

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

TODAY.....THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer
Sermon: "For What Do I Hope?" Texts: Isaiah 61:1-4, Matthew 11:1-5
Advent Candle Lighting & Reading: Alan, Pam, Caleb & Josiah R
Worship Leaders: Megan Ch & Chrisy W
Christmas Choir Practice
11:30am - 3:30pm Jr. Youth Christmas Party @ Maple Grove

NEXT SUNDAY.... 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: Matthew 18
Worship Leader: Matt Chambers
Special Music by various groups

THIS WEEK.....

Tuesday 9:30am -11:00am Preschool Christmas Program
Wednesday 9:30am -11:00am Preschool Christmas Program
6:00am Men's Prayer @ Dutchway
8:00am Seniors' Breakfast @ Dutchway
6:30pm MYF Christmas Party @ Maple Grove
Thursday 10:00am Prayer Team @ Maple Grove
Christmas program rehearsal times:
6:30pm - All children practice
7:00pm - Choir members
7:30 - Worship Team

December 8 Attendance:178

STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION

Pastor Mike Clemmer office hours Monday - Friday; off Wednesdays. 610.593.9501 or 215.767.6582; mclimmer@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 15, 2019

OUR MISSION

Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out

HOPE



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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. **CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL NOT MEET ON DEC. 22.**

1 & 2 yr. olds (Room 102)

12/15 Pete & Becky B

Thank you for volunteering, Missy K & Daughters!

3 & 4 yr. olds (Room 104)

12/15 Sarah & Hannah W and Tori B

12/22 NO CHILDCARE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTS: December 15 "God Requires" Numbers 20:1-13
December 22: Sunday School Classes will not meet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to Skip & Molly S, 216 Hilltop Dr., Cochranville, who welcomed a son, Dawson John, on Dec. 3. There are still some open dates on the meal schedule. Sign up at www.takethemameal.com; recipient name: Stoltzfus, password: baby or contact Kelly S @484.435.1990.

POINSETTIAS IN MEMORIAM In memory of your loved ones, you may sign up at the welcome center to purchase one of the poinsettias in the front of the sanctuary or you may donate your own. Contact person is Missy K @610.593.4838.

OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY December 15, 5:00pm by Parkesburg Baptist Church Youth, 103 West St., Parkesburg. Some Maple Grove Youth are participating. Refreshments will follow in the fellowship hall.

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.messiahssingalong.com.

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.

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!

12/16 Katelyn B

12/17 Naomi H, Kai U

12/18 Kent L

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS!

12/20 Ken & Vera M (72!)

12/21 Dave & Sue K

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 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 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