



8:30 - 9:15—Informal Fellowship  
 9:30 AM—Sunday School  
 10:30 AM—Corporate Worship



*Disciples of Jesus, Revealing  
 His Kingdom through Love,  
 Spiritual Growth,  
 and Service Together*

September 17,  
 2017

*It is our prayer that you'll experience the presence of God and the love of Christ during your time with us and there will be a desire in your heart to reciprocate His love.*

**GATHERING**

Prelude

Opening Song  
 Welcome/Announcements  
 Call to Worship/Prayer

*Holy Spirit*

**PRAISING**

Songs of Praise *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)  
 Mighty to Save*

Offering – *Education Sunday*  
 Blessing of items for Lake Township FISH

Installation service of Verle Brubaker as Interim Pastor

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading *Matthew 5:17-18; Mark 1:12-13; Romans 5:12-14*

Sermon *Who's Your Hero?*

**RESPONDING**

Song of Response *Jesus, Be the Centre*  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer

**SENDING**

Sending Song *I Would Be Like Jesus*  
 Benediction/Blessing

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| <b>Sermon:</b>               | Verle Brubaker | <b>Greeters:</b> | Michael, Ruth, James & Miles Yoder<br>(Main Doors) |
| <b>Song Leader:</b>          | Tom Lubbers    |                  |  |
| <b>Worship Leader:</b>       | Paul Bontrager |                  | Alta Bates (Education Door)                        |
| <b>Offertory:</b>            | Julie Yoder    | <b>Nursery:</b>  | Shannon & Becky Shrock                             |
| <b>Installation Service:</b> | Ralph Reinford |                  |  |

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)

STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)



Today we welcome Ralph & Barbara Reinford to Maple Grove for the installation of Verle Brubaker as Interim Pastor here at Maple Grove. Ralph is the Regional Pastor from Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA. We at Maple Grove thank you for joining us, and we wish you God's blessing.

**There will be a carry-in after the service today – all are welcome to attend!**

To our family, church family, friends & community:

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, food, flowers, cards & visits we received since the car accident. We have been overwhelmed by your love, care & generosity. You have made the world a better place. May God bless you as you have blessed us. *Gene & Ruth Miller*

**CHURCH EVENTS**



**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, is World Communion Sunday.** We will join together in giving thanks for Christ's life, death, resurrection and the gift of Salvation with believers from around the world. We encourage you to take the next two weeks to prepare your hearts for this time.

**Church Social – September 24 @ Clearwater Park**

All are invited to an evening of mini golf and ice cream at Clearwater Park on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up how many in your family will be attending – sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church lobby. It's \$5 per person for one round of mini golf and an ice cream cone. You pay when you get there. **Please bring a finger food to share!** Join us for an evening of faith and fellowship – and bring friends as well! Any questions please see Ruth Yoder or Emily Manchester.

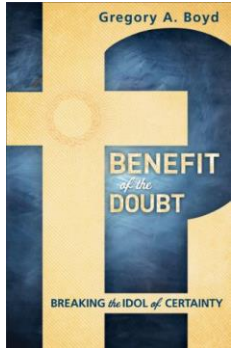
**The Jr. Youth Group** (Grades 5-8) will be having a fall party, including an outdoor movie and games, this Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Scott & Kami Sommers' house. Contact Gary & Charla Sommers if you have any questions.

**Child Abuse Awareness Training Meeting – September 27**

Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. is Ministry of Education's annual Child Abuse Awareness Training meeting for all volunteers who have contact with infants through children in high school. This is in accordance with Maple Grove's policy on Physical & Sexual Abuse of Children. If you received a letter from the Ministry of Education, please plan to attend this half-hour meeting in the Junior Youth Room (Sunday School classrooms 5-6). *Thank you!*

**Fall Midweek Program – October 11-November 15**

Midweek will start on Wednesday, October 11, and go for 6 weeks. There will be a meal at 6:00 each Wednesday and classes from 6:45-7:45 p.m. Below is information on the book study being offered. If you would like to participate in this book study, please sign up on the back bulletin board so enough books will be available. This will be a facilitated discussion of the book led by Pastor Verle so please read at least the first two Chapters before the first night of Midweek. The study will be in the large classroom on the education side of the church (the old youth room).



