



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2018

1. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
4. Please join us after the service for a dessert reception for our new Youth Leader, Andrew Cuffman and his wife, Shannon.
6. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM
7. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
8. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
11. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel 2:00 PM
13. Ministerial Board Meeting 7:00 PM
17. Women's Tea at church 10:00 – 12:30 PM
18. Combined Thanksgiving Service at First Church of the Brethren
22. **THANKSGIVING DAY**
24. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

DECEMBER 2018

1. Hanging of the Greens 9:00 AM- If you would like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas and put up trees, please come.
2. The First Sunday of Advent
4. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM
5. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
6. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
9. The Second Sunday of Advent
9. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel 2:00 PM
11. Ministerial Board Meeting 7:00 PM
13. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
16. The Third Sunday of Advent
16. Combined Nankin Community Church and Maple Grove Church of the Brethren will go Christmas Caroling 3:00 PM. Dinner will follow after Caroling at Maple Grove.

16. News items should be given to Annabelle Kettering for the months of January/February 2019 Newsletter.
22. No Community Meal this month.
23. The Fourth Sunday of Advent.
24. Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service with singing at 6:30 PM and the service at 7:00 PM
25. **CHRISTMAS – The Greatest Gift – God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son.....**
27. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartment 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
31. **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE IMPROVEMENT FUND

This is an update on the two big projects that we had for the PMIF Fund. The PORK TRAILER, which was at the fair, brought in \$4,000.00 and the GARAGE SALE, held in our Fellowship Hall, brought in \$2,155.25. The trailer has been taken back to its home until another year comes around. The Garage Sale will appear again in the year 2019. Just watch your Newsletters so you will know when to start cleaning your closets. Thank you to the many hands that helped in these two projects.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Our CROP Hunger Walk numbers- We had 13 walkers and 1 dog that raised \$1,045 towards the total goal of \$7,000. 25% of our \$1,045 (\$261.25) will stay here in Ashland County and be divided among 4 local hunger ministries. Thank you for helping with this important outreach to help those in our community and around the World.

Jesus Christ is the "Light" that knows no-power failure.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES
ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK

Looking AheadThanksgiving Meals....As we head into our "busy" season, we are planning our Thanksgiving Meals and Christmas food distributions. We appreciate any non-perishable item that make up a traditional holiday meal. With a glad heart we serve! God Bless,

Rosemarie Donley

NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Cereal, Oatmeal or pancake mix/syrup
Canned Fruits
Canned Chicken and Tuna
Egg Noodles
Hot chocolate

Soups: condensed and cream

HOLIDAY FOOD NEEDS:

Yams, potatoes, green beans, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, turkey broth, cream of mushroom.

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Deodorant, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Bath Soap/body wash

DID YOU KNOW?

199 families received assistance for a total of 581 people in September. Thank you for your support!

THE GIFT OF NEW LIFE

Congratulations to John and Samantha Sayers on the birth of their baby boy, Joel, born October 1, 2018 weighing 9 pounds and 12 ounces. He comes home to join his big brother, Jameson and his grandparents, David and Ronda Hinkle and his great grandparent, Marlene Shoup.

WEDDING

We are happy to announce that Ron (J.R.) Smail and his wife Kimberlee have a new address. Their address is 3117 Olympus Circle, Sunbury, OH 43074.

Congratulations and we wish you many years of happiness and thanks for the Good News!

BROWNS LAP QUILT

The Browns Lap Quilt that was available for anyone that was interested in purchasing was in our Gathering Room for three Sundays. The Quilt was to be awarded to the highest bidder October 21st. This quilt was made by Emmie Vance with the request the money would go into Inspiration Hills Camp Fund which will help "kids" attend camp Year 2019. The quilt was awarded to Nancy Keener with the price of \$150.00. Thanks Emmie for your help in providing money for the camp fund with your sewing abilities.

BIBLE READING RECORD

How did you do in reading the Bible in a year? We enclosed a copy of Reading the Bible in your newsletter so this is just a follow up. If you lost your copy and want to start again there are copies by the mailbox at the church.

