



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully, Simply, Together



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2017

- 4. Labor Day
- 5. Pain/Grief Support Group at Perkin's 6:00 PM
- 6. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Cookie Making Day 6:30 PM. We will need helpers to make these cookies for sale at the Ashland County Fair.
- 7. Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
- 10. Deacon Committee meeting following worship in double classroom.
- 12. Ministerial Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- 14. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 15. Inspiration Hills Camp/Family Game night 7:00 PM
- 16. Inspiration Hills Camp Annual Fall Festival and Chicken Barbecue 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- 17. The Congregation is invited to a Bridal Shower for MacKenzie Thaxton (fiancée of Garrett Canfield) following worship.
- 17. Mission Offering will be received for the Church of the Brethren. Learn more about all of our special offerings at www.brethren.org/offerings.
- 17-23. The Ashland County Fair
- 20. Notes of Praise practice 7:00 PM
- 23. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 24. Notes of Praise practice at 8:45 AM
- 28. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 30. Walk for Life to support Ashland Care Center

OCTOBER 2017

- 1. Love Feast and Communion Service – World Communion Sunday

- 1. CROP HUNGER WALK
- 3. Pain/Grief Support Group at Perkin's 6:00 PM
- 4. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 5. Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
- 6-7. Fall Fling (Garage Sale) for Property Maintenance Improvement Fund
- 10. Ministerial Committee meeting
- 10. Church Board Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- 12. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 15. Council Meeting at 1:00 PM following a Carry-in-luncheon.
- 22. Please give news items to Annabelle Kettering for November/December "The Maple Leaf".
- 26. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 28. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

INSPIRATION HILLS CAMP ACTIVITIES

September 15 at 7:00 pm – Family Game night with overnight accommodations first come first served. Bring your favorite games and snacks to share in the dining hall, drinks will be provided. A special kid's movie and popcorn will start in Maple at 7:30 pm. RSVP because accommodations are limited.

September 16 from 9am – 4pm will be the Annual Fall Festival and Chicken Barbecue. The following are some of the activities available: Archery Tournament 9:00am at Athletic Field; 9:00am Annual 5K Walk/Run; 9:30am Pancake Breakfast; 10:00am Fishing Derby; 11:00am – 4:00pm Craft Fair; 11:00am-4:00pm Family Games; 11:00am-1:00pm Silent Auction; 12:00pm-3:00pm Delicious Chicken; 1:30pm Benefit Auction. There is something for everybody. **GO and ENJOY THE DAY AT CAMP!**

MISSION OFFERING

Mission Offering for the Church of the Brethren will be received September 17th. We can best serve the Lord and others when UNITED together with the Lord's guidance.

ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR

The PORK TRAILER will be at the fair again this year. If you think you would like to work in the trailer for a few hours, there might be some places that need filled. Contact Brenda Ross for information. The fair week will be September 17-23. This is a project that helps to support our Property Maintenance Fund.

WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for Life to support Ashland Care Center on September 30. Registration 8:30am, Program 9am, and Group Walk 9:30am – Meet at Downtown Ashland Corner Park. Contact church liaison Janet Bright for more information or contact Ashland Care Center 419-281-1111.

CROP HUNGER WALK

This year's walk will be October 1. Our goal is 15 walkers and raise \$800 towards the total goal of \$8,000. Help feed hungry people around the block and around the world. 25% of the total will remain in Ashland County and be divided among 4 hunger ministries. See Lawrence Benner to become a walker.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Bill Brindle and Sharon Hudson who were married on July 9, 2017. The couple is making their home at 3670 Hebbardsville Rd., Athens, OH 45701. May God's richest blessings fill your lives with joy and happiness.

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to these families and friends on the loss of their loved one.

Kenneth H. Hochstetler Date of Death
July 23, 2017

Lin Hsin Yi Keener Date of Death
August 12, 2017

We pray that God will continue to be their help in this time of grief and sorrow.

SHOE BOX MINISTRY

Shoe Box Ministry will begin very soon. Please contact Erin Beebe with your College Student's address so that they can receive a Box from their home church. Even thou we might have their address please confirm that it is still the same. The first Shoe Box will be mailed to your student in October. When we are out grocery shopping maybe you can pick up a few extra "goodies" to put in the box on the Display Case. We thank you for helping with this project.