Have you ever been afraid to question your beliefs and the beliefs of others? Would you like to be able to honestly discuss those questions with those who are followers of Jesus? If so, the Midweek study, starting October 11, is for you. We will tackle the book, *BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT*, by Greg Boyd, theologian and pastor at Woodland Hills Church, St Paul, MN. In this book, Greg wrestles with the common perception that asking questions of the faith is dangerous. Looking at the people of the Bible, he claims that the ones that God approves of are those who are willing to engage with God and ask the hard questions.

I encourage you to participate in this book study. We will take each of the three parts of the book-- False Faith, True Faith, and Exercising Faith—and spend two sessions each on them.

Below is an excerpt from a review of Greg's book:

Gregory Boyd's *Benefit of the Doubt* is an intriguing look at the role of doubt in the life of faith. Boyd gives us a hefty dose of original thinking and a helpful critique of the evangelical world that is long overdue. ... Boyd's book is recommended reading for anyone who has intellectual questions about Christianity and struggles with doubt...

Boyd also has an interesting critique of the way many evangelicals believe doctrine. He calls it a "house of cards" faith in which all of the doctrines go together as one package. If one doctrine is taken out, or even doubted, the whole house of cards crumbles. Boyd relates the story of his own struggles understanding certain Bible passages or how faith and science go together, and how he lost his faith several times since he thought that he had to believe every doctrine proffered in order to be a Christian.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Birthday bakers are still needed for October, January & February.**

Birthdays are celebrated the first Sunday of each month. If you would like to provide a birthday treat to help celebrate the children's birthdays during Sunday School, please sign up on the back bulletin board. A member of the Ministry of Education will call you the week before to remind you. Please bring a snack for about 35 children/teachers (approximately 3 dozen) and have on the counter by the Sunday School classrooms by 9:30 a.m. *Thanks for your help – Ministry of Education*

**Photos for the Church Website**

Ministry of Administration is working on building a new website for the church and requesting the congregation to share any photos that could be used on the website – photos of people at the church, at church related events, projects or trips. Please send photos to Cindy in the church office.

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| <b>Offering Last Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>:</b> |                    | <b>Attendance Last Sunday:</b> 109 |
| General   | \$ 5,863.00        |                                    |
| Education   | 250.00             |                                    |
| Children's Offering                                     | 1.00               |                                    |
| <b>Total Offering</b>                                   | <b>\$ 6,114.00</b> |                                    |

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| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN</b> |                 |                                 |                                   |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|   | <b>Location</b> | <b>Teacher(s)</b>               | <b>Curriculum from MennoMedia</b> |
| Preschool                               | Room 1          | Amy Shelly & Becky Shrock       | Wee Wonder                        |
| K-Grade 1                               | Room 2          | Carol Sommers                   | Shine-Primary                     |
| Grades 2-4                              | Rooms 3-4       | Jill Liechty & Sylvia Miller    | Shine-Middler                     |
| Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8)                  | Rooms 5-6       | Matthew Manchester              | Shine-Jr. Youth                   |
| Youth (Grades 9-12)                     | Basement        | Mike Yoder & Kami Sommers       | Generation Why                    |
| <b>SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULTS</b>   |                 |                                 |                                   |
| Women's Class                           | - Sewing Room   | Mixed Post-High/20's-40's Class | - Basement                        |
| Sr. Women's                             | - Room 9        | Mixed Intergenerational         | - Education Side                  |
| Men's Class                             | - Room 10       |                                 |                                   |

# REFRIGERATOR NEWS

## OFFICE WORK SCHEDULE FOR CINDY, CHURCH SECRETARY

| <u>Week of</u> | <u>Days in the office</u> | <u>Printing Bulletins on</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sept. 17       | Tuesday-Friday            | Friday                       |
| Sept. 24       | Monday-Thursday           | Thursday                     |

## THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

|                |                  |  |
|----------------|------------------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>  | - 5:00 p.m.      | Ministry of Worship Meeting                        |
| <b>Tuesday</b> | - 8:00 a.m.      | Sr. Men's Bible Study – Ephesians 3:1-12           |
| <b>Friday</b>  | - 6:30-9:30 p.m. | Jr. Youth Fall Party @ Scott & Kami Sommers' house |

