

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

**TODAY...MAY 1**

9:00am Sunday School for all ages  
10:00am Worship Service: LMS Campus Chorale Program  
2:00pm MG Family Hike @Wolf Hollow Park, Atglen  
6:00-8:00pm Youth Pizza Night @ MG

**NEXT SUNDAY...MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY**

9:00am Sunday School for all ages  
10:00am Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer  
Sermon: "Things are Not Working" John 15:-1-5  
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers  
6:30pm Faith Mennonite High School Choir Program@ Maple Grove

**THIS WEEK...**

Wed., May 4 6:00am Men's Prayer @MG  
Thurs., May 5 12:00pm National Day of Prayer-Community Prayer at Upper Octorara Presb.

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

Sun., May 15 2:00pm 1st monthly MG Motorcycle Ride (see details inside)  
Sun., June 5 Grad Recognition  
VBS June 12-16 6:30-8:30pm

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!**

5/1 Duane H, Rhonda U  
5/2 Karen K  
5/3 Marilyn H, Ruth M, Nathan S, Robin S, Chuck W  
5/5 Ariana H  
5/6 Anna Mary B, Glenda B  
5/7 Nancy P, Rick V

**ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!**

5/4 Mike & April C  
5/5 Alan & Pam R  
5/7 Skip & Molly S

**STAFF HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

**Worship Pastor Matt Chambers** office hours: Monday and Thursday, 610-593-9502; [mchambers@maplegrovecm.com](mailto:mchambers@maplegrovecm.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@maplegrovecm.com](mailto:info@maplegrovecm.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). 610-593-1159

# MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

MAY 1, 2022

## OUR MISSION

*Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out*



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## A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

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

Childcare facilities with live streaming of the service 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

5/1 Judy K, Abbie G

5/8 Rita H, Linda Y

#### 9:50 AM CHURCH TIME

Cam B, Lisa H, Nathan H

Kyle & Lynda K

If you need to switch your schedule, please call someone else on the childcare schedule you were given and then inform the office of the change by calling 610-593-6658.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO CAMPUS CHORALE** from Lancaster Mennonite School who will be sharing a service in song today. Maple Grove's Heidi S, daughter of Jeff & Rhonda, is a member of the choir.

**FAMILY HIKE** Today, May 1st @ 2:00pm, Family Life Commission invites everyone to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of hiking on the trails at Wolf's Hollow Park, 1399 Schoff Road, Atglen. You can plan to meet up with other families or be surprised by who you meet on the trail. Trail maps are at the Welcome Center or contact Matt and Laura R with any questions.

**DAVID CROWDER BAND** concert at American Music Theatre, Sat., May 7. Contact Sam F @ 717-823-2086 if interested in tickets.

**MONTHLY MOTORCYCLE RIDE** Beginning May 15, leaving @2:00pm, those who would like to join a group ride on the 3rd Sunday of each month until fall are invited to meet at Maple Grove. Routes will be planned and mostly in Lancaster & Chester Counties and may include an ice cream stop. Invite your friends or neighbors who would enjoy riding. Contacts are Kyle K 717-572-7263 and Eric N 610.416.8723.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** Thursday, May 5. A local observance will be held at noon at Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, 1121 Octorara Trail, Parkesburg. Everyone is invited to attend. (See bulleting insert.)

**PARKESBURG 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** in Minch Park. On Sunday, May 22 @11:00am, there will be a worship service and a community choir from PCCO churches will sing.

**VBS MONUMENTAL (Celebrating God's Creation)** June 12-16, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm. It's not too soon to think about your involvement in VBS! Signup sheets are at the Welcome Center for Crew Leaders, Bible Stories, Games, Crafts, KidVid Cinema and Staff Meals. Register your child (4 years old to completed 6th grade) at the Welcome Center or on Maple Grove's website [www.maplegrovemc.com](http://www.maplegrovemc.com). Please invite your neighbor kids and friends! Contact person is Cierra K @ 267.972.1839.

**OUR SYMPATHIES** to Betsey C on the death of husband, Pete, on Apr. 25. Pete and Betsey were members of Maple Grove and resided at Tel Hai the last 13 years. You may send cards to Betsey at PO Box 190, Honey Brook, PA 19344. A private family service is planned.

## PRAYER POINTS

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.