FALL FLING (GARAGE SALE)

The Fall Fling (Garage Sale) will be held **October 6 and October 7** in our Fellowship Hall.

Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Garage Sale items (new and old), Rada Utensils and Cards.

YOU WANT TO HELP!!

We will need help on Monday (October 2) through Thursday (October 5) to sort and price items. Please be sure all items are at the church by Thursday noon, October 5. If you need help in getting items to the church, please call the church. If you have a price that you want on an item, please put the price on it or let someone know when you bring it to the church. Thank you for your donations. **Come and enjoy a couple days of shopping with us.**

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES
FOOD BANK

The following are a list of Food Needs for the Associated Charities/Food Bank Pantry. If you can supply any of these items, they can be put in the grocery cart in the Gathering Room. Thanks!

NON-PERISHABLES

- ❖ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ❖ Manwich/Sloppy Joe Cans
- ❖ Egg Noodles
- ❖ Tuna and Canned Chicken
- ❖ Juices
- ❖ Tea Bags
- ❖ Coffee
- ❖ Cans of Peas
- ❖ Cans of Mixed Vegetables
- ❖ Applesauce
- ❖ Canned Tuna
- ❖ Ravioli and Spaghetti-o's
- ❖ Max & Cheese
- ❖ Boxed Cereals
- ❖ Pancake Mix and Syrup

TAXABLE ITEMS

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Deodorant (male and female!)
- Laundry Soap
- Dish Soap
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Bath Soaps (Liquid and/or bars)
- Toothpaste and Tooth Brushes
(Adult as well as children)

Thank you for your support to keep our shelves stocked each week so we can help those in need of food! God is good, Indeed. Rosemarie

You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you. -John Wooden-

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Thanks to your generous spirit, Heifer International is helping families in need all over the world. Together we are providing the right tools and opportunities to help them achieve self-reliance. Your VBS Project money of \$3,021.45 will purchase 6 heifers. Your desire to help others will build hope for future generations.

Families in countries where we work like Bangladesh, Guatemala and Malawi, who once struggled with hunger and poverty, now have the livestock and training they need to improve their farms. With your commitment and their hard work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process.

Heifer International works with smallholder farmers to:

Improve farm productivity with better animals, more diverse crops, hands-on and technical training, and increased access to extension services.

Increase household income by strengthening business skills, connecting to agricultural value chains and accessing profitable markets.

Deepen connections between community members through Passing on the Gift to effectively end poverty, food insecurity and malnutrition.

In Rwanda, children whose families have a Heifer cow are drinking nearly three times more milk than children who haven't yet received Heifer's help. The nutrition boost means children with Heifer cows are less likely to be underweight or stunted. Healthy and strong, these children have what they need to pursue an education and prosper.

Thank you for choosing Heifer International and helping us make a better world, one family at a time.

Sincerely, **Pierre U. Ferrari**
President and CEO

HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS

The CBWF are making up Hygiene and School Kits that are needed at this time. We will appreciate any items that you can furnish for these kits. Place these items in the box on the display case in the gathering room. The CBWF will complete the Kits at their work days. Thanks very much for your help in helping others who are in need.

SCHOOL KIT:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (No loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)

HYGIENE KIT:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six standard size Band-Aids

Do not add toothpaste.

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Ballinger, Janet Bright, and friends at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, Thank you for returning 23 (out of 25) of your Baby Bottle Campaign bottles! We want to express our gratitude for your generous and caring donation of \$595.44 to our ministry! May God richly bless you as you have been such a blessing to us as we work to save lives and share God's compassionate love in our community. Sincerely,

**Mary Rose Anderson,
Baby Bottle Coordinator**

Dear Friends at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,

Thank you for your recent gift to Manchester University and your enduring faith in our mission.

As it has for generations, Manchester continues to provide a transformational experience for students. We encourage intellectual inquiry, critical thinking and problem-solving, but always with foundational values that speak to improving the human condition.

Your generous support helps make spiritual growth for Manchester students possible, and we thank you.

