

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 8, 2019 – Second Sunday of Advent**

**GATHERING**

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer  
Congregational Sharing  
Offering – General Fund  
Blessing of gifts for Lighthouse Ministries & Love Our Community



STS #15 *Hope Is A Candle*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Children's Time  
Special Music  
Scripture  
Message

Christmas Choir  
Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10  
*Where is your hope?*

**RESPONDING**

Anointing

HWB #372 *O Healing River*  
HWB #377 *Healer of our Every Ill*  
*I Shall Not Want*

**SENDING**

Sending Song  
Benediction/Blessing  
Postlude

*Peace in Christ*

<b>Message:</b>	Myron Weaver	<b>Children's Time:</b>	Michael Yoder
<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Matthew Manchester	<b>Candle Lighting:</b>	Perry & Betty Miller
<b>Song Leader:</b>	Renee Koshmider	<b>Greeters:</b>	Larry & Ruth Hills (Main Doors) Isabelle Liechty (Education Door)
<b>Offertory:</b>	Julie Yoder		

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**

*Thank you to everyone who helped with the collection for Lighthouse Ministries' Affordable Christmas and Love Our Community Christmas events.*

**There are still tags available on the Love Our Community giving tree.**

If you would like to take a tag, the gifts need to be brought back to the church by the end of the day today. Gifts should be unwrapped and the tag taped on the gift. Thanks for everyone's generosity!

**The Christmas Choir will practice this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

It's not too late to join the choir! 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*

**The second Thursday of each month is Maple Grove's turn to supply volunteers at the Thrift Shoppe.** Men and women are needed this Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

**Kids Club (K-4<sup>th</sup> 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 Sunday – December 29<sup>th</sup>**

To celebrate the Christmas season, we will be having a special informal service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no Sunday School and the Nursery will not be staffed.

✠ Henry Beun will bring the meditation. Henry is a Bible Teacher and Coach at Central Christian Schools.

# REFRIGERATOR NEWS

## THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study  
**Wednesday** - 8:15 a.m. Ministry of Administration Meeting  
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice  
**Thursday** - 6:00 p.m. Volunteer @ Hartville Thrift Shoppe  
**Saturday** - Kids Club Family Night (for Grades 1-4)
- Meet @ Church 5:30 p.m. (Education side)
  - Christmas Caroling
  - Eating at Dairy Queen

## LOOKING AHEAD

- December 15 - Message: Sean Swanson, Pastor @ Canton First Mennonite  
December 22 - Message: Chris Price  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 6:00 p.m.  
December 25 - Christmas Day (Church office closed.)  
December 28 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends  
December 29 - Christmas Celebration – 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall  
(We will not have Sunday School.)  
January 1 - New Year's Day (Church office closed.)  
January 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting

## YOUTH NEWS

- 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).



*Dariush Meraj – December 8*  
*Kaydri Sommers – December 8*  
*Chris Rhodes – December 9*  
*James Eklich – December 12*  
*Gavin Sommers – December 13*



**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.

**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. The program ends Saturday, December 28.  
Thank you – Ministry of Outreach

**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 December 1<sup>st</sup> - Attendance: 103**

General Fund	\$ 5,644.68
Education Fund	200.00
Charity Fund	<u>100.00</u>
Total Offering	\$ 5,944.68

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 Cindy Fleming [Secretary@maplegrovemennonite.org](mailto: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**

	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Teachers</b>
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