No contest, no awards, just the great thrill to say I was able to read the Bible in one year. **Happy Reading!**

CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas Season is coming very soon. Here are some early important dates and activities that we hope you will enjoy. There will be three Special Trees that will be in the Gathering Room.

Peanut Butter Tree

This holiday season, help feed our neighbors and bring in some peanut butter! Help support the Associated Charities in Ashland and the Food Bank with different kinds of peanut butter.

From December 1 through December 21, bring in any size jar peanut butter and help build our annual "Peanut Butter Tree". Let's see how big we can grow our "tree"!

The Mitten Tree

This "Mitten Tree" becomes a very beautiful tree with the many different colors of items that are placed on it. A few suggestions are mittens, scarves and also socks for ages of children up through 18.

(Christmas Season continued)

CHRISTMAS SEASON (continued)

The Gift Tree

This tree will be special since we will have presents placed here for all ages of children, up through age 18. Maybe you have a child that would have a good suggestion for a gift to share. Even Gift Cards are welcome. The older children will really enjoy purchasing their own surprise. Please do not wrap the gifts but you could include some wrapping paper and bows.

All of the items from the three trees will be taken to Associated Charities in Ashland. We really want to thank the Congregation in helping children and parents to enjoy this beautiful season, the season of the Birth of our Lord and Savior.

"But the angel said to them, do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

CHURCH BALLOT

This is the results of the Church Ballot of October 21, 2018 for the Term that begins January 1, 2019.

Church Moderator

Rev. Paul Bartholomew (2019)

Church Clerk

Harold Keener (2019)

Church Treasurer

Lynda Benner (2019)

Assistant Church Treasurer

Nancy Keener (2019)

Financial Secretary

Travis Kettering (2019)

Assistant Financial Secretary

Marlene Shoup (2019)

Agape Acres Board (these 4 names will be given to Agape Acres Board)

Dan Loucka

Annabelle Kettering

Arzonia Laurent

Dwaine Clinker

Altar & Flower Committee

Ruth Bright

Camp Representative

Megan Beebe

Directory Committee

Cathy Bishop

Finance Committee

Susan Benner

Jim Rush

Food Bank Representative

Susan Benner

Home Visitation Committee

Deb Callihan

Ministerial Committee

Jean Gilmore

Paul Bright

Mission & Service

Erin Beebe

Nominating Committee

Harold Keener

Marlene Shoup

Property Maintenance & Improvement Committee -

John Stutzman

Sue Stroup

Sunshine & Recognition Committee

Bertha Rush

Trustee Committee

Brian Canfield

Cindy Benner

Ushers

Dave Bishop

Samantha Benner

Nik Beebe

Dan McCluggage

Worship Committee

Liz Clinker

Jenny Roar

Messenger Agent

Laura Kettering

2019 Annual Conference Delegates

July 3 – July 7 at Greensboro, NC

April Ochier

Sharon Barr

2019 District Conference Delegates

August 2 – August 3, at Mohican Church of the Brethren

SYMPATHY

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

Virginia M. Cartwright	Date of Death August 25, 2018
Linda Diane Dalton	Date of Death August 26, 2018
Harold G. Boyd	Date of Death August 26, 2018
Margaret L. Van Winkle	Date of Death October 06, 2018
Hazel A. Motter	Date of Death October 07, 2018
Stephanie A. Salyers	Date of Death October 10, 2018
Mildred E. Carpenter	Date of Death October 18, 2018
Frances Boryczka	Date of Death October 20, 2018

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to the **Family of Stephanie A. Salyers** for the beautiful flowers on the Altar and also the plants. Stephanie was the daughter of Robert and Linda Hill.

