

**Maple Grove Mennonite Church**  
**December 5, 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.*

Prelude Worship Team  
 Welcome & Opening Kathy Yutzy  
 Candle Lighting Cameron Barber

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

**People: God's tender mercy, God's compassion.**

Leader: We light the candle of peace to feel God's embrace, God's nearness, God's breath.

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

Dismissal for Children's Program Practice  
 Worship in Song Worship Team  
 Visitors & Church Announcements  
 Prayer for the Offering  
 LMC Sharing Keith Weaver & Dale Stoltzfus  
 Sharing: Where have you seen God? Where do you need God?  
 Scripture Reading Luke 3:1-6  
 Sermon "Changing the World - God's Way" Alan Kauffman  
 Response Song  
 Final Blessing  
 Sending Song

There will be a **fellowship meal** following the service today. All are welcome to stay for this time of food and fellowship!

November 28, 2021		
Offering	Building Fund	Attendance
\$1,335.00	\$525.00	SS:46 WS:54

**This Week:**

Monday, Dec. 6, 6:00-9:00 PM - Group 12 in FH  
 Tuesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 PM - Ministerial Team Meeting  
 Wednesday, Dec. 8, 6:30 PM - Worship Committee Meeting  
 Friday, Dec. 10, 6-7:00 PM - Primary Dept. Program Practice  
 Sunday, Dec. 12, Noon - Family Christmas Dinner in FH

**Looking Ahead:**

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: Jeff & Jolene Byler and Will & Betsy Yoder
- ◆ Our children are preparing to share their Christmas program next Sunday morning. Pray for Andrea Yoder and the children.
- ◆ Pray for the Ministerial Team and Worship Committee as they meet this week.
- ◆ As a new variant of Covid has emerged, pray for those continuing to be affected and those giving leadership to get ahead of this disease.
- ◆ Pray for those volunteering to build bridges with Mennonite Disaster Service in West Virginia this week and beyond.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Give thanks for Keith Weaver's and Dale Stoltzfus' willingness to come and share with us this morning.
- ◆ Our former pastor, Paul Stoltzfus died the middle of November. Praise God for Paul's ministry here and throughout his life.

- ◆ Thanksgiving is not just a day, but a lifestyle. Keep thanking God for ways you see His activity in your life and in the world.

Our Christmas Eve offering will be for Shelter Services homeless shelter. *There are little red houses on the offering table for families with children to take home and collect through the month of December. Also, for those who will not be here Christmas Eve, there is an adorable Lego house for you to drop your donation into the chimney!* **Thank you** Rheam family (especially Ethan and Kaiden) for creating the collection house for us. Checks should be payable to Maple Grove.

There will be **no sewing** this week. The next sewing will be Jan. 4, 2022, weather permitting.

There will be **no December pickup** of soup and mac/cheese for Backyard Club. We will resume collection in January.

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.

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 today. 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.*

**New to the Bulletin Board**

- ◆ Thank you note from Child Evangelism Fellowship
- ◆ Thank you letter from Juniata Valley Striders
- ◆ Thank you card from Shelter Services
- ◆ December Backyard Club News

<b>Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy</b>		
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Nursery – SS</b>	JoAnn Byler & Toni Peachey	Clint & Krissy Bonson
<b>Nursery - Worship</b>	Kristin Kauffman & Sarah Yoder	Nancy Kauffman & Marilyn Spangler
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Jared Byler	John Baker



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