

*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



November 12th, 2017

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

We Will Dance

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship/Prayer

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

*How Firm a Foundation
Cornerstone*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Drama

"The Perfect Church"

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV); 2 Corinthians 9:8;
1 Corinthians 12:4-6; Galatians 5:22-23

Sermon

One of a Kind—All We Need

RESPONDING

Song of Response

Build Your Church, Lord

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #118 *Praise God From Whom*

Benediction/Blessing

Sermon:	Verle Brubaker	Greeters:	Adam, Kim, Kennedy & Shane Weaver
Song Leader:	Renee Koshmider		Arrie Ledsome (Education Door)
Worship Leader:	Matthew Manchester	Nursery:	Charla & Sophia Sommers
Offertory:	Renee Koshmider		

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

OUTREACH

Collecting noodles for Thanksgiving meals for Lake Township FISH

Maple Grove is collecting bags of noodles for the Thanksgiving community food drive. FISH will donate meals to 220 families so our goal is to collect 220 bags of noodles! **Please bring them in by next Sunday.**

Love Our Community Christmas Event

Love Our Community (L.O.C.) is a group that came together in the Spring of 2017 to host the first annual L.O.C. Egg Hunt. Thanks to the partnership of so many churches, businesses, schools and individuals, this event was an overwhelming success! L.O.C. is planning their 1st annual Love Our Community Christmas event on Saturday, December 9th, at the Gentle Brook Event Center. During this event, under-employed families in our community will have an opportunity to purchase gifts for their children at a fraction of the cost. **Maple Grove is participating in the event with a giving tree.** Please see the tree in the lobby with tags that have gift ideas and price ranges. You may take as many of the tags as you want and bring the gifts back to the church, UNWRAPPED, by Monday, December 4th. Let's help L.O.C. provide this special event to families that are in need of some help at the holidays. If you have any questions on this project, please see Holly Miller.

CHURCH NEWS

Affirmation Ballots for Youth Pastor Search Committee Nominees

Ballots have been placed in the mailboxes of Active Members 16 and older (per Voting Policy) to affirm the nominees for the Youth Pastor Search Committee. Please return the ballots to the church by next Sunday, November 19. A ballot box is available in the church lobby or return to the church office. Thank you – Ministries of Administration & Congregational Care

Maple Grove children in grades 1-4 will be going to see "The Star" movie on Sunday, November 19.

Michael & Ruth Yoder will be taking the children to the movie leaving the church at 2:00 p.m. and returning around 5:00 p.m. The movie is playing at Interstate Park Stadium 18 Theater off Arlington Road in Akron. Cost is \$8.00 per ticket. Please RSVP to Ruth by Sunday morning, November 19.

A note from Ministry of Congregational Care about Christmas Caroling

This year as we seek to share the good news of Jesus' birth, we are encouraging you as families, small groups, and/or Sunday school classes to set a time to go and carol for those in our church family and our community. We will not be organizing a whole church caroling night. You are welcome to use the caroling books that are available in the music office – please return them to the church afterwards.

Church Office Coverage

Cindy Fleming, church secretary, will be out of the office from November 20 to December 6 recovering from shoulder surgery. The phones will be covered most mornings during this time. Jen Geiser will be doing the bulletins – please contact Jen with items for the bulletin by Wednesday each week at geiser266@gmail.com or 330-575-4640.

Bread Ministries provides Maple Grove with free bread each week.

Please help yourself to the bread in the Fellowship Hall.

Literature Table & Bulletin Board Updates (in church lobby)

- *Beacon*, CMC's monthly magazine (copies available to take)
- *Our Daily Bread* quarterly devotional for December-January-February (copies available to take)
- Job Description for Volunteer Recruiter @ Hartville Thrift Shoppe
- *Connections*, Anabaptist Disabilities Network's newsletter



October 11-November 15 – Meal @ 6:00 / Classes 6:45-7:45 p.m.

This Wednesday is the last night of Midweek until January.

The Midweek meal for this Wednesday is a haystack meal and dessert!

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
Pre-K-K	Nursery	Kim Weaver
Grades 1-4	Rooms 3-4	Ruth Yoder
Jr. Youth (Grades 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Gary & Charla Sommers
Youth (Grades 9-12)	Youth Room	Jen Geiser, Emily & Matthew Manchester
Adult	Adult SS Room	Book Discussion led by Pastor Verle

For *Benefit of the Doubt* book discussion, please read Chapters 10, 11 & 12; Wednesday's discussion will have an emphasis on Chapters 11 & 12.

