

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

TODAY...FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer
Sermon: "A Messy Equation for Peace" Text: Matthew 1
Advent Candle Lighting: Pete, Becky & Clara B
Christmas Choir Practice
2:00-4:00pm Christmas House Tour

NEXT SUNDAYSECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Lusby
Sermon: "The Power of Love" Text: 1 John 4:7-21
Christmas Choir Practice
6:00pm *Caroling in the Barn* @ Tim & Carolyn F Farm

THIS WEEK.....

Wednesday 6:00am Men's Prayer @ Dutchway
7:00pm Youth @ Maple grove
Thursday 10:00am Prayer Team @ Maple Grove
Friday Dec. 6, 8:00pm through Saturday Dec. 7, 8:00pm - Prayer Vigil

UPCOMING.....

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

12/3 Violet Y
12/4 Marshall K Juliana U
12/5 David U (Randy & Melanie)
12/6 Anthony L
12/8 Baylee S, Natalie U (Randy & Melanie)

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/1 Doug & Abbie G

November 24 Attendance:174

STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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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 1, 2019

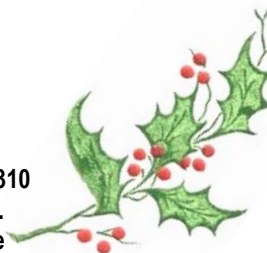
OUR MISSION

Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out

PEACE



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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)

*12/1 Bonnie B & Carolyn F
12/8 Lynda King & Marilyn U*

3 & 4 yr. olds (Room 104)

*12/1 Karen K
12/8 Broden & Sheyenne K*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTS: December 1 "God Leads" Numbers 9:15-23
December 8 "God Judges" Numbers 14:5-19

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR This afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00pm, Women's Ministries invites you to a drop-in tour. **Please pick up a paper with addresses & parking instructions at the Welcome Center.**

Locations/homes are:

Mike & April C, 214 Lancaster Ave., Strasburg

Bo & Allison G, 306 S Decatur St., Strasburg

Brian & Lisa H (guest house only) 1586 Georgetown Rd., Christian

Mike & Chrisy W, 211 Newport Ave., Christiana.

Contact person is Missy K @610.593.4838.

OCTORARA FOOD CUPBOARD thanks everyone who so generously donated through last Sunday's Harvest Gathering! Including a percentage given from the Pumpkin Olympics event, plus the income from the baked goods table, \$945.00 and 469 lbs. of food were given to the food cupboard.

WEST FALLOWFIELD SCHOOL RICE & BEANS CHALLENGE Dec. 2 - 6 for Solid Rock International Missions fundraiser. See the flyer in your church mailboxes.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM This year instead of bringing ornaments to hang on the lobby memorial tree, you are being given the opportunity to buy 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.

PRAYER VIGIL Friday, Dec. 6, 8:00pm to Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:00pm, Maple Grove will be holding a 24 hour prayer vigil for Dave L who is facing a liver transplant and Sue R & Stephanie W with cancer diagnoses. Please sign your name in the time slot desired then pick up a note card and write your corresponding 1/2 hour time on it to take along as a reminder. Let's surround these friends and their families with our love and prayers to our Great Healer, Miracle Performer and Comforter!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE BARN Sunday, December 8, 6:00pm 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!

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.

BIBLE QUIZZING 2020 runs from the beginning of January - March 15th. Join us in studying the lives of Joseph & Esther - Genesis 37, 39-50 & the book of Esther. Seventh graders - 20 yrs. old are eligible to participate. Sign up sheet at the welcome center. Questions? Contact Brian or Lisa H @ 717.529.3080.

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.

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.

Allen U - as he visits and serves in Albania from Oct.- Dec. 5.

Praise God for Allen's safety during the earthquake in Albania this week!
Please pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

LOCAL MISSIONS

Bridge of Hope/Good Samaritan Services

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 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

"A Messy Equation for Peace" by Pastor Mike Clemmer

December 1, 2019