

Maple Grove Mennonite Church
April 14, 2024

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Prelude	Pat McKeehan
Welcome & Opening	Doug Peachey
Hymns & Greetings	Andrea Yoder
Church Announcements	
Prayer for the Offering	
Sharing: Where have you seen God? Where do you need God?	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 2:1-14
Sermon	“The Mystery of the Gospel” Phoebe Quaynor
Pastoral Team Proposal	Herb Zook
Response Song	
Final Blessing	
Sending Song	

April 7, 2024		
Offering	Alms	Attendance
\$5,307.00	\$25.00	SS:66 WS:88

This Week:

Monday, April 15, 6-9:00 PM - Group 12 in FH
Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 PM - Leadership Team Meeting

Next Week’s Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Looking Ahead:

April 21 - Combined Adult SS Hour
April 28 - Congregation Affirmation of Pastoral Team Proposal
June 10-14 - Mega Sports Camp

Prayer Concerns:

◆ This week’s Mifflin County church to pray for: Locust Grove Mennonite Church

◆ Kurt Rheam is preaching next Sunday. Keep him in prayer this week as he prepares.

Senior Birthdays This Week

Betty Hartzler	April 19
Esther Kauffman	April 20

Reminder: Next Sunday, adult SS classes will meet together in the auditorium during the SS hour. Pastoral Team candidates will share their faith life stories and calling to ministry. The congregation will take action on the proposal the following Sunday, April 28. There are absentee ballots available in the office for those who will be unable to be here. Absentee ballots will be due by the end of the worship service that day.

Today is the second Sunday of a 6-week sermon series on the book of **Ephesians**. Did you have any discussions this week about the introduction and chapter one from last week?

Last week Clayton Penepacker shared about **small groups**. If you have an interest in learning more about small groups, contact Kathy Yutzky at 717-437-0006.

Jr High Youth will meet next Sunday, April 21 right after church in the fellowship hall for pizza & ping pong. Parents: for catering, please let Jen or John know if your son/daughter is able to attend. We'll be finished by 2pm.

Today is the last day to contribute **soup and boxed macaroni/cheese** to Backyard Club. Please have your donations on the bench in the foyer by the end of the worship service today.

There are additional copies of the **LMC Central Penn District News** under the mailboxes for those who would like one. There is an interesting article by Evan Yoder in this month’s issue.

This weekend, the SS class that meets in the old sewing room spent the weekend together and focused on strengthening their marriages. They used a video from Right Now Media to aide in their discussion: *4 Lies that (almost) wrecked our marriage* with JD & Veronica Greer. For the next four weeks, the lies that were presented in the video will be shared in the bulletin, followed by the truth and some questions to consider in your own marriages. You are encouraged to have these discussions with your spouse, and you can check out the video if you are interested in hearing more.

Lie #1- I married the wrong person.

The truth is: You always marry the wrong person. This is true because you married a sinful person and sinful people always disappoint.

The truth is: You are actually married to several people over the lifetime of a marriage. We all change and grow.

The truth is: What you are looking for in your spouse is really what you should be looking for in God.

The truth is: If you are looking to your spouse to fulfill the role that only God is capable of fulfilling, they will be the wrong person.

Challenge: Confess to each other if you have been expecting your spouse to fulfill the role that only God can fill.

Did you know the **church offers the following to assist you:** 1) Our elevator is for anyone that has any trouble with steps; 2) Sound Mates are in the usher area for anyone with hearing difficulties; 3) Large print bulletins are available from the office for those needing them.

Crossroads Pregnancy Center has an opening for a Communications Coordinator. The primary areas of responsibility are to develop, implement and manage Crossroads online and offline communications with clients/patients and donors. This part-time paid position is 20 hrs./wk. and training is provided. For questions or an application, contact Cindy Mansberger at 814-643-3570 or director@cpcforlife.org. More details are on the bulletin board.

The **Mifflin County Amish-Mennonite Historical Society's Annual Meeting** will be held on Friday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. at the Locust Grove Mennonite Church, Belleville PA. The guest speaker will be John Sharp, a native of Big Valley. His talk is entitled "Bundling and the Deacon's Gold: Stories from the Valley and County." If you are interested in hearing the stories, and in history and genealogy, join us for this enjoyable evening.

During the month of April, we are **collecting cereal and canned food** for Shelter Services, Inc.

Continue to remember those in our church family who are in Senior Care.

Brookline Manor:

Gwen Kauffman

Valley View Haven:

Nancy Byler

Fern Hartzler

Esther Kauffman

Iris Peachey

Valley View Terrace:

Mary French

Nancy Kinsinger

Nancy Miller

Dave & Effie Spicher

Marie Werner

Gib Yoder

New to the Bulletin Board

- ◆ April Backyard Club News
- ◆ Thank you letter from Shelter Services, Inc.

Maple Grove has a Child Protection Policy		
	This Week	Next Week
Sound Technician	John Baker	Jared Byler



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