

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

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



January 14, 2018

Make sure to find us and like us on Facebook! @MapleGroveMC

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 STJ #3 *Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him*
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

Welcome/Announcements
Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise Revelation Song
Whom Shall I Fear God of Angel Armies

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time Sophia Sommers
Scripture Reading Luke 10:1-11; John 4:1-9

Message **Receiving Hospitality**

RESPONDING

Song of Response *They'll know We are Christians by our Love*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song HWB #226 *You are Salt for the Earth*
Benediction/Blessing

Message:	Verle Brubaker	Greeters:	Tom & Julie Weaver (Main Doors)
Worship Leader:	Matthew Manchester		Erin Cartner (Education Door)
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider	Nursery:	Amy Shelly
Offertory:	Renee Koshmider		

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)

CHURCH EVENTS

Outreach Project – January 20 @ 5:00 p.m.

This coming Saturday evening, **ALL** are invited to come out and help knot comforters for MCC. We will start with a meal at 5:00; Scott Sommers and AJ Geiser will be making pulled pork. Then we will work on comforters.

MIDWEEK – JANUARY 17-FEBRUARY 7

Meal @ 6:00 – Class @ 6:45

**The Midweek meal for this Wednesday is
chili, baked potato bar & dessert.**
*Ingredients for Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches are available for
anyone who prefers that option*

On Wednesday, the documentary film “When God Left the Building” was shown at Midweek. Anyone who missed this may borrow the DVD. Pastor Verle has two copies available in his office.

The classes for the rest of Midweek will be a discussion of Sunday's sermon.

The sermon series during midweek focuses on “Mission in Our Community.” The class will be held in the large Sunday School classroom on the education wing.

- Sunday-Jan.14 *Receiving hospitality - Praying for the peace of our community*
- Sunday-Jan.21 *God's Mission - Exploring God's purposes in the world*
- Sunday-Jan.28 *Our part in God's Mission - Our place in the purposes of God*
- Sunday-Feb. 4 *Our most Valuable Resource for Mission - The primary and most valuable resource we have as part of God's mission is our story*

For this Wednesday, an article has been placed in each mailbox with extra copies available under the mailboxes. The article, *Hospitality of Strangers – Learning to receive from others before we give,* will be the basis of the discussion.

Midweek classes for the children and youth are also available:

- Grades PK-4th – Classrooms 3 & 4
- Teachers are Ruth Yoder and Stephanie Kress
- Junior Youth & Youth combined (grades 5-12) – Youth Room in Basement
- Teachers are AJ & Jen Geiser, Matthew & Emily Manchester and Gary & Charla Sommers

CHURCH NEWS

Activity for all youth, Mentors and Mentees – January 21

Please join us for Pizza, Pop and Pins at Bill Whites in Akron from 5-7 pm on Sunday January 21st. Please let Jen Geiser know if you plan to attend and if you need a ride. Please bring \$7.00 with you.

The 2017 year-end giving statements are under the mailboxes in envelopes marked with your offering number. Please pick up your numbered envelope. In order to receive a year-end statement of your offerings, you must have an offering number. To obtain an offering number, please contact Ryan Miller at (330)323-3451. The offering envelopes are designed so you can designate your offering to specific funds. If funds are not designated on the envelope, they are included in the General offering with the exception of the 3rd Sunday of each month which is Education Sunday and non-designated funds go to the Education fund. **For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds.** Thanks!

A new list of the ministries and committees for 2018 has been placed in each mailbox. There are also extra copies available on the literature rack. These half-sheets are made to fit into the Maple Grove phone directory.

From the Library Committee: Check out the table of books located in the library. **They are FREE!!** There are a lot of fiction books for adults. They will be available until the end of January. Whatever is left, will be donated to the Thrift Shoppe.

Media Center available for use by Maple Grove congregation. Ministry of Congregational Care has renewed membership in the East Ohio Conference Media Center located on Cleveland Avenue just south of Greentown (8800 Cleveland Ave NW, North Canton). All are welcome to use these resources. The Media Center offers an extensive collection of worship, Sunday school, and small group curriculum, as well as equipment resources to be reserved. More information can be found at <http://www.eocumc.com/media-center/> or by calling 330-499-3972.

Thank You's

Dear friends at Maple Grove,
Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia that you gave us. Most of all, thank you for your prayers. We appreciate every single one of them.
- Joe and Juanita Weaver & family

Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers and support on the passing of my father. My family and I are truly blessed by our church family. You are all appreciated. Blessings to you all, Kathy Cartner

A thank you from Ina Mae Troyer for Susie Sommers:

Just want to say thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Susie is enjoying it very much! Thanks also for taking time out to carol for her – she did appreciate seeing everyone who came out. Stop by again. Susie's regular days for dialysis are Monday, Wednesday and Friday and she's gone for most of the day. God bless you for caring and sharing.

Susie is now at AlterCare – the address is:

Susie Sommers
c/o AlterCare of Hartville
1420 Smith Kramer Street
Hartville, OH 44632

Literature Table & Bulletin Board Updates (in church lobby)

- A *Common Place*, MCC's quarterly magazine – copies available to take
- The January issue of *Beacon*, CMC'S magazine, is in the Library

Mission Bulletin Board Updates (in hallway)

- Adriel Update

<u>Offering Last Sunday, January 7th:</u>	<u>Attendance Last Sunday:</u>
General	101
Education	
Meraj Ministry Support	
Total Offering	

Bread Ministries provides Maple Grove with free bread each week.

