

CHURCH CALENDAR (please visit [www.maplegrovemc.com](http://www.maplegrovemc.com) for all events)

TODAY.....DECEMBER 12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00am Sunday School  
10:00am Worship Service  
Sermon: "When the Lord Visits Us" Text: Luke 1 Bishop Steve Weaver  
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers  
Baby Dedication for Bo S (Kyle & Kelly)  
11:30am - 2:30pm Jr. Hi Christmas Party @ Maple Grove  
2:30pm - 3:45pm Maple Grove Christmas Caroling- meet at church

NEXT SUNDAY...DECEMBER 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00-9:45am Christmas Brunch  
9:45am Carols in the Sanctuary  
10:00am Christmas Worship Service  
Sermon: "Zachariah's Song of Pardon" Text: Luke 1:67-80 Pastor Mike  
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers  
Octorara Food Pantry Donations

THIS WEEK....

Wednesday, Dec. 15 6:00am Men's Prayer @ Maple Grove  
6:00pm Sr. Youth Christmas Party @ Matt & Missy King's  
Thursday, Dec. 16 Worship Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, January 1 2:00pm 60th Birthday Hymn Sing for Pastor Mike  
Thursday & Friday, January 13 & 14 Men's Retreat @ Spruce Lake  
Friday- Sunday, January 14-16 Jr. Hi Youth Retreat @ Spruce Lake

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

12/12 Mason B  
12/13 Elizabeth C  
12/14 Dawnell G, Harold G, John S, Jonny U (Randy & Melanie)  
12/16 Katelyn B  
12/17 Naomi H  
12/18 Kent L

### ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/12 Vernon & Mildred U

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December 5 Attendance: 181

November Offerings: \$33,526.00

# MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

DECEMBER 12, 2021

## OUR MISSION

*Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out*

JOY



"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause **GREAT JOY** for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord."

*Luke 2:10-11*

## WELCOME EVERYONE!

Please fill out a Connection Card on the back of the pew and hand it in at the Welcome Center to be included in church communications.

Childcare facilities with live service streaming are available and located in:

**ROOM 106** (infants to 1 year) unstaffed crib nursery at the rear of the sanctuary.

### ROOM 102 CHILDCARE (AGES 1-4)

**8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS**

12/12 Rita H, Elizabeth L

**9:50 AM CHURCH TIME HELPERS**

12/12 Ashley & Kody U

Please note: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH TIME CHILDCARE IS OFFERED FOR DECEMBER 19 and DECEMBER 26.** Rooms 102 and 106 will be open and available for parents to use.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** for church time for up to age 10 (and guests) are labeled with your child's name and hanging on the foyer cart. Please return the bag to the hooks following the service each week. Contact the office with any questions.

**MAPLE GROVE CHRISTMAS CAROLING** This afternoon from 2:30-3:45pm, you are invited to meet at the church at 2:30 to carpool and travel to sing for several folks.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING** The tree in the foyer has paper ornaments listing needs of current client families of Cornerstone Pregnancy Center. To bless these families, please take an ornament and return your unwrapped items with the ornament by Dec. 19.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, December 19,

- ◆ 9:00-9:45am Christmas Brunch (no Sunday School classes or childcare)
- ◆ 9:45am Christmas Carols in the sanctuary
- ◆ 10:00am Christmas Worship Service

#### Sunday, December 26

- ◆ NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- ◆ 10:00am Worship Service (no childcare)

**OCTORARA FOOD CUPBOARD DONATIONS** will be collected next week, Dec. 19.

**YEAR END GIVING NOTES** Please have all donations for the 2021 year in the office or given to Sue N by **December 26** so that she can get 2021 tithing statements out in a timely manner. On December 19 & 26, you may pick up your 2022 offering envelopes at the Welcome Center or get information about how to give online.

**60TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** You are all invited to a Hymn Sing that Pastor Mike will be hosting in celebration of his 60th birthday. The Hymn Sing will take place on Saturday, January 1 at 2:00pm at Maple Grove and will include songs that have impacted him throughout his life as well as some quartet music. Refreshments will be served following the hymn sing.

## PRAYER LIST

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 committed to pray.

### Please pray for:

#### Maple Grove Leadership Team & Lay Ministers.

**Darlene G**— praise & prayer that her ear injury continues to heal well.

**Rich & Sue R** - healing, strength & wisdom for Sue's cancer journey.

**Anna S** - healing for her leg wound.

**Randy U**, Mexico missionary— experiencing kidney transplant failure.

Follow his updates at [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org); type in Randy Umble

**Vernon U**— in rehab at Quarryville Pres. Home following a brief hospital stay.

### LOCAL MISSIONS

Bridge of Hope

Cornerstone Pregnancy Resources

Eastern Mennonite Missions

Maple Grove Preschool

Parkesburg Point

PCCO (Parkesburg Community Churches Outreach)

Southern Chester County Young Life

Welsh Mountain Home

### MISSIONARIES

Nathan & Laurel d - World Team in Africa

Garry & Ruth - EMM in Israel

David & Dawnell G - Commission to Every Nation in Mexico

Kandace G - EMM in Cambodia

Mike & Sharyn K - Powered to Move in Texas

Randal K - Modern Day in Italy

Dale & Kathy M - YWAM Virginia & Chile

Jon & Amanda R - CRU West Chester University

Randy & Melanie U - Reach Beyond in Mexico (see prayer concern above)

Mentor & Erinda Z- Eurasia Partners in Albania

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### STAFF HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION

**Lead Pastor Mike Clemmer** office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday; works from home on Tuesday, off on Thursdays. 610.593.9501 or 215.767.6582, [mcclemmer@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:mcclemmer@maplegrovemc.com)

**Worship Pastor Matt Chambers** office hours: Monday and Thursday, 610-593-9502; [mchambers@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:mchambers@maplegrovemc.com).

**Elders:** Arlin Kennel, Nolan King, Matt Ressler - Lead Elder, Mike Weaver

**Treasurer:** Sue N- [esnafziger@verizon.net](mailto:esnafziger@verizon.net) office hours: Wednesday morning

**Secretary:** Marilyn U- 610-593-6658; [info@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:info@maplegrovemc.com); office hours: Monday, Wednesday Thursday, Friday: 9:00-1:30; off Tuesdays. Please send all bulletin and Sunday morning announcements by **Thursday, Noon.**

**Preschool Director:** Wendy Dougherty: [maplegrovepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:maplegrovepreschool@gmail.com).