

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

TODAY.....FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22 9:00-9:50am Light Continental Breakfast
9:55am Christmas Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer
Sermon: "Expecting the Unexpected" Text: Luke 1
Advent reading and candle lighting: Brian & Lisa H Family
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers
Special music by various groups

NEXT SUNDAY....

December 29 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer
Sermon: "How to Find Contentment"
Text: Philippians 4:2-9
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers

THIS WEEK.....

Wednesday **HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**
Thursday & Friday: Church office closed. Pastors are available by email or phone.

December 15 Attendance:152

STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Mike Clemmer office hours Monday - Friday; off Wednesdays. 610.593.9501 or 215.767.6582; mclammer@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 22, 2019

OUR MISSION

Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out

*Joy
to the
World!*



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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 WILL NOT MEET TODAY. There will be a children's story time during the service by Pastor Mike C.

1 & 2 yr. olds (Room 102) *Thank you for volunteering, Missy K & Daughters!*
12/29 Laura R & Girls

3 & 4 yr. olds (Room 104) **12/22 NO CHILDCARE**
12/29 Kaycee/Campbell/Calli K

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTS: December 22 Sunday school classes will not meet.
December 29 "God Calls" Numbers 22:22-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL HANDEL'S MESSIAH SING-A-ALONG Friday, Dec. 27, 7:00pm. Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, 1121 Octorara Trail, Parkesburg, PA. You may sing or listen. There will be a freewill offering. More info is @ www.messiahsingalong.com.

COMMUNITY HYMN SING Sunday, December 29, 2019, 7:00pm @ Stumptown Mennonite Church, 2813 Stumptown Rd, Bird in Hand, PA. Everyone is invited to an evening of inspirational congregational acapella singing.

END OF YEAR GIVING To have all 2019 donations included in your tax deduction statements, please include them in the offering by the Dec. 29 deadline.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE TRIP March 22-28, 2020. Sign up 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.

MAPLE GROVE FOLKS I would like to thank all of you for sharing your church with us to have our Mom - Ethel L's, viewing and funeral services. Thank you to all the ladies who prepared the wonderful and delicious luncheon. Thank you for all your prayers. God bless!

Sincerely,
Marie F (daughter) for the family of Ethel L

THANK YOU FRIENDS, for taking me to Jesus for healing, like the man whose friends had faith and carried him to the house where Jesus was teaching. I feel honored and humbled that during the prayer vigil, you offered time at night and during the day to pray for our situation and I know that many of you continue to pray for us. With appreciation for caring friends and God's presence on this path,
Sue & Rich R

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

12/23 Kyle K
12/25 Rhonda S
12/26 Vernon Y
12/27 Mike Cl
12/29 Becky B

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/24 Dale & Kathy M

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

Rich & Sue R - as Sue undergoes chemotherapy.

Galen S - recovering at home from surgery.

Charlie U - (son of Sam & Cora) at home dealing with several health issues.

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 Gl - 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