

THE MAPLE LEAF

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



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2020

- 5. Worship Commission meeting 6:00 PM
- 7. MEN'S BREAKFAST every Saturday at 8 am The Mill at Buehlers
- **10.** Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments Noon 1:30 PM
- **10.** Ministerial Commission meeting 7:00 PM
- **24.** Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments Noon 1:30 PM
- 29. First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2020

- 3. Worship Commission meeting 6:00 PM
- 6. Second Sunday of Advent
- 8. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments Noon – 1:30 PM
- 8. Ministerial Commission meeting 7:00 PM
- 13. Third Sunday of Advent
- 20. Fourth/Fifth Advent Candle
- 22. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments Noon 1:30 PM
- 25. CHRISTMAS ENJOY THIS GREAT DAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK

Dear Friends....

Here is our wish list for the food bank: Stove top stuffing mix, jiffy cornbread, yellow cake mix 15 oz. cans of pumpkin, instant potatoes, strawberry jelly, packages of flavored noodles, men's deodorant, hand soap, and shampoo/conditioner.

As always, we thank you for thinking of us each and every month, we are most grateful. **Christine Hickman Box**, Executive Director

CROP HUNGER WALK

Our CROP Hunger Walk numbers – With 2020 being a year unlike no other, the Maple Grove Congregation responded in an amazing way by raising \$1,445 (our highest total ever) 25% of our total (\$361.25) will stay here in Ashland County and be divided among 4 local hunger ministries. Thank you so much for helping to be a bright spot in a dark world for so many this year.

NEW BIRTH

Ryan and Bethany Steward are the parents of a daughter born October 12. Peyton Blake weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long. Peyton joins her big brother Cole in their home and will enjoy her grandparents Joe and Carla Steward.

Ryan and Bethany / Congratulations!

THE DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

The following are the churches for November and December in the District Prayer Calendar that we could keep in our prayers.

November

Churches and Pastors

Pleasant View, James Washington Poplar Ridge, Ben Polzin Reading, Brian Layman Richland, Jim Frado

District Leadership

District Office Staff

Other Districts

Middle PA, Southern PA

National Leadership

Stan Dueck/Josh Brockway, Discipleship Ministries

THE DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR CONTINUED

December

Churches and Pastors

Ross, Keith Stoller Silver Creek, Terry Baldwin Sugar Creek West, Michael Huffaker Sugar Creek East, Dick Marshall

District Leadership

Camp Inspiration Hills

Other Districts

Puerto Rico, Atlantic Southeast

National Leadership

Nancy Heishman, Director Office of Ministry

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast – Faith, Food & Fellowship

WHEN: Every Saturday at 8am
WHERE: The Mill – at Buehlers
WHO: All Guys and/or their sons
WHY: Faith, Food & Fellowship
HOW MUCH: As much or as little
\$ as you like. (You pay for your own meal).

CHRISTMAS AND ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Some of our normal plans that we do at Christmas time have been changed because of the Covid-19.

NO MITTEN TREE this year per the request of Associated Charities. (This was the tree that held hats, gloves, etc.)

THE CHRISTMAS TABLE (takes the place of a tree), will hold TOYS for children up to the age of 12. Please do not wrap the toys. These TOYS will be delivered to Associated Charities **DECEMBER 4**. Let us try to have some toys by the deadline.

THE PEANUT BUTTER TREE will be made up of all kinds of peanut butter. This peanut butter will also be delivered to Associated Charities. The Peanut Butter Tree will be up until the end of December. We thank you in advance for helping to supply toys and peanut butter to our community through this organization.

WEDDING

We are happy to announce the wedding of Emily Wesner and Adam Harding on September 12, 2020.

Congratulations Adam and Emily!

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

David "Davy Smiley Dave" McClure

Date of Death September 1, 2020

Beau David Harris

Date of Death

September 26, 2020

Robert M. Patalano

Date of Death

October 2, 2020

Betty Jo Hinkle

Date of Death October 10, 2020

Glenn L. Schoonover

Date of Death October 15, 2020

Mona Esta Bohland (nee Zimmerman)

Date of Death October 18, 2020

JOHN 3:16

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.

CHURCH BALLOT - OCTOBER 2020

Terms begins – January 1, 2021
The following church members will take their place on the Commission/Committee as listed.

Church Moderator (2 yr term)

Paul Bartholomew

Church Board Chair (2 yr term)

Scott Freer 2021

Assistant-Willard Welch 2021

Church Clerk (2 yr term)

Harold Keener 2021

Church Treasurer (2 yr term)

Natalie Wesner-Goschinski 2021

Assistant-Nancy Keener 2021

Financial Secretary (2 yr term)

Travis Kettering 2021

Agape Acres Board (3 yr term) Joe

Becker, Clyde Benner, Jr., Paul Bright

Nominating Committee (3 yr term)

Ronda Hinkle, April Ochier

Worship Commission (3yr term)

Deb Callihan, Nancy Keener

Christian Ed. & Nurture (3 yr term)

Linda Cline

Trustee Commission (3 yr term)

Scott Freer, David Hinkle

Mission and Service (3 yr term)

Jean Gilmore

Finance Commission (3 yr term)

Dan Kettering, Tom Sprinkle

2021 Annual Conference Delegates

(1 yr term) June 30-July 4, 2021

Greensboro, NC - Sharon Barr, April Ochier

2021 District Conference Delegates

(1 yr term) August 13 & 14, 2021

Andrew Cuffman, Shannon Cuffman, and

Kate Beebe

Ministerial Commission (3 yr term)

Darlene Moore, Joe Steward

Emergency Bible Phone Numbers

When in sorrow, call John 14 When men fail you, call Psalm 27 If you want to be fruitful, call John 15

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Terms begins – January 1, 2021
The following church members will take their place on the Committees/Appointed by Church Board.

Altar and Flower - Marlene Shoup-Shank

Ashland Care Center Representative -

Janet Bright

Camp Representative - Erin Beebe

Dec. 2021

Crop Walk Representative - Susan Benner

Directory - Donna Kettering

Food Bank Representative - Susan Benner

Dec. 2021

Home Visitation - Jean Gilmore

Messenger Agent - Laura Kettering

Property & Maintenance Improvement -

Sue Bradley, Harold Keener

Sunshine & Recognition - Janet Bright

Sunday School Secretary - Susan Benner

Ushers - Clyde Benner, Jr.,

Samantha Benner, Jacob Syx

SEARCHING

I was searching for God's Will

When soft He spoke to me,

You need but trust and follow on My Guiding Hand to see.

Yes, day by day My Lord is near,

My every burden bears,

He gives me grace to meet each task,

So tenderly He cares!

With Love He satisfies my soul,

Now all my searching's done;

For I have found the Christ-led life

And His Perfect Will are one.

-Paul Durham

More Emergency Bible Phone Numbers

When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger, call Psalm 139

When you want joy, read Philippians

When you are depressed, call Psalm 27

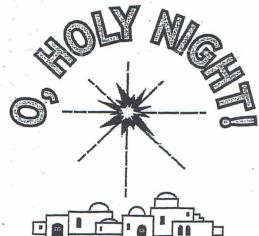
When you feel down, call Romans 8:1-30

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