Offering Last Sunday, November 5th: Attendance Last Sunday: 117

General	\$ 11,644.24
Education	150.00
Meraj Ministry Support	100.00
MDS-Puerto Rico	350.00
Total Offering	\$ 12,244.24

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Relief Sale Meeting – November 12

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale is today at 6:00 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite Church. Refreshments will be served. We are grateful to God for a great sale, and we need your input to keep it successful. Come help us evaluate the 2017 sale, and give us ideas for future sales.

Hartville Thrift Shoppe is seeking a Volunteer Recruiter

Hartville Thrift Shoppe is seeking a candidate to fill a new part-time position: Volunteer Recruiter. The responsibilities are primarily to network with the founding churches and the community to generate interest in volunteering at the Thrift Shoppe. A job description is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby. If interested, please contact Alan Montgomery, General Manager, at 330-877-2769 or manager@hartvillethriftshoppe.org.

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 Voicemail: Verle-102; Cindy-100
 Website: www.mgmennonite.org Facebook @MapleGroveMC
 Interim Pastor Verle Brubaker (267) 374-5806
pastor@maplegrovemennonite.org. Days in the office are Monday-Thursday
 If you want to reach Verle via email on Friday or Saturday, please use pastorverle@justswamp.com instead of his Maple Grove email address - and you are always welcome to call him on his cell phone.
 Cindy Fleming Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org (330) 877-2400
 Secretary Days in the office listed on "Refrigerator News" page of the bulletin.

Ministry of Congregational Care Members:
 Ruth Miller (330)877-2571 Rhoda Sommers (330) 806-5933
 Phil Stauffer (330)703-4325 Dan Dutcher (330)388-0439
 Prayer Chain Contacts: Ruth Miller (330)877-2571 and Carol Sommers (330)904-4969

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - CHILDREN

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher(s)</u>	<u>Curriculum from MennoMedia</u>
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	Mike Yoder & 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

OFFICE WORK SCHEDULE FOR CINDY, CHURCH SECRETARY

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Days in the office</u>	<u>Printing Bulletins on</u>
Nov. 12	All week	Friday

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Sunday** - Collection of bags of noodles for Thanksgiving community food drive for FISH – need 220 bags of noodles!
- Monday** - 5:00 p.m. Ministry of Worship Meeting
- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study – Ephesians 6:1-12
- Wednesday** - Fall Midweek Program (last night of Midweek)
- ✠ 6:00-6:45 Meal
 - ✠ 6:45-7:45 Class

LOOKING AHEAD

- November 19 - Last day to bring in noodles for Thanksgiving community food drive
- November 20 - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- Ministry of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 22-25 - Pastor Verle will be out of town Nov. 22-25 – for pastoral needs in his absence, please contact a member of MOCC or call Pastor Verle's cell phone
- Nov. 22-24 - Church office will be closed
- November 23 - *Thanksgiving Day*
- December 4 - Return gifts from the Giving Tree for L.O.C. Christmas Event
- December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

- Wed.-Nov. 15 - Fall Midweek Program
Meal – 6:00 / Class – 6:45-7:45 p.m.
Book Study: *Jesus, Bombs, and Ice Cream Study Guide: Building a More Peaceful World*
- Wed.-Nov. 29 - *Jesus, Bombs and Ice Cream Party*
– 7:00-8:30 p.m. @ the Church

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:

- Erin Cartner, Pauline Webb, Dorothy Shrock, 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), Steve Hinton (Kathy Cartner's brother), Moises & Anna, and Tim Miller.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Nancy Beachy who has been in the hospital fighting an infection.



Marsha Miller	Laura Wolf
Brayden Miller	Nancy Beachy
Margaret Miller	Amy Shelly
Pauline Webb	



Ben & Marie Sommers

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



Nursery Attendants Today:	Charla & Sophia Sommers
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.



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Sermon Scriptures:

1 Peter 2:9 (KJV); 2 Corinthians 9:8;
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Sermon Summary:

1 Peter 2:9 states that we are a peculiar (unique) people (KJV). As we stated last Sunday, we are a people who is uniquely called to serve God. The first way we are unique is our theological orientation. This Sunday we will look at the resources that God has entrusted to us. We will discover that God has given all that we need to do the work he calls us to do. We will look around and discover the resources that he provides.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Just as every person is unique so too is every church. In what ways is Maple Grove Mennonite Church unique/peculiar/special?

2. Do a personal inventory of our church:
 - a. Take a walk around the building and look carefully.

 - b. Leaf through our directory and think about what you know about our people.

 - c. Engage in the exercise on the tables in the foyer. Write down responses to the questions for each member that you know.

3. What resources do we have?

4. How are we using them?