

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

**NOVEMBER 27..... FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00am Sunday School for all ages  
10:00am Worship Service  
"Hope" Worship & Sharing Sunday  
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers  
11:30am Christmas Choir Practice in the sanctuary

**DECEMBER 4.....SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9:00am Sunday School for all ages  
10:00am Worship Service  
Sermon: "Peace-Jesus the Baby" Luke 1 & 2 Pastor Mike Clemmer  
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers  
11:30am Christmas Choir Practice in the sanctuary

**THIS WEEK...**

Wednesday 6:00am Men's Prayer@ MG  
7:00pm Youth Group @ MG  
Thursday 7:00pm Worship Practice

**UPCOMING...**

Sunday, December 4 2:00-4:00pm Maple Grove Christmas House Tour  
Thursday, December 15 7:00pm Christmas Choir Practice  
Sunday, December 18 9:00 -11:00am Maple Grove Christmas Brunch & Celebration  
Friday, December 23 6:30pm Maple Grove Christmas Candlelight Service  
Sunday, December 25 10:00-11:00am 1 hour service

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!**

11/28 Rich R  
12/1 Sterling F  
12/2 Wesley L  
12/3 Dawson S, Violet Y  
12/4 Marshall K

**ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!**

12/1 Doug & Abbie G

**STAFF HOURS & CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Lead Pastor Mike Clemmer** office hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday; works from home on Tuesdays, off on Thursdays.  
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**Worship Pastor Matt Chambers** office hours: Monday and Friday, 610-593-9502;  
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**Elders:** Arlin Kennel, Nolan King, Matt Ressler (Lead Elder), Mike Weaver  
**Treasurer:** Wanda Lapp – [treasurer@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:treasurer@maplegrovemc.com) office hours: Mondays, 7-12am  
**Secretary:** Marilyn Umble- 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). 610-593-1159.

# MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

OUR MISSION

*Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out*



THE Hope CANDLE

Also known as the Prophets' Candle, this first candle of Advent signifies the promise of the Messiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.

—Isaiah 9:2

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## A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

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

**ROOM 106** -unstaffed crib nursery for infant-1 yr olds located at the rear of the sanctuary.

### ROOM 102 CHILDCARE (AGES 1-3)

#### 8:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS

11/27 Sally M, Linda Y

12/4 Glenda B, Judy K

#### 9:50 AM CHURCH TIME HELPERS

11/27 Missy & Karolina K

12/4 April C, Marilyn U

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

**PASTOR MIKE & APRIL** are worshipping at Swamp Mennonite Church today where Mike is bringing a message.

**PCCO** Thanks to those who helped assemble and distribute the Thanksgiving meals! PCCO also operates the Righteous Clothing Thrift Shop for clothing and small household items and crafts at 317 Main St., Parkesburg. All proceeds are donated to PCCO community needs. Please call Robin @ 610.590.5378 for store hours before shopping or dropping off items. Volunteers are also needed.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS** on Thurs., Dec 1 from 9:30-11:00am to help decorate the church would be greatly appreciated. Give the office a call or just show up and someone will give you a task!

**PB POINT & CORNERSTONE PREGNANCY GIFTS** We are partnering with the Parkesburg Point and Cornerstone Pregnancy Center to make Christmas a little merrier by donating gifts for their client families. Gifts are listed on the ornaments on the foyer tree. Please take an ornament and return it with your unwrapped gifts which are due by Sunday, December 11. If you prefer to give a cash gift rather than shopping, please give this to Wanda at the Welcome Center.

**MAPLE GROVE CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR** Sunday, Dec. 4, 2-4:00pm. The following folks have invited you to a drop-in at their decorated homes .1) Phil/Lydia B,5026 Strasburg Rd.,Kinzers, 2) Nate/Tori B, 102 Debbie Drive, Coatesville; 3)Darren/Shelly D, 8154 N. Moscow Rd, Parkesburg; 4)Tim/Carolyn F, 6321 White Oak Rd, Christiana; 5) Denyce T, 257 Brick Mill Rd, Christiana.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL** Pick up a hard copy of a devotional booklet written by area pastors, including Pastor Mike, at the Welcome Center to guide you through the Advent season. You may also access it online at the church website [www.maplegrovemc.com](http://www.maplegrovemc.com).

**BIBLE QUIZZING** Inviting all youth and young adults 7th grade - 20 years old to join in studying scripture from Exodus and Numbers from January - March. Weekly practices and quiz meets. Contact Brian 717.629.2552 or Lisa 717.278.7692 H, Chris 717.286.4594 or Megan 717.201.3145 B. Signup @the Welcome Center.

**2023 SPRUCE LAKE MEN'S RETREAT** January 12 & 13, 2023; departure at 12:00pm Thursday and return by 7:00pm on Friday. Cost is \$130/person. Eighteen slots are reserved and possibly more if needed. Sign up at the Welcome Center by December 1.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE TRIP** Signup deadline is Dec.1. One slot is still available for the week of January 22-28, 2023 to go to Eastern Kentucky to help rebuild homes destroyed in the July 28 flood. More info is at the Welcome Center or see Ken U @484-678-7041.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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.**

**Harold G** - recovering from Oct. 13 back surgery.

**Joe K, Jr.** (son of Cathy) pray for wisdom regarding his health care.

**Melba K** - recovering at home from Oct. 5 open heart surgery.

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

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

**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 (in USA for 1 year)

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

Morales Family - Thailand-Word of Life

Jon & Amanda R - CRU West Chester University

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

Les Y - Ag Connect Moldova

Mentor & Erinda Z - Eurasia Partners in Albania

November 20 Attendance:221

October Offerings: \$60,457.54