Sincerely, **Melanie Harmon**

Vice President for Advancement

CAST YOUR CARES ON JESUS

The sign said, "75% road ban." It was a warning to truckers that the pavement couldn't support loaded semis. We need to recognize similar limitations in our own lives. Many people reach stages in their pilgrimage when the pressures exceed their coping capacity. One more phone call, one more problem, and we'll reach critical mass or limitation. There's only so much anyone can take.

Fortunately, God understands our limits. Jesus referred to the people of His generation as "weary and heavy laden...worried and upset about many things...harassed and helpless." We can still identify with those demographics today. In fact, even people filled with the Holy Spirit have a maximum burden-bearing capacity. Just as a footbridge wasn't designed to support a freight train, our free-standing human frame isn't rated to carry all the traffic that comes at us on any given business day.

The best way to relieve the pressure is to delegate your heaviest responsibilities to the One who cares for you. If you can trust Him with salvation, you should be able to trust Him with issues of less magnitude. If you can count on Him for eternal life, you can trust Him with the next 24 hours.

District Conference Wrap-Up for Youth submitted by Erin Beebe

At District Conference this year we had 3 youth representing Maple Grove. Lily Kunkel and Megan and Katelyn Beebe participated in the youth activities from Friday afternoon through Saturday evening.

Esther Harsh, our district youth worker, organized activities for the 38 district youth that attended and adults on the youth cabinet along with district youth leaders helped chaperone. Friday evening we gathered and had pizza and some free time at the local park before participating in the evening worship service which included youth from Worship Arts Camp. They heard speaker Josh McDowell during the service as well.

Friday evening Jr. Highers stayed with parents while the Sr. Highers stayed at Kris Hawk's house.

Saturday morning the kids went to a youth center where they had breakfast and got to play recreational games. After that there was a special session with Josh McDowell specifically for youth. During this time he gave his testimony and how he came to Christ.

After lunch at the church there was a second session about addiction. Drug addiction was a focal topic but pornography, gaming, social media, and smoking/drinking addictions were also discussed.

Following that there was swimming and more recreation time and after dinner we all went back for evening worship with Josh McDowell.

I think the kids had a great time. It was great to see many kids from many churches participate. We are hoping this high number of kids will be a good stepping stone to more kids coming to district youth events and hopefully we'll have even more youth at next year's conference.

Thank You 2017 Delegates:

Annual Conference Delegates – Sharon Barr and April Ochier

District Conference Delegates – David and Cathy Bishop

Looking forward to 2018

2018 Annual Conference

July 4-8, Cincinnati, Ohio

2018 District Conference

July 27-28, Dupont Church of the Brethren

News from Shannon M. Kahler

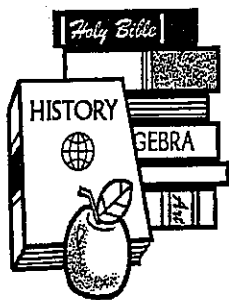
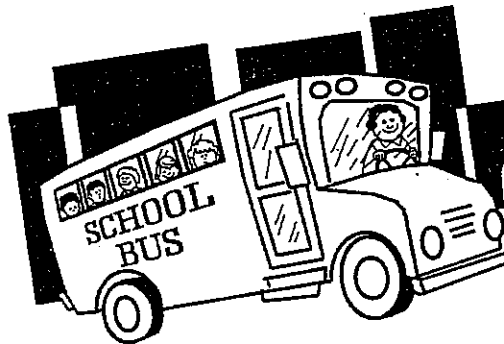
After many months of spotty communication the Inspiration Hills Camp is changing internet, phone and email to Hughes Net. We will retain the inspirationhillscamp.org. email accounts for the staff but the main email address will now be inspirationhillscamp@hughes.net as of September 1st. We look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Festival on September 16th, 9 am – 4 pm for great food, fun and fellowship! Camp phone number is (419) 846-3010.

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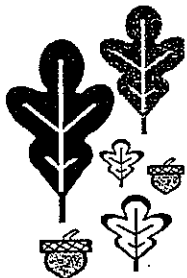
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Worship the
Lord...*



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