Dear Maple Grove Family,
Thank you for the flowers, the food and help with the dinner. Thank you to Pastor John for his wonderful words at the service. Thank you for all the prayers. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Virginia Cartwright. Love,

Karen Wynn & Family
Sue Bradley & Family
James Cartwright & Family

Thank you Maple Grove Church for all the prayers and cards! It really means a lot to me to know that you care! Sincerely,
Maggie Survance

To Maple Grove Church of the Brethren –
Staff & Congregation,

We want to thank you all for your prayers and cards and especially for the recent gas cards. You are all so kind and generous. We appreciate that you think of us and care for us. May God bless you all in your ministries. In Christian Love,

Chuck & Linda McCarty

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing”.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Thank you to all who volunteered time at the Ashland County Fair. Without each and every volunteer, this outreach fundraiser would not be possible. Thank you from the **PMIF committee and the Food Trailer Coordinators.**

We would like to thank Pastor John for visits and prayers and all that sent cards and prayers these past few months for us. They were all appreciated very much.

May God bless all of you!

Howard and Sally Harris
Janet Bright

CHRISTMAS

I Said a Christmas Prayer For You

I said a Christmas Prayer for you
Because the season's near.
I didn't ask for riches
But for gifts so much more dear.

I asked for joyful gatherings
With your family all round,
And for carols to inspire you
With their old familiar sound.

I asked for quiet moments
In your heart on Christmas morn,
For a special time to celebrate
The Savior who was born.

I asked for friends to send their best
That you might know they care;
I asked for peace and love and hope,
And I know God heard my prayer

TWELVE DISCIPLES

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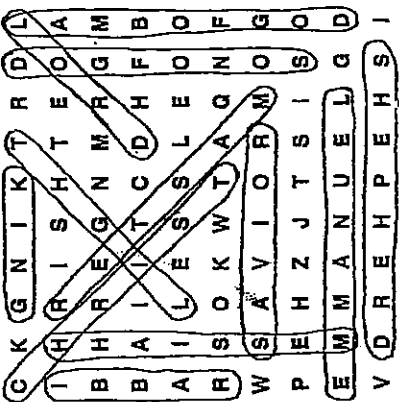
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 THOMAS MATTHEW JAMES
 THADDAEUS SIMON JUDAS

THE NAMES OF JESUS

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CHRIST (Matthew 1:16)
 EMMANUEL (Matthew 1:23)
 KING (1 Timothy 6:15)
 LAMB OF GOD (John 1:29)
 LIGHT (John 8:12)
 LORD (Romans 6:23)

MASTER (Matthew 23:10)
 MESSIAH (John 1:41)
 RABBI (John 4:31)
 SAVIOR (John 4:42)
 SHEPHERD (John 10:11)
 SON OF GOD (John 1:34)



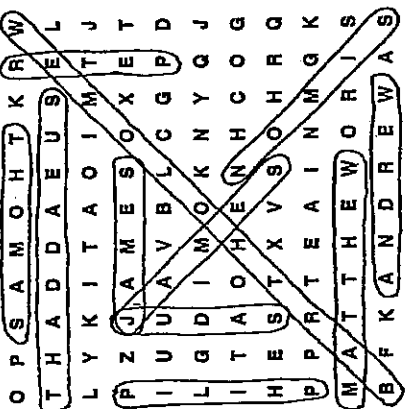
THE NAMES OF JESUS



It is Christmas on the highway,
 In the thronging, busy mart;
 But the dearest, truest Christmas
 Is the Christmas in the heart.
 It is Christmas in the heart
 that puts Christmas in the air.



Let's all give thanks



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O, Holy Night



MERRY CHRISTMAS
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“When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” Matthew 2:10-12.

Give Thanks Unto the Lord!

Once again our glad thanksgiving rises to the Father's throne.

As we try to count the blessings of the year so swiftly flown,
As we trace the wondrous workings of His wisdom, power, and love,
And unite our “Holy, Holy!” with the seraphim above.

As we gather 'round our firesides on a new Thanksgiving Day,

Time would fail to count the blessings that have followed all our way –
Grace sufficient, help, and healing, prayer, oft answered at our call,
—And the best of all our blessings: Christ Himself, our all in all.

While we love to count the blessings, grateful for the year that's gone,

Faith would sweep a wider vision; hope would gaze yet farther on;
For the signals all around us seen with one accord to say:

Christ is coming soon to bring us Earth's last, best Thanksgiving Day!

—A.B. Simpson

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