

CHURCH CALENDAR (please visit www.maplegrovemc.com for all events)

TODAY.....SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Lusby
Sermon: "The Power of Love" Text: 1 John 4:7-21
Advent Candle Lighting: Chuck & Patti W
Worship Leaders: Becky B & Fi L
Christmas Choir Practice
6:00pm Caroling in the Barn @ Tim & Carolyn F's Farm

NEXT SUNDAY.... THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer
Sermon: "I Have Good News" Texts: Isaiah 61:1-4, Luke 3:10-18
Christmas Choir Practice
11:30am-3:30pm Jr. Youth Christmas Party @ Maple Grove

THIS WEEK.....

Wednesday 6:00am Men's Prayer @ Dutchway
8:00am Sewing Circle
6:30pm Youth Caroling- meet @ Maple Grove
Thursday 10:00am Prayer Team @ Maple Grove

UPCOMING.....

December 22 9:00-9:50am Light Continental Breakfast
10:00am Christmas Service

December 1 Attendance:173 November Offerings: \$28,522.69

STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Mike Clemmer office hours Monday - Friday; off Wednesdays. 610.593.9501 or 215.767.6582; mclimmer@maplegrovemc.com.

Pastor Mike Lusby office hours: Monday - Wednesday. 717.606.7289 or mlusby@maplegrovemc.com.

Music Minister Matt Chambers office hours: Monday & Friday and some Wednesday mornings. 717-593-9502 or mchambers@maplegrovemc.com.

Elders: Arlin K, Matt K - Lead Elder, Matt R, Mike W

Treasurer: Sue N - esnafziger@verizon.net office hours: Wednesday morning

Secretary: Marilyn U 610-593-6658; mumble@maplegrovemc.com; office hours: Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday: 8:30-1:30; off Tuesdays. Please send all bulletin and Sunday morning announcements by **Thursday, Noon**.

Preschool Director: Adrienne Fiscus: maplegrovepreschool@gmail.com. 610.593.1159

MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH



DECEMBER 8, 2019

OUR MISSION

Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out

LOVE



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A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE TODAY!

Connection Cards for your prayer requests and praise items are on the back of the pews and at the Welcome Center. Your prayer concerns will be shared confidentially with our Leadership Team and/or Church Prayer Teams. Please contact the office if you want to join a prayer team or if you have a prayer or praise item for the bulletin.

Connection Cards are also used to include you in any church communications of your choice—phone calls, texts, emails or a church mailbox. First time guests may exchange the completed card for a gift at the Welcome Center.

You may also drop your Connection Cards along with your offering in the giving stations at the exit doors.

CHILDCARE

Children's Church for K- 4th grades will meet downstairs in the youth room following the morning worship music. To follow along with the service, older children may pick up an activity paper on the back table of the sanctuary.

1 & 2 yr. olds (Room 102)

12/8 Lynda K & Marilyn U

12/15 Pete & Becky B

12/22 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

3 & 4 yr. olds (Room 104)

12/8 Broden & Sheyenne K

12/15 Sarah & Hannah W and Tori B

12/22 NO CHILDCARE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTS: December 8 "God Judges" Numbers 14:5-19
December 15 "God Requires" Numbers 20:1-13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE BARN @ 6:00pm this evening at Tim & Carolyn F's farm, 6321 White Oak Road, Christiana. Family Life Commission will provide refreshments and Worship Central has planned special & group music to be enjoyed by all ages. Everyone is invited to come join the fun!

CONGRATULATIONS to Chris & Sarah K, 57 Upper Valley Road, Christiana, on the November 28 birth of their daughter, Madeline Taylor! She is welcomed by siblings, Raegan & Lincoln and Grandpa Ken K. Beginning December 4, if you want to bless the family with a meal, go to www.takethemameal.com. Recipient name is: Kauffman; password: baby. Contact Missy K @610-593-4838 for more information.

MORE BABY NEWS! Skip & Molly S, 216 Hilltop Dr., Cochranville, were blessed with a son, Dawson John, on Dec. 3! He is welcomed by brother, Mason, and happy grandparents, Erwin & Robin S. Starting Thursday, December 12, meals would be appreciated for the family. Sign up at www.takethemameal.com; recipient name: Stoltzfus, password: baby or contact Kelly S @484.435.1990.

OCTORARA WINTER CONCERTS Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30pm - Jr. High Band and Chorus; Thursday, Dec. 12, 6:30pm -Sr. High Band and Chorus. Both performances will be in the high school auditorium. Several Maple Grove children are taking part.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM This year instead of bringing ornaments to hang on the lobby memorial tree, you may purchase a poinsettia for the front of the sanctuary in memory of your loved ones. There is a signup at the Welcome Center showing your cost if you would prefer to have the decorating committee purchase one for you or you may donate your own. Contact person is Missy K @610.593.4838.

OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY December 15, 5:00pm by Parkesburg Baptist Church Youth, 103 West St., Parkesburg. Some Maple Grove Youth are participating also. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday, Dec. 22. A light continental breakfast will be served from 9:00-9:50 with the service following.

GIVE A KIT FOR CHRISTMAS This year, why not gather your family and pack a school kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? Go to mcc.org/kits for a list of the contents.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE TRIP March 22-28, 2020. Signup at the Welcome Center if you are interested in serving on a construction project in Bennettsville, SC. Fifteen spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact person is our Maple Grove MDS representative, Bill U @ 610.637.6788.

DIRECTORY UPDATES There are a few updated pages in your church mailbox. Stay tuned for an announcement in January giving opportunity for new additions and more updates.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

12/8 Baylee S, Natalie U (Randy & Melanie)

12/9 Eric B, Fennec F

12/10 Aslan

12/12 Mason B

12/13 Elizabeth C

12/14 Dawnell G, Harold G, John S, Jonny U (Randy & Melanie)

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/10 Dean & Darlene G

12/12 Vernon & Mildred U

12/13 Mike & Sharyn K

12/14 Monchy & Nicole R

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer concerns are listed for 4 weeks after which you may call the office to continue. Prayer concerns are shared weekly with those of our congregation who commit to pray.

Please pray for:

Maple Grove Leadership Team & Lay Ministers.

Maple Grove Vacation Bible School vacancies to be filled.

Dave L - facing a liver transplant

Mike & Fi L and Joe & Sandy L - Mike & Joe's mother, Ethel L, passed away Nov. 12.

Rich & Sue R - as Sue undergoes chemotherapy.

Galen S - recovering from surgery at LGH.

Charlie U - (son of Sam & Cora) at LGH with serious health issues.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Bridge of Hope/Good Samaritan Services

Cornerstone Pregnancy Resources

Eastern Mennonite Missions

Maple Grove Preschool

Parkeburg Point

PCCO (Parkeburg Community Churches Outreach)

Southern Chester County Young Life

Welsh Mountain Home

MISSIONARIES

Nathan & Laurel C - World Team in Africa

Garry & Ruth - EMM in Israel

David & Dawnell G Family - Commission to Every Nation in Mexico

Lindsey G - CRU West Chester University

Mike & Sharyn K - Powered to Move in Texas

Dale & Kathy M - YWAM Virginia & Chile

Jon & Amanda R Family - CRU West Chester University

Randy & Melanie U Family - Reach Beyond in Mexico

Mentor & Erinda Z—CRU Albania

SERMON NOTES

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