

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 22, 2019 – 4th Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

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



STS #15 *Hope Is A Candle*

Advent

PRAISING

Songs of Praise HWB #493 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
More About Jesus*

Offering – General Fund

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time
Scripture John 1:1-14
Message ***Be Christmas***

RESPONDING

Song of Response *Little Drummer Boy*
Congregational Sharing/Prayer

SENDING

Sending Song *Jesus Messiah*
Benediction/Blessing
Postlude

Message:	Chris Price	Children's Time:	Michael Yoder
Worship Leader:	Jill Liechty	Candle Lighting:	The Matthew Manchester Family
Song Leader:	Tom Lubbers	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



Today, we welcome Chris Price to Maple Grove.

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

CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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 29th

To celebrate the Christmas season, we will be having a special informal service at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will not have Sunday School classes and the Nursery will not be staffed. There will still be Bible Memory.

- ✚ There will be pastries and coffee available before the service.
- ✚ Henry Beun will bring the meditation. Henry is a Bible Teacher and Coach at Central Christian Schools.

The order of Sunday School books for the spring quarter is due by end of December. Please get with Charla Sommers regarding how many books your Sunday School class needs. Thank you – Ministry of Education

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.

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.). Please turn in your ministry & committee reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 8th. A copy of last year's report has been emailed to the chairperson of each committee and ministry. *Thank you!*

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! If you are willing to be a greeter, please write your name down on the month you are available for or contact Lois Bontrager.

Nursery Attendants Needed

Family Ministry is looking for people willing to volunteer their time Sunday mornings during the worship service to help in the nursery. A new sign-up sheet for January-March is on the bulletin board. Please see Kathy Cartner if you have any questions.

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.

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

Bulletin Board & Literature Rack Updates (in church lobby)

- Mennonite Mission Network's magazine, *Beyond* (copies available to take)
- Mission Bulletin Board Updates (in hallway)**
- Refuge of Hope Ministries' newsletter

Offering December 8th – Education Sunday: Attendance: 98

General Fund	\$ 2,490.13
Education Fund	2,600.00
Charity Fund	200.00
Total Offering	\$ 5,290.13

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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	330-388-0439	Gary Sommers
Paul Bontrager	330-957-9925	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

	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

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 for the holiday. Cindy will be working Monday, Thursday and Friday.

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

Tuesday - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men's Bible Study
 - 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday - *Merry Christmas!!!*



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

LOOKING AHEAD

- December 28 - Acme Community Cash Back Program ends
- December 29 - Christmas Sunday – Informal Service @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
 - Pastries & coffee available before the service – No SS
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 5 - Epiphany Sunday – Terry Shue will be bringing the message
- 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

- 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:

- Ann Raber; Harold Beachy; Mabel Weaver; Henry Sommers, Jr.; Eugene Miller; Leslie, Corey, 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).
- Pray for Olive, Marv & Rhoda Sommers' granddaughter, who is recovering from her liver transplant. Pray for strength for the whole family.
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Michelle Eklich – December 23



Jarrod & Amanda Weaver – December 28, 2013



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.