

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*

December 1, 2019 – First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude

Opening Song

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Prayer



STS #15 *Hope Is A Candle*
(Vs. 1, 4, 5)

PRAISING

Songs of Praise

HWB #178 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
STJ #54 *Longing For Light* (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Scripture

Isaiah 2:1-5

Message

Come, let us go!

RESPONDING

Response & Confession

Song of Response STS #1 *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song

You Never Let Go

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

Message: Myron Weaver	Children's Time: Michael Yoder
Worship Leader: Jill Liechty	Candle Lighting: Rachel Weaver & David Weaver
Song Leader: Ruth Yoder	Greeters: Larry & Ruth Hills (Main Doors)
Offertory: Renee Koshmider	Isabelle Liechty (Education Door)

HWB-Hymnal Worship Book (blue) / TMH-The Mennonite Hymnal (red)
STJ-Sing the Journey (green) / STS-Sing the Story (purple)
Songs used with permission: CCLI 465314

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

Kids Club (K-4th Grade) Family Night – December 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

Kids in grades 1-4 are invited WITH their families to a Kids Club Family Night! We will meet at the church (on the Education side) on Saturday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. and go Christmas caroling together. After caroling, we will all eat at Dairy Queen together. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please see the Kids Club Leaders – Michael and Ruth Yoder.

Christmas Choir

The Advent Planning Team is forming a choir to sing several songs during the Advent Season. Possibly 2 songs on Sunday mornings and 2 on Christmas Eve. All are invited to join us. Since everyone is busy this time of year we are planning to have just one evening practice on Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30. Starting next Sunday, we will also practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. We hope you will join us and bring any of your children who might be interested as well. Hope to see you there!
Advent Planning Team: Lois Bontrager, Renee Koshmider, Marty Miller, Vee Miller and David Weaver

Advent Guide for Families - Waiting and Wondering

A free, downloadable guide for family worship during Advent designed for parents to use at home with their children is available at <http://mennoniteusa.org/resource/advent-at-home/>. For six weeks from Advent through Epiphany, this little booklet will guide families through the scriptures, prayers and activities that help them “wait and wonder” together in faith. Copies are also available on the literature rack in the church lobby.

Greeters & Nursery Attendants are needed – sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the church lobby.

- Ministry of Worship is looking for Greeters for 2020. Each Sunday morning, Maple Grove has greeters at the main doors in the foyer and at the door on the education wing side to greet the congregation and hand out welcome packets to new attendees. Individuals, couples and families are all welcome to sign up!
- Family Ministry is looking for people willing to volunteer their time Sunday mornings during the worship service to help in the nursery.

Thanks for your willingness to help with these ministries!



Thank you to everyone who helped with the collection for the Community Thanksgiving Food Drive. Maple Grove collected 237 boxes of stuffing mix and \$200 in gift cards. Ministry of Outreach appreciates your support of this project!

Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas Program

Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas program is for families in the southeast neighborhood of Canton surrounding the Lighthouse. In purchasing presents for kids, the real gift you are offering is dignity for a parent to provide for their children. Presents will be sold at an affordable price in a "store" run by the Lighthouse.

All the tags for the Lighthouse Affordable Christmas have been taken – thank you Maple Grove for your generosity!!

Please return gifts to the church by this Wednesday - UNWRAPPED with the purchase price listed somewhere on the packaging with the tag taped on the gift. Any questions, please contact Paul Bontrager.

“Love Our Community Christmas” is a shopping event sponsored by area churches, businesses and individuals. During the event, under-employed families are invited to purchase new, unused gifts at a fraction of their original prices. The event is at GentleBrook Event Center on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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 Sunday, December 8th.

Please tape the tag on the gift.

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 contact Holly Miller.

Offering Envelope Numbers

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. For accurate recording, please mark the front of your envelope with your offering number as well as designation of funds.

Offering November 24th – Attendance: 101

General Fund	\$ 2,727.67
Education Fund	9,492.80
Charity Fund	100.00
Total Offering	\$ 12,320.47

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 330-877-2400
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 Cindy Fleming Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org Voicemail: Cindy-100
 Days in the office: Monday & Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8am-1pm

Ministry of Congregational Care Members:

Dan Dutcher Gary Sommers
 Paul Bontrager

Prayer Chain Contacts: Ruth Miller and Kami Sommers

Congregational Care Contacts:

Clara Sommers Harold Beachy
 Dan Dutcher Matthew Manchester
 Dorothy Shrock Rhoda Sommers

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – CHILDREN & YOUTH

	Classroom	Teachers
PreK-Kindergarten	Rooms 1-2	Becky Shrock & Jill Liechty
Grades 1-4	Rooms 3-4	Sheryl Weaver
Jr. Youth (Gr. 5-8)	Rooms 5-6	Matthew Manchester
Youth (Gr. 9-12)	Basement	Kami Sommers & Michael Yoder

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
Sr. Men's	- Room 10	

REFRIGERATOR NEWS

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study
Wednesday - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting
- Gifts for Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas need to be returned
- Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- Christmas Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.
- Ministry of Education Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 8 - Message: Myron Weaver
- Gifts for Love Our Community Christmas Event need to be returned
December 11 - Ministry of Administration Meeting – 8:15 a.m.
December 14 - Kids Club Family Night (for Grades 1-4)
 - Meet @ Church 5:30 p.m. (Education side)
 - Christmas Caroling
 - Eating at Dairy QueenDecember 15 - Message: Sean Swanson, Pastor @ Canton First Mennonite
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.

YOUTH NEWS

- Wed.-Dec. 4 - Bible Study – 7-8:30 p.m. @ AJ & Jen Geiser's house
Sun.-Dec. 15 - Youth Group Christmas Party
 - Christmas party after church – eating at Table Six
 - After lunch, we will go to AJ & Jen Geiser's house to play games and have our White Elephant gift exchange
 - If you need a ride, contact AJ & Jen Geiser

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- Mabel Weaver; Ann Raber; Henry Sommers, Jr.; Eugene Miller; Leslie, Korey, Emma & Ayden Miller.
- Pray for the Pastor Search Committee: Paul Bontrager, Jen Geiser, Jill Liechty, Perry Miller and Scott Sommers.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for Harold Beachy who is recovering from surgery.
- Pray for Ryder Brown (grandson of Julie Yoder's friends who has cancer).



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

A children's activity bin is available at the back of the sanctuary for the children to use during the service.

- Please take toys to your seat and return the items to the bins after the service each week.
- A small table is available in the back of the sanctuary for parents who may need a place to sit with their young children during the service.

Bulletin Board & Literature Rack Updates (in church lobby)

- Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) Report
- Anabaptist Disabilities Network Newsletter, *Connections*

Conference Bulletin Board Updates (in hallway)

- *Prayers for Faith & Learning* from Mennonite Education Agency

Mission Bulletin Board Updates (in hallway)

- Newsletter from *Refuge of Hope Ministries* in Canton

Don't forget to save your Acme receipts to benefit Lake Township FISH!

A collection box for the receipts is under the mailboxes. A percentage of the cash back amount printed on the bottom of each receipt will be donated to FISH. Thank you – Ministry of Outreach