
Maple Grove Mennonite Church

December 12, 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 Mark Peachey

Candle Lighting Regan Farrell

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

People: Jubilation! Rejoicing! Do not fear!

Leader: We light the candle and join in God's song, singing loudly, singing fiercely, singing together.

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

Worship in Song Worship Team

Visitors & Church Announcements

Prayer for the Offering

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

Christmas Program Primary Department

“The Good News Flash”

Response Song

Final Blessing

Sending Song

December 5, 2021	
Offering	Attendance
\$7,355.02	SS: 72 WS: 84

This Week:

Monday, Dec. 13, 6:00-9:00 PM - Group 12 in FH

Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Valley View Village noon meal in FH

Next Week's Text: Luke 1:39-55

Looking Ahead:

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: Richard & Pat Byler and Roland Yoder.
- ◆ Pray for those displaced by the fire this past week at Kish Apartments.
- ◆ Pray for college students who are finishing up semesters soon.
- ◆ Remember those who are missing loved ones during the holidays this year.

Praise Notes:

- ◆ Ray and Dar Yoder are the proud grandparents of Lydia Rose Neuenschwander, born Nov. 27, weighing 6 lbs. 4 oz. Her parents are Dustin and Mary with sister Annabelle Dawn.
- ◆ Give thanks for the children (and Andrea) and for the work they invested to share the program with us this morning.
- ◆ Praise God for answered prayers that you have experienced and other ways you have seen God recently.
- ◆ What gift do you have to offer Jesus? Share it with a heart of thanksgiving and joy!

Senior Birthday This Week

Irv Kanagy

December 16

The item we are collecting during the month of December for the homeless shelter is **bags of sugar**.

Irv Kanagy, the oldest member of our congregation, turns 98 on Thursday. If you can, bless Irv with a card this week. His address is: 99 Northridge Drive, McAlisterville, PA 17049.

We are looking for someone to **take pictures** of church events such as baptisms, children's programs, shoebox event, etc. If this is something you would enjoy, please let the office know. You can use your phone to take the photos and do not need a high-quality camera.

There are a few more **Advent devotional booklets** under the mailboxes.

Reminder: The church is open from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM Monday through Saturday and from 7:00 AM to 2:30 PM Sundays.

Alan will not be in the office on Friday as he is attending a **Bishop Board** meeting.

Dryhouse Farm in Belleville will present a **Live Nativity** on Thursday and Friday, December 16 and 17 from 5 to 8 PM. Look for the farm sign at 53 Dryhouse Farm Lane.

Next Sunday is the last day to purchase a **poinsettia** in honor or in memory of someone. The cost is \$7.50 per poinsettia and can be paid to the office. 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 26th as well.

Our **Christmas Eve offering** will be given to Shelter Services, Inc. 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, you may drop your donation in the chimney of the Lego house on the offering table.

THE GOOD NEWS FLASH!

"Christmas Offering"	Choir Jovie Kauffman, Solo
Scene One:	Angels and Shepherds
"We've Got News For You!"	Choir
Scene Two:	Bethlehem Times newsroom
Scene Three:	Shepherds and Reporters
Scene Four:	Shepherds and Reporter
Scene Five:	Innkeeper and Reporters
Final Scene:	Manger scene with all actors

CAST

Angels:	McKayla Bonson, Ellie Yoder, Jenna Rheam
Shepherds:	Ethan Rheam, Kaiden Rheam
Editor-In-Chief:	Dylan Bonson
Reporters:	Wyatt Kauffman, Regan Farrell, Jovie Kauffman
Innkeeper:	Kasey Varner

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

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	This Week	Next Week
Nursery – SS	Clint & Krissy Bonson	Esther Hartzler & Dar Yoder
Nursery - Worship	Nancy Kauffman & Marilyn Spangler	Pearl Stanbrough & Joyce Rheam
Sound Technician	John Baker	Jared Byler



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