



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 2019

31. of October – First day of our Fall Fling (Garage Sale). 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

NOVEMBER

1. Second day of our Fall Fling (Garage Sale), 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2. Third day of our Fall Fling (Garage Sale), 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

3. Youth will help to clean up the Fellowship Hall from the Garage Sale following worship. Lunch will be provided for the youth and helpers.

3. Shower will be held for Kierstan Lawson and Zachary Zachman following morning worship with a light lunch provided.

3. Deacon meeting following worship in The Guide-International Lesson classroom.

5. Pain/Grief Support Group will meet at 6:00 PM.

6. CBWF will meet 1:00 – 3:00 PM. (Please note the time of day has been changed.)

10. Chancel Choir will be going to Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2:00 PM.

11. Vacation Bible School Teachers and Children Sunday School Teachers meeting at 7:00 PM.

12. Ministerial Commission Meeting 7 PM

14. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

17. Installation of the five new Deacons during morning worship

24. The Church of the Brethren congregations will celebrate Thanksgiving together at Dickey Church of the Brethren. More information follows.

28. THANKSGIVING

30. Hanging of the Greens 9:00 A. M.

This will consist of putting up Christmas trees and decorating the sanctuary. If you would like to help decorate the Church for Christmas, please come and help.

DECEMBER 2019

1. First Sunday of Advent

1. Cantata Practice 2:00 PM

3. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM

4. CBWF Meeting 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

5. Worship Commission 6:30 PM

7. Deacons making Christmas Baskets 9:00 AM

8. Second Sunday of Advent

8. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2:00 PM.

10. Ministerial Commission Meeting 7 PM

12. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 – 4:30 PM

15. Third Sunday of Advent – Mark your calendars for a beautiful day of music from children up through and including adults.

15. Children's Christmas Program during church, part of morning worship.

15. A Christmas Musical "Unspeakable JOY" Cantata arranged & Orchestrated by Lari Goss and narrations by Claire Cloninger will be presented at 4:00 PM by the adult choirs.

22. Fourth Sunday of Advent

22. If you have news you want in the Newsletter for January/February 2020, please give to Annabelle today.

Another YEAR is about to enter.

24. Christmas Eve Service 6:30 PM

25. CHRISTMAS

31. NEW YEAR'S EVE

JANUARY 1, 2020 HAPPY NEW YEAR

WEDDING

Congratulations to Kierstan Lawson and Zachary Zachman who were married on September 14, 2019. Their new home is 1126 Westview Avenue, Ashland, Ohio. Our blessings go to this couple for many years of happiness.

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We are very blessed with so many wonderful friends...thank you for being one of them.

LIST OF NEEDS:

Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce, Brownie Mix, Jelly/Jam, Oatmeal, Noodles, Tea Bags, Hot Cocoa, Mustard, Ketchup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup, Canned Chicken

Shampoo/Conditioner, Toilet Paper, Dish Soap, Deodorant, Bars of Soap

Chris Box, Executive Director

UPDATE ON CROP HUNGER WALK

Our CROP Hunger Walk numbers – We had 12 walkers that raised \$1,175 towards the total goal of \$8,000. 25% of our \$1,175 (\$293.75) 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.

NEW BIRTH

Congratulations - Jared and Jenna Greenawalt have been blessed with the birth of Elise Ann born Sept. 13, 2019 at Samaritan Medical Center. Elise weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She is the sister of Emalyn and Easton. The proud grandparents are Dan & Karen Greenawalt, Deb Canfield, and Brian & Marjie Canfield.

HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS

The CBWF are making Hygiene and School Kits that are needed at this time and they will complete the kits on their work days. Thanks very much for your help in helping others who are in need. Place items in the box on the display case in the gathering room. Thank You!

HYGIENE KIT:

One hand towel measuring approx. 16"x28"; One washcloth; One wide-toothcomb; One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards);

One toothbrush (in original packaging); Six band-aids; Do NOT add toothpaste

SCHOOL KIT:

One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip); Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper (no loose-leaf or filer paper); One 30 centimeter ruler (12"); One hand-held pencil sharpener; One large eraser; Six new pencils with erasers; One box of 24 crayons

ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The All Church Picnic was held at the church following worship October 13th. The Men's Fellowship furnished and prepared hot dogs and hamburger sandwiches. There was plenty of food with the congregation bringing in salads and desserts. An auction followed the meal which helped to support the men's activities.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Our deepest sympathy goes to these families and friends on the loss of their loved ones. We pray the Lord may be with you in your time of grief and sorrow.

Virgil D. Strine	Date of Death March 13, 2019
Patricia Daniels	Date of Death August 22, 2019
Patrick Jackson	Date of Death September 5, 2019
Ollie Ethelene Keener	Date of Death September 13, 2019
Linda A. McCarty	Date of Death September 20, 2019
Ezra N. Stutzman	Date of Death October 1, 2019
Donna L. Renner	Date of Death October 6, 2019

*The Lord Is My
Light...And My
Salvation!*

THANKS BE TO GOD

We want to thank all the helpers that worked at The Ashland County Fair Pork Trailer. It would not be possible without the many, many volunteers. Also thank you goes to everyone that made a trip to the trailer to eat our yummy pork sandwiches. All the proceeds (\$3,600) are donated to the Property Maintenance and Improvement fund.
PMIF Commission

Pastor Steve and Maple Grove Church,
Thank You SO much for the mums. We are so deeply grateful for the kindness and compassion you extended to our family during this difficult time. You have touched our hearts. The service was truly beautiful.
The Family of Linda McCarty

Maple Grove Church,
Thank you Maple Grove for the gift of flowers and for all your thoughts and prayers during our difficult time.
John and Regina Stutzman

Thank you for the wonderful meal you provided for my family during the passing of our sister. Thank You so much.
Love, The Family of Donna Renner

Dear Friends of Maple Grove Church,
Really want to Thank You once again for the Amazing Dinner that was prepared for My Family (The Family of Donna Renner). Its times like this are only made a little easier because of kind, loving people like yourself!! Please continue to pray for me and my family; as we will continue to pray for you all.

With much love and appreciation,
Terry, Danita Rickett & Family



Give Thanks!

....with a Joyful Heart!

JUNIOR CHURCH SCHEDULE

The Children's Department will be having Junior Church every Sunday in the month of November during morning worship. The children will have their Christmas Program as part of Worship on December 15, 2019.
Director for Junior Church - Peggy Eichert

CHOIR SCHEDULES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Here are some of the choirs times for the holiday seasons.

Preschoolers – They will practice singing in their classroom from 10:15 – 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings.
Choir Director-Patricia Welch

Spirit Choir – These are children from Kindergarten up through and including six graders. They will practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 PM unless notified differently. Choir Director – Patricia Welch

Chancel Choir – This is the Adult Choir which will practice for Sunday Morning's special music held on the second Sunday of the month. Their time for this practice is Wednesday evenings 7:30 – 8:00 PM.
Choir Director – Nancy Keener

From 8:00 - ?? On Wednesday evenings the Nankin Community Church Choir and Maple Grove Choir will practice for Cantata "Unspeakable JOY" which will be held December 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM. This is an invitation to you, if you love to sing please come.
Choir Director – Nancy Keener

Besides singing choirs we do have the following Musical Instrument Choirs:
Notes of Praise Choir
Ring and a Prayer Bell Choir
Flutist Ensemble

**THERE'S A SONG IN
THE AIR!!**

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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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