

The time we are collecting during the month of March for Shelter Services is **tissues**.

Today is the first Sunday of **Lent**. Each of the 6 Sundays, you will find a purple slip of paper in your bulletin. You are encouraged to write a prayer request on the paper. While it can be a prayer for others, the hope is that you will make it personal. During the service, as a song is being played, you may come to the front of the auditorium, where there will be a container for you to put your request. At the end of this time, there will be a general prayer for all the requests. The requests will remain private and will not be shared.

Today is the first My Coins Count offering. There is a shopping cart at the entrance for your coins. Loose coins can be put in the gas cans and bagged coins, bills, and checks can be put in the grocery bags. ***It does not matter which container you put your money into.*** All the monies collected will be used toward buying the Sheetz gas cards and Giant & Sharp Shopper gift cards needed. The cards will be kept in the office. If you know of a neighbor in need of one of these cards, stop by the office to pick one up. In order to prevent duplication, we are asking you provide the recipient's name. Our goal is \$1,250.00, so that we can purchase (50) \$25 gift cards. A member of the congregation has generously offered to match our offerings up to \$1,250. Thanks for your support in helping all of us get to know and love our neighbors! ***Please note: Cards are for people from Maple Grove to give to others. These are not meant for people from the community to stop by and request. Also,***

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Fundraiser Dinner, followed by a Bluegrass Gospel Concert to benefit the Central PA Clinic for Special Children and Adults. April 30, 2022 at Locust Grove Mennonite Church. Dinner at 5, concert at 6:30. Detailed announcement coming soon.

All are invited to the county-wide worship service at the Lewistown CMA (Lewistown Terrace) on Sunday evening, March 20th, at 6:00. This is to be a totally youth-led service and is being planned by Hope Collective, a group of pastors from Mifflin County that Alan has been part of and has mentioned from time to time. Come join your Christian brothers and sisters for this event.

Nursery Staffing Change: There have been times when there are no children in the nursery and there has been some difficulty scheduling coverage, so going forward, there will be a change in our nursery staffing. Starting next Sunday March 6, there will be one person "on call" during Sunday School and one person "on call" during the Worship Service. They will stay in the nursery 5-10 minutes into their scheduled time frame, and if no children arrive, they are free to leave. There will be a note on the door for parents to contact an usher if they desire childcare, but no one is in the nursery at the time. The "On Call" schedule will be posted on the nursery door and usher area. Any children in the nursery will be supervised by two persons.

Belleville Mennonite School is hosting an **Open House** for families to explore all the school has to offer on Friday, March 18, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 PM. Teachers will be in their classrooms to answer questions, tours will be available, and a Kindergarten Bear Hunt event specifically for interested incoming Kindergarteners will take place throughout the evening. In addition, 8th grade students will be hosting a Living History Museum in the gym and our Café staff will be offering homemade soft pretzels for sale. Classrooms and hallways across campus will be filled with a showcase of student writing assignments, special class projects, and artwork. BMS is a thriving PreK-12th grade school empowering students to cultivate academic excellence and a passion for Christ. Join us for Open House, visit our website at www.bmsprek12.org, or call the school office at 717-935-2184 to learn more!

PA Relief Sale Craft Stand coordinators are reminding you to be creating for the 66th annual sale to be held Friday and Saturday, April 1&2, 2022, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. All proceeds benefit MCC. We are seeking new quality items made from fabric, yarn, thread, wood, paper or your specialty medium, as well as traditional items such as soaps, candles, etc. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring them to the Craft Stand during the sale. Or volunteer to help sell for an hour or two during the sale. Contact: Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008 jcpatton99@gmail.com

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	On Call This Week	On Call Next Week
Nursery – SS	Toni Peachey	Krissy Bonson
Nursery - Worship	Sarah Yoder	Marlene Zook
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*“To explore, experience, and express
God’s love in Christian community for His glory”*