b>	John Baker	Jared Byler



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Ministers: Everyone

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