## LOOKING AHEAD

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|-----------------|--|
| September 24    | - Church Social: Mini golf @ Clearwater Park – 5:00 p.m.<br><i>Bring a finger food to share!</i>                         |
| September 27    | - Ministry of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.<br>- Child Abuse Awareness Meeting – 7:00 p.m.                               |
| October 1       | - World Communion Sunday   |
| Oct. 11-Nov. 15 | - Fall Midweek Program: Meal – 6:00 / Classes – 6:45-7:45 p.m.   |
| Oct. 8 & 15     | - Direct-trade coffee orders taken from Hemisphere Coffee Roasters   |
| October 29      | - Mennonite Heritage Sunday<br>- Carry-in after the service<br>- Congregational Meeting – Time of Reflection on our Past |

## YOUTH NEWS

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Sunday-Sept. 17    | - Chopped Game Show Night – 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall                           |
| Wednesday-Sept. 27 | - No Youth Group meeting – sponsors will be attending<br>Child Abuse Awareness Meeting |

## REMINDERS:

- If you haven't set up a time to have a "get acquainted" meeting with Verle, please contact Cindy in the church office to schedule a time that works for you.
- Today is Education Sunday; non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.
- Bread Ministries provides Maple Grove with free bread each week. Please help yourself to the bread in the Fellowship Hall.
- There are free books on a table in the Library. Please help yourself to them.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE

### PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- Pray for the Sunday School teachers of our children.
- Pray for our children as they learn about God's word.
- Pray for the relationships in our families and marriages.
- Pray for Dariush and Emily. Pray for them for direction going forward with their ministry. Pray for Cyrus and Parsa.



### PRAY FOR THE BROADER CHURCH:

- Pray for peace in the world, in our country, and in our community.
- Pray for those affected by natural disasters all around the world.

### ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Pauline Webb, Ruth Miller, James Eklich, Becky Kress, Lois Bontrager, Martha Yoder, Sarah Miller, Amanda Sommers, Lisa Snodgrass, Juanita Weaver, Susie Sommers, Norman Slabaugh, Terry Lattavo, Heather Burns and her niece Kaleia (friends of Harold & Nancy Beachy), Ryder Brown (4-year old grandson of Julie Yoder's friends), Steve Hinton (Kathy Cartner's brother), and Tim Miller.

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for healing for Chris Miller who is recovering from a bicycling accident.
- Pray for Tom Lubbers' sister-in-law Donna who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Pray for Verle & Maralee as they settle into their life at Maple Grove.
- Pray for Verle as he walks with Maple Grove through this time of transition.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Stephanie Kress – September 19  
Vee Miller – September 19  
Nathanael Stauffer – September 20



Marvin Sommers – September 21  
Scott Sommers – September 21

**Nursery attendants needed! Please see Emily Manchester if you are willing to help.**

### The Nursery is available for 0-3 years old during the worship service.



**Nursery Attendants Today:**  
**Nursery Attendants Next Sunday:**

Shannon & Becky Shrock

**A children's activity bin is available at the back of the sanctuary for the children to use during the service.** Please return the items to the bins after the service each week.

## WHO'S YOUR HERO? September 17, 2017

### Scripture:

Matthew 5:17-18; Mark 1:12-13; Romans 5:12-14

### Summary:

Last Sunday we saw that God in his efforts to restore the broken relationship with his image bearers, became human in Jesus. We saw that this helps us to know that we are valued and loved by the God who created us. What we didn't dwell on was how God becoming man address our brokenness. Today I want to look at a statement that Jesus makes in the Sermon on the Mount. "I have come to fulfill the Law and the Prophets...until everything is accomplished." Paul in Romans 5 indicates that in some way there is a connection between Adam and Christ. In exploring this we will dig into the concept of "Corporate Solidarity."



### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Who have been some of your heroes? What difference did they make in your life?
2. When have you experienced the sense of accomplishment through another person's actions?
3. In what way have you accessed the salvation that God has for you in Jesus?
4. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? How does that change your life?