

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

**TODAY...**

November 17 9:00-9:55am Sunday school classes for all ages  
10:00am Service: Pastor Mike Lusby  
Sermon: "Leading the Next Generation"; Text: Ps. 78:1-7, Jas. 3:8-9  
Worship Leaders: Becky B, Fi L  
Christmas Choir Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY ....HARVEST SUNDAY**

November 24 Worship Service: Pastor Mike Clemmer  
Sermon: "A Community Witness" Text: Matt. 5:13-16  
Christmas Choir Practice

**THIS WEEK.....**

Tuesday 6:30pm Preschool Board Meeting  
Wednesday 6:00am Men's Prayer @ Dutchway  
8:00am Seniors @ Dutchway, Dwayne Walton, Speaker  
9:30am Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00pm Youth Group  
Thursday 10:00am Prayer Team @ MG  
6:30pm Financial Peace University @ MG

**UPCOMING.....**

December 1 2:00-4:00pm Christmas House Tour  
December 8 6:00pm *Caroling in the Barn* @ Tim & Carolyn F Farm

**BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!**

11/18 Mildred U  
11/19 Jane K (Landis Homes)  
11/21 Heidi S  
11/23 Nate B

November 10 Attendance:191

**STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Pastor Mike Clemmer** office hours Monday - Friday; off Wednesdays. 610.593.9501 or 215.767.6582; [mclimmer@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:mclimmer@maplegrovemc.com).

**Pastor Mike Lusby** office hours: Monday - Wednesday. 717.606.7289 or [mlusby@maplegrovemc.com](mailto:mlusby@maplegrovemc.com).

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**Elders:** Arlin K, Matt K - Lead Elder, Matt R, Mike W

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**Secretary:** Marilyn U 610-593-6658; [mumble@maplegrovemc.com](mailto: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](mailto:maplegrovepreschool@gmail.com). 610.593.1159

# MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 17, 2019**

## OUR MISSION

*Loving God, Loving Others and Reaching Out*



*"...to teach their children,  
so the next generation would know them,  
even the children yet to be born,  
and they in turn would tell their children."  
Psalm 78:5b-6*

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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. To follow along with the service, older children may pick up an activity paper on the back table of the sanctuary.

1 & 2 yr. olds (Room 102)

11/17 Kyle & Kelly S  
11/24 Taylor & Chelsea F

3 & 4 yr. olds (Room 104)

11/17 Sarah & Hannah W, Tori B  
11/24 Kaycee/Campbell/Calli K

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXTS:** November 17 "Walking as Family" Eph. 5:22-6:4  
November 24 "Walking to Battle" Eph. 6:10-20

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OUR SYMPATHIES** to Mike & Fi Lusby and Joe & Sandy Lusby. Mike & Joe's mother, Ethel Lusby, age 99, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Nov. 12. A viewing will be at Maple Grove, Monday, Nov. 18 @ 10:00am preceding the service at 11:00am. Burial will follow the service at Old Road Mennonite Cemetery and a luncheon will be served back at Maple Grove. Please remember the Lusby families in your prayers.

**PUMPKIN OLYMPICS** Thanks to everyone who generously contributed baked goods, time and energy last Saturday! Proceeds were \$435 for the Octorara Food Cupboard.

**SAM'S CLUB** for Seniors will meet at Dutchway Restaurant, Wednesday, Nov. 20 @8:00am. Parkesburg Point Director, Dwayne Walton, will be the speaker.

**NOVEMBER 24 HARVEST SUNDAY** See bulletin insert.

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOUR** Sunday, December 1, 2:00-4:00pm, Women's Ministries invites you to a drop-in tour. Locations/homes are: Pastor Mike & April C, 214 Lancaster Ave., Strasburg; Bo & Allison G, 306 S Decatur St., Strasburg; Kyle & Lynda K, 3336 W. Pequea Lane, Gordonville, PA. Questions to Missy K 610.593.4838.

**BIBLE QUIZZING 2020** runs from the beginning of January - March 15th. Join us in studying the lives of Joseph & Esther - Genesis 37, 39-50 & the book of Esther. Seventh graders - 20 yrs. old are eligible to participate. Sign up sheet at the welcome center. Questions? Contact Brian or Lisa H @ 717.529.3080.

**CHRISTMAS CHORAL CONCERT** Sat., Dec. 7, 4:00pm, at Octorara High School featuring OASD choirs and community church choirs. Admission is \$5 which benefits Octorara Food Cupboard.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE BARN** Sunday, December 8, 6:00pm at Tim & Carolyn F's farm, 6321 White Oak Road, Christiana. Worship Central & Family Life Commission will provide snacks & there will be special & group music to be enjoyed by all ages!

**END-OF-YEAR GIVING** As Lancaster Mennonite Conference expands, would you consider an above budget end-of-year gift to support LMC mission and vision? Please give directly online @ LMCchurches.org. or send a check to LMC, 2160 Lincoln Hwy East, #5, Lancaster, PA 17602.

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE TRIP** Stay tuned for details about an upcoming service trip to South Carolina March 22-28.

## PRAYER NEEDS

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.

**Greg & Sarah C-** Greg's mother, Nadine C, passed away Oct. 22.

**Mike & Fi Lusby and Joe & Sandy Lusby** - Mike & Joe's mother, Ethel Lusby passed away Nov. 12.

**Rich & Sue R** - as Sue begins chemo.

**Allen U** - as he visits and serves in Albania from October - December.

## 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

# Harvest Celebration Sunday, November 24, 2019



## SERMON NOTES

Pastor Mike Lusby

November 17, 2019

“Leading the Next Generation”; Texts: Ps. 78:1-7, Jas. 3:8-9

In Old Testament times, God’s people recognized God’s provision and their connection to the land with regular harvest festivals. These included offerings of the first fruits of each harvest.

On **Sunday, November 24**, we at Maple Grove will celebrate our thankfulness to the Lord of the Harvest by having a special offering of the blessings that the Lord has bountifully provided to us this year.

While the worship team sings as part of our worship time, you will be invited to bring forward offerings of non-perishable canned and dry goods which will be distributed by the Octorara Food Bank to families in need.

Suggested items to stock shelves for holiday meals and for easy- to- fix items for children who are home alone over the Christmas break:



- Canned goods: fruit-especially peaches & pears, green beans, corn, succotash, peas, pie filling, yams, ravioli & spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna & chicken, meaty soups
- Dry boxed foods: Mac-N-Cheese, mashed & scalloped potatoes, stuffing, rice, pasta

**\*Please bring your bagged & boxed items into the sanctuary with you.**