

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

TODAY.....DECEMBER 19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00-9:45am Christmas Brunch

9:45 Carols in the Sanctuary

10:00am Christmas Worship Service

Sermon: "Mary's Song" Text: Luke 1:46-55 Pastor Mike Clemmer

Worship Leader: Matt Chambers

Octorara Food Pantry Donations

NEXT SUNDAY...DECEMBER 26

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00am Worship Service

Sermon: "Angel's Song of Peace" Text: Luke 2:8-41 Pastor Mike Clemmer

Worship Leader: Matt Chambers

THIS WEEK....

Wednesday, Dec. 22 6:00am Men's Prayer @ Maple Grove

Thursday, Dec. 23 Worship Practice

Friday, Dec. 24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service **ONLINE ONLY**

Saturday, December 25 **A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO ALL!**

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!

12/23 Kyle K

12/25 Rhonda S

12/26 Vernon Y

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/21 Dave & Sue K

12/24 Dale & Kathy M

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, mclemmer@maplegrovecm.com

Worship Pastor Matt Chambers office hours: Monday and Thursday, 610-593-9502; mchambers@maplegrovecm.com.

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

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

Secretary: Marilyn U- 610-593-6658; 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. 610-593-1159

MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

OUR MISSION

Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out



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 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

1/2 Sally, Liz & Sara M

9:50 AM CHURCH TIME HELPERS

1/2 Judy K, Bree D

Please note that **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHURCH TIME CHILDCARE IS OFFERED FOR DECEMBER 19 and DECEMBER 26**. Rooms 102 & 106 are open and available for parents' 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.

ANNUAL OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY This evening, Dec. 19, 5:00pm at Parkesburg Baptist Church, 103 West St., Parkesburg, PA. Some MG youth are involved. Everyone is welcome!

YEAR END GIVING NOTES Please have all donations for the 2021 year in the office or given to Sue N **no later than December 26** so that she can get close out 2021 and have annual 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 which is December 27. 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.

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) Following the deadly Midwestern tornadoes, MDS is monitoring the damage and determining when and where volunteers are needed most. If you are interested in going as a volunteer for immediate needs in the next 6 weeks, please go to www.mds.org, click on *MDS December Tornado Response* and fill out the **volunteer waitlist form** link written in orange text in the article or call the Lititz office @717.735.3536. Donations are also needed. Click on the donate button to direct your donation or send by mail to Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. If you would like to help organize a group from Maple Grove, please call the church office or contact Pastor Mike.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS:

Joy S: Fairmount Homes, zip code should be Ephrata, PA 17522

Ken M: change phone # to 717.799.2976

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.

Rodney K— son of Dorothy, brother to Kent & Mike— continued healing following open heart surgery Dec. 10.

Chris M - son of Ruth M— continued recovery from Covid @ LGH.

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; type in Randy U

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 C - 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

December 12 Attendance: 189

November Offerings: \$33,526.00