Please help yourself to the bread in the Fellowship Hall.

OTHER NEWS

Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner @ The Chapel in Marlboro – January 29

Antonio Smith will be the speaker at the annual men and boys' dinner at The Chapel. The dinner is 5:30-7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$10 at the door. Reserve yours by calling 330-935-0132. There is no charge for coming to hear the speaker only. He will begin at 7:15. See the bulletin board for more information on this event.

Bluffton University will host the 2018 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) of the Ohio Conference on March 9-10, 2018.

The theme for ACA will be "Gathered and Sent," based on 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 10:1-12. Ohio Conference also will hold a missional conference at Bluffton University immediately prior to ACA, on March 8-9. Online registration is now open for both events. Deadline to register is February 16.

- To register online for ACA, go to <http://bit.ly/2018ACA>.
- The Gathered and Sent Missional Conference focuses on discipleship and evangelism with Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana. Meghan is teaching pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona, and Marvin is the discipleship initiatives director at Mennonite Mission Network (MMN). A pamphlet with more information has been placed in each mailbox. To register online for the missional conference, go to <http://bit.ly/2018MissionalConference>.

Mennonite Church USA's Journey Forward Writing Team

The five-person Journey Forward writing team met for the first time on Dec. 11-13 to begin their work with Journey Forward, a church-wide process for following God's calling for MC USA. The team invites prayers for their second Face-to-Face in Philadelphia on Jan. 25-27. Read about their first meeting here:

<http://mennoniteusa.org/news/writers-gather-plan-journey-forward-draft/>

Everence is accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2018-2019 academic year through the end of February.

A college scholarship is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. The Everence scholarship program encourages young people to explore the integration of faith and finances while helping them on their educational journeys. To be eligible, students must:

- Own or be using an Everence product that has been in effect for at least six months prior to March 1, 2018.
- Be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) in an accredited two- or four-year undergraduate or trade school program.
- Have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0-point scale.
- Submit a completed scholarship application – with all appropriate documentation – postmarked, emailed or faxed by Feb. 28, 2018.

Previous recipients may apply again. Scholarship funds may be used to pay tuition, book costs and related course fees. A scholarship application may be downloaded by visiting everence.com/college-scholarships.

The Work of Christmas

(Howard Thurman)



When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

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 instead of his Maple Grove email address - and you are always welcome to call him on his cell phone.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN			
	Location	Teacher(s)	Curriculum from MennoMedia
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	Shine-Middler
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Matthew Manchester	Shine-Jr. Youth
Youth (Grades 9-12)	Basement	Kami Sommers	Generation Why
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULTS			
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

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Monday** - 4:00 p.m. Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Ministry of Education Meeting
- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study
- Wednesday** - Winter Midweek Program
-6:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
-6:45 p.m. Classes

LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan. 24-Feb.7 - Winter Midweek Program: Meal – 6:00 / Class – 6:45 p.m.
- January 21 - Birthday of Anabaptism – 1525
- January 22 - Ministry of Worship Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
- January 28 - Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday
- Youth Fundraiser Lunch – Hot Chicken Sandwiches & Soup
Annual Congregational Business Meeting
- Please note there will not be Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting on the first Wednesday in February.*
- February 14 - Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

- Jan. 10-Feb 7 - Midweek Program: The Youth Group will combine with the Junior Youth Group for midweek focusing on service-oriented activities.
- Sunday-Jan. 21 - Youth and Mentor Activity:
- Pizza, Pop and Pins @ Bill Whites in Akron – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
▶ *Please bring \$7.00 with you!*
- Sunday-Jan. 28 - Fundraiser lunch before the Annual Meeting
- Sunday-Feb. 18 - Out for lunch after church and go to The Great Escape Room in Akron
- *Bring money for lunch!*

Nelson Schlabach's birthday is January 31st. If you would like to send him a card, The address is:

Walnut Hills Retirement Community
The Commons, Unit 12
P O Box 128
Walnut Creek OH 44687

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 their ministry. Pray for Cyrus and Parsa.
- Pray for Verle as he walks with Maple Grove through this time of transition.



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:

- Juanita Weaver, Rachel Weaver, Nancy Beachy, Pauline Webb, Ruth Miller, Lois Bontrager, Martha Yoder, Sarah Miller, Amanda Sommers, Susie Sommers, Donna Lubbers (Tom Lubber's sister-in-law), Terry Lattavo, Heather Burns and her niece Kaleia (friends of Harold & Nancy Beachy), Ryder Brown (grandson of Julie Yoder's friends).

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Junior Miller; pray that he continues to regain his strength.



Casey Miller
Barbara Volk

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



Nursery Attendants Today: Amy Shelly
Nursery Attendants Next Sunday: AJ & Jen Geiser

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.

Receiving Hospitality January 14, 2018

Scriptures: Luke 10:1-11; John 4:1-9

Sermon Summary:

When we speak of hospitality, most often we are thinking of offering hospitality. While this is important, today I want to consider that the pattern of Jesus is frequently to ask for hospitality for others. Look carefully at the passages of scripture for today and see this in action.



Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What does it mean to be hospitable?
2. What are the barriers to hospitality in our culture?
3. When you think of ministry, where is the primary focus of hospitality?
4. What would it mean for you to ask someone else for hospitality?
5. How do you respond to others who need hospitality?

(These questions will be the basis for our discussions at Midweek.)