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

**Randy U** - in US awaiting a kidney transplant.

**Barb Y** - healing at home from a broken pelvis.

**World leaders and countries** in conflict; also refugees around the world.

### 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 C - World Team in Africa

Garry & Ruth - EMM in Israel

David & Dawnell G - Commission to Every Nation in Mexico

Kandace G - EMM in Cambodia

William H - EMM Teaching Missionary

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

April 24 Attendance: 183

March offerings: \$30,514.22

### 3. PRAYERS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

*Your kingdom come,; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Matt. 6:10*

One of Jesus' main teachings points throughout the Gospels that is often overlooked, is the kingdom of God. What He's referring to is God's reign and authority on earth—even when it doesn't look that way. **What a powerful thing to pray about on the National Day of Prayer: that in the face of the darkness and suffering that we hear about every day, God's authority and goodness would shine through.** The truth is that the things that trouble us (of the world) are only temporary.

How can you pray about the things (of God's kingdom) that will last forever?

### 4. PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

These types of prayers are typically the easiest, because your family and your community are the people you care about most! **The National Day of Prayer is another opportunity to lift up those you love, along with millions of others' loved ones.** You can pray for the health, faith, safety and well-being of people like:

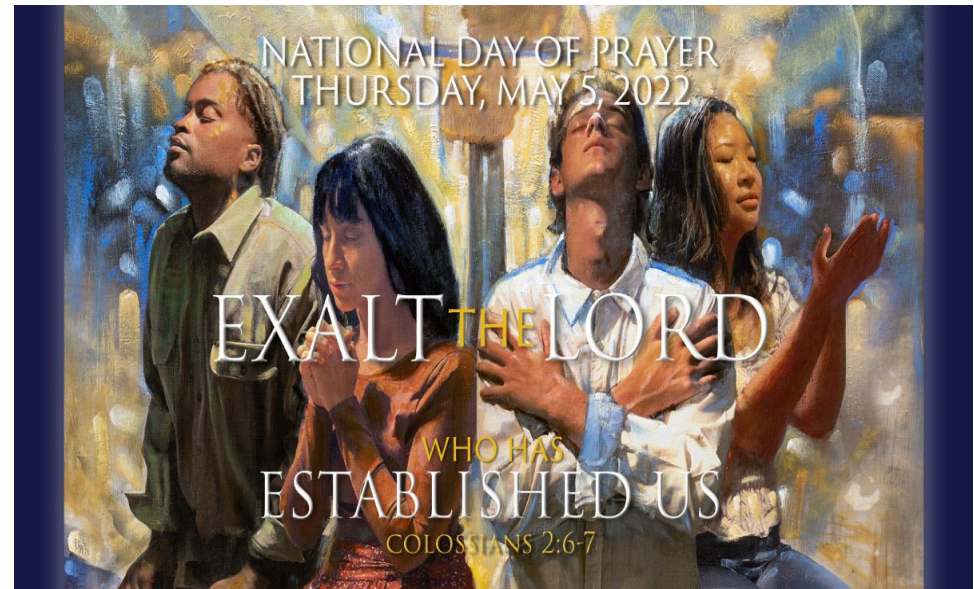
- Your spouse
- Your kids
- Your parents
- Your siblings and their families
- Your neighbors
- Your church
- Your kids' teachers

### 5. PRAYERS FOR THOSE SUFFERING AND IN NEED

*Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4*

This category could go on forever...because the impoverished, the suffering and those who need justice will always be among us. On this National Day of Prayer, you could pray for those in the U.S. and abroad, including:

- The homeless
- The hungry
- The lonely
- The heartbroken
- Those living in fear of violence and abuse
- Victims of human trafficking and slavery
- The persecuted
- Migrants and refugees
- The unborn in threat of abortion, as well as their parents
- Orphans and children whose families can't or won't care for them
- Widows and the elderly who don't have love and support
- The sick (physically, emotionally and spiritually)
- The wounded (physically, emotionally and spiritually)
- Those without access to basic needs like clean water, healthcare and education
- Who else has God put on your heart?



### MAY 5 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SUGGESTED PRAYER TOPICS

#### 1. PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Psalm 51:3-4*

Many of the great prayers of the Bible are of confession, either for an individual or for whole people groups. Let me be clear, however; the purpose of confession is not to feel ashamed and guilty. It's to step forward in the ongoing restoration and healing in our relationships with God and the people around us. Confession is an especially powerful approach on the National Day of Prayer because so many of our communities are hurting. Be specific in confession: How have you or your community fallen short? How would you like to change?

#### 2. PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1*

While it can be very easy to focus on everything that's wrong with our nation today the truth is that there is a LOT of good in the world too — we just have to be intentional about looking for it.

**And National Day of Prayer is a wonderful opportunity to praise the Lord for what He has done and what He continues to do in our nation and in our communities.**

It's also an opportunity to praise and thank him for *who He is*, which has never changed. What unexpected blessings has God given you in this season? In what ways has He provided for your family or helped keep you safe?

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