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**Maple Grove Mennonite Church**

**April 24, 2022**

**Congregational Retreat Sunday**

9:30 AM Session 1

10:30 AM Session 2

Session 3 immediately after lunch

*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.*

Welcome & Opening Doug Peachey

Worship in Song Krissy Bonson & Jason Yoder

Church Announcements

Prayer for the Offerings (Regular & Mission)

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

Dismissal for Children's Church 4 yrs.- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Amber Penepacker & Lisa Rheam

Scripture Text Luke 14:25-27 Doug Peachey

Part 2: "Something to Show for it"

Prayer for the Meal

April 17, 2022		
<b>Offering</b>	<b>Alms Offering</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
\$4,126.00	\$1,655.00	No SS WS: 149

**This Week:**

Monday, April 25, 6:00-9:00 PM - Group 12 in FH

Tues., April 26, 4:30-7:30 PM - Valley View Board Meeting here

Thursday, April 28, 11:30 AM - 3:30 PM - Valley View Meeting in room 203

**Next Week's Text:** Revelation 5:1-14

**Looking Ahead:**

May 1 - Congregation Vote on Suspending Portion of Constitution

May 6 - Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Meeting here at 7:00

May 7 - Soup and Scoop in FH

May 15 - Potato Bar Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser Meal

May 21 - Spaghetti Supper Fund Raiser for Evan's Van

June 10-12 - LMC Celebration of Life at Camp Hebron

July 31 - Church Picnic at Greenwood State Park

**Prayer Concerns:**

- ◆ Our two church families to pray for this week: Rob Hartzler and Raymond & Sandy Tussey
- ◆ Continue to pray for opportunities God may provide to connect with neighbors who may be in need of one of the gas or grocery gift cards.
- ◆ Pray that God would use our congregational retreat to continue the good work He has begun in us.
- ◆ We had a fatal fire in our area this week. Pray for all the families affected and also for all of those who risk their lives to help others.

**Praise Notes:**

- ◆ Praise God for chances we have "To Explore, Experience and Express God's love in Christian community for His glory!"
- ◆ This Wednesday is Administrative Professionals' Day. Give thanks this week for JoAnn Byler's work for our congregation.
- ◆ This Wednesday is the 150<sup>th</sup> year of National Arbor Day. Praise God for the beauty of the trees we have all around us.

There is a **mission offering** today for MCC School kits.

There will be a **fellowship meal** next Sunday, May 1, hosted by His Followers SS class.

There are still some copies of the minutes of the April 10 congregational meeting as well as a **hand-out of the new structure** under the mailboxes for those who would like a copy.

**Reminder:** Next Sunday, May 1, the congregation will vote on suspending page 2 article 6 through page 22 article 9 of the church constitution for a two-year period at the beginning of the new structure. This is the organizational part of the constitution. Suspending this portion of the constitution will give the church the opportunity to work with the new structure and make whatever adjustments become necessary. Then, at the last six-month mark we can begin working on revising the constitution to reflect the new structure. *Absentee ballots are available in the church office for those unable to be here next Sunday. Ballots are to be returned by the end of worship on May 1.*

**A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser** will be held May 21, from 4:00-6:30 PM at Maple Grove. This is to start raising monies for a new wheelchair accessible van for Evan Yoder. The cost of the meal is by donation. This will be a public meal so bring your family, friends, and neighbors. If you have questions, please ask Sandy Peachey or Nancy Kauffman.

You are all invited to a **potato bar** lunch after church on May 15th in the fellowship hall to help raise funds to allow Maple Grove middle schoolers to participate in an Eastern Mennonite Missions (EMM) event in Lancaster this summer. Please come support the middle school youth in their mission efforts! The mission trip will be from July 4-8 and will provide these youth the opportunity to worship, learn how to serve, and to be a Christian influence to the youth of the refugee community in Lancaster.

You are invited to the Mennonite Heritage Center Annual Meeting at Maple Grove Mennonite Church on Friday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. The presentation that evening will be on **Central Pennsylvania's Native American Heritage**. The scheduled speaker is Sherman Stoltzfus, who has been working on a local Native American excavation for a number of years.

**April Shelter Services item:** Laundry detergent

There will not be a **recording of the service** today, so there will not be CD's to be delivered to Valley View.

Snacks to go with ice cream are **still needed** for Soup & Scoop which is coming up on Saturday, May 7 at 5:00 in the fellowship hall. Soup, snacks, and ice cream will be served, and three persons will be sharing about their hobbies. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Lavern Yutzy will ride his bike as many miles as possible in the month of May to **support the homeless** in our community. 100% of funds raised will go Shelter Services, Inc. Please consider pledging a dollar amount per mile or give a one-time gift to Shelter Services, Inc. Lavern raised over \$4,000 last year; help him break his record!! Checks can be payable to Shelter Services, Inc. and mailed to 13 Depot St., Lewistown, PA 17044.

Crossroads Pregnancy Center will be holding **Run Baby Run**, on Saturday, April 30. This is a 5K walk or run for life fund raiser at the Rails to Trails in Alexandria. Registration will begin at 8:30 and the race will begin promptly at 9:30. Awards will be given to the top overall male and female runners as well as age group awards. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@cpcforlife.org](mailto:stephanie@cpcforlife.org) or phone her at 814-643-3570 if you have questions.

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**LMC's annual Celebration of Church Life** is a whole weekend this year. The dates are Friday – Sunday, June 10-12 at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. Registration is now open and will close May 15<sup>th</sup>. You can either go online to register or contact the office. There are tentative plans to carpool or to take the church van, depending on the number going each day. If you want included in traveling together, contact the office.

The **Gospel Echoes Team** will hold a fund raiser banquet at BMS on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 PM. Tickets are required and can be purchased for \$8/person by contacting Josh & Cindy Rhodes at 717-437-5375. Children under 5 are free. The public is invited for this time of music and inspiration along with a delicious home-style dinner. There will be prison testimonies and an update on the ministry as well. A freewill offering will be received for the ministry.

<b>Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy</b>		
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>Nursery - SS</b>	Esther Hartzler	Toni Peachey
<b>Nursery - Worship</b>	Kat Ketchem	Sarah Yoder
<b>Sound Technician</b>	John Baker	Wyatt Kauffman



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Ministers: Everyone

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