

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 15, 2019 – Third Sunday of Advent

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Opening Song  
Lighting the Advent Wreath  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship & Prayer



STS #15 *Hope Is A Candle*

### PRAISING

Songs of Praise

STS #124 *My Soul Cries Out*  
STS #49 *I Will Come to You in the Silence*

Offering – Education Fund

*Away in a Manger*

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Christmas Choir

*Celebrate the Child*

Scripture

Isaiah 11:1-10

Message

***Waging Peace***

### RESPONDING

Response & Confession

Song of Response

STS #62 *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Congregational Sharing/Prayer

### SENDING

Sending Song

HWB #189 *To Us a Child of Hope is Born*

Benediction/Blessing

Postlude

<b>Message:</b> Sean Swanson	<b>Children's Time:</b> Michael Yoder
<b>Worship Leader:</b> Jill Liechty	<b>Candle Lighting:</b> Jr. & Carol Sommers
<b>Song Leader:</b> Lois Bontrager	<b>Greeters:</b> Larry & Ruth Hills (Main Doors)
<b>Offertory:</b> Children's Hand bell Choir	Isabelle Liechty (Education Door)

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

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

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Today, we welcome Sean & Ally Swanson to Maple Grove. Sean is the Lead Pastor at First Mennonite Church in Canton. Sean began serving as the Lead Pastor of First Mennonite in July 2016, when he and his wife, Ally, moved to Canton.

Born and raised in northern Indiana, he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in ministry from Bethel College (IN). He loves all things Notre Dame football, coffee, and theology.

*We at Maple Grove thank you for joining us, and we wish you God's blessing.*

## CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

### From Kathy and Erin Cartner:

*There will be an Open House at our home on Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, from 4 pm to 8 pm. All are welcome. The house is decorated for Christmas and we want to share some baked goodies and treats as a thank you to everyone. We love you!!*

**Today is Education Sunday;** non-designated funds from the offering will go toward the Education Fund.

### **Christmas Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m.**

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a service of singing and celebrating Jesus' birth. The service will start at 5:00 instead of 6:00 this year.

### **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. There will still be Bible Memory.

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

### **Annual Reports for 2019 are due January 8.**

The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26, 2020, after a youth fundraiser lunch (approximately 1:00 p.m.). The ministry & committee reports are due to the church office by Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. A copy of last year's report has been emailed to the chairperson of each committee and ministry. *Thank you!*

**Freezer meals are available for those in need or alone over the holidays!**

Meals have been prepared and are in the freezer at the church to be taken to someone in need, whether it's someone in the church or a neighbor or a friend, coming home from the hospital or a situation where they could use some help. There is chicken pot pie, tater tot casserole, ham & potato casserole, and apple crisp. All are labeled with heating instructions. To take a meal to someone, please sign out the meal in the church office and let Cindy know what meal you are taking and who it's going to. If you have any questions, please contact a member of Family Ministry – Marsha Miller, Vee Miller, Kathy Cartner.

**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. 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 8<sup>th</sup> - Attendance: 111**

General Fund	\$ 4,841.00
Education Fund	600.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,441.00

**From Ministry of Gifts Discernment**

*Thank you to our new committee members for your willingness to serve beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>!*

<u>Committee</u>		<u>Term Expires end of year</u>
Building & Grounds	Larry Hills	2022
Family Ministry	Charla Sommers	2021
	Sheryl Weaver	2021
Food Committee	Brenda LaTulippe	2021
	Sylvia Miller	2021
	Dorothy Shrock	2021
Lake Center Christian Schools Corporation Members	Marsha Miller	2024
	Gary Sommers	2024
Ushers	Mitch Mann	2021
	Jim Miller	2021

Ministry of Congregational Care  
 Marty Miller – term ends 08/31/2020  
 (replacing Rhoda Sommers)

*Thank you to our members who finish up their terms end of the year, and to Rhoda Sommers for her service on the Ministry of Congregational Care. Your willingness to serve has contributed to Maple Grove living out its mission of being, "Disciples of Jesus revealing His Kingdom through love, spiritual growth, and service together."*

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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 Marty Miller

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**

	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
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

## Office Schedule for the Holidays.

For the week of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday both weeks. Cindy will be working Monday, Thursday and Friday those weeks.

## THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

**Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study  
**Saturday** - 4-8:00 p.m. Open House @ Kathy & Erin Cartner's house

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 22 - Message: Chris Price  
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service – 5:00 p.m. (Church office closed.)  
- Please note time change of the Christmas Eve Service  
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  
(There will not be Sunday School classes.)  
January 1 - New Year's Day (Church office closed & December 31<sup>st</sup>.)  
January 8 - Ladies' Sewing & Comforter Knotting  
- Annual Reports due back to church office  
January 26 - Annual Congregational Meeting:  
- After Youth Group Fundraiser Lunch

## YOUTH NEWS

**TODAY** - 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

Sun.-Jan. 5 - Skittles Bowling at Spins Bowl – 4:00 p.m.

- Afterwards head back to Scott & Kami Sommers' house for dessert and snacks.

Wed.-Jan.15 - Bible Study @ Gary & Charla Sommers' house – 7-8:30pm  
Sat.-Jan. 25 - Game Night @ the Church & Set-up for Annual Meeting Meal

- 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Sun.-Jan 26 - Youth Fundraiser - Haystack Lunch before the Annual Meeting

## **FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:**

- Harold Beachy; 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 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.

### **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