

THE MAPLE LEAF

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



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2021

In January, the Church has been opened for Morning Worship which starts at 10:30 AM. There have been some Commissions/Committees meeting to keep the Church in operation.

FEBRUARY 2021

For February here are the Commissions/Committees that will be meeting:

- 4. Worship Commission at 6:00 PM Trustee Commission at 6:30 PM
- 6. Men's Breakfast meeting at The Mill -Buehler's at 8:00 AM
- 9. Ministerial Commission at 7:00 PM
- 13. Men's Breakfast meeting at The Mill -Buehler's at 8:00 AM
- 20. Men's Breakfast meeting at The Mill -Buehler's at 8:00 AM
- 27. Men's Breakfast meeting at The Mill -Buehler's at 8:00 AM

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

A BIG THANKS goes to everyone that contributed to the Gift Tree and Peanut Butter Tree. The Gift Tree contained the following items that were delivered 12/4, 12/7, and 1/4/21: 4 boxes, 1 large bag, 1 small bag, 1 truck, 3 boxes of microwave popcorn and a teddy bear angel. The Peanut Butter Tree: 108 jars of peanut butter totaling 241 lbs. were delivered on 1/4/21.

CROP HUNGER WALK

Totals are in from this year's CROP Hunger Walk 8 Congregations participated in helping to raise \$5,989.00. \$1,497.25 will remain here in Ashland County and be divided equally among 4 local hunger ministries (\$374.31).

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES (FOOD BANK)

Hello Friends.

At this time, we mostly need personal hygiene items for our clients (our shelves are fairly well stocked with food). However, any food donations are always welcome! Here are the needed items: Razors, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, body wash, hand soap, dishwashing soap, laundry soap, and feminine pads. If someone is interested in donating food....Food needs would be the following: Soups (chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable, cream of mushroom), ramen noodles, and flavored noodle packets:

Thank you again friends - My best to all as we move into 2021! Warmly,

Chris Box, Executive Director

IN REMEMBRANCE

Our deepest sympathy goes to these families and friends on the loss of their loved one. We pray that God will continue to be their help in time of grief and sorrow.

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Donald Frank Barr	Date of Death November 14, 2020
Mary Lou Harmon	Date of Death November 21, 2020
Doris Piatt	Date of Death November 23, 2020
Joan Wallace	Date of Death November 23, 2020
Lavonne Baldauf	Date of Death December 9, 2020
Ethel Anna Etzwiler	Date of Death December 22, 2020
Carolyn S. Rishel	Date of Death

December 28, 2020

NEW BIRTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO the proud parents, Tyler and Rebecca Lewis, on the birth of Henry Roy Bradley Lewis
November 5, 2020 at 9:04 am weighing in at 8 lb. 6 oz. with length of 20.5 inches. All are doing well. Sue Bradley is the proud Grandmother.

THANK YOU

TO Maple Grove Church, Thank you for your thoughtfulness through our time of loss! Losing Mother is very hard and we miss her a lot!

Gregg and Suzzanne Keener

Maple Grove Church Family, Thank you for the gift certificate. It was very much appreciated. Happy Holidays,

Shirley Benner

P.S. Thank you for the many cards I received. They mean so much to me.

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, Thank you Maple Grove friends and family for the gift card and your continued prayers and kindness. We wish you all a very blessed 2021.

We are continuing to stay quarantined as Dan goes through his chemo and radiation. Hopefully, I will be back in church (physically) sometime in February.

Dan and Linda Cline

Maple Grove Church,
Thank you so much for the gift card and thank you all for the prayers and caring.
Love and Blessings, Shirley Canfield

Maple Grove Church Family,
I wish you all the peace and joy of this
beautiful Christmas season. Thank you for
the gift certificate – very appreciated.
Happy Holidays. Mary Rogers

Maple Grove Church,
Hi Everyone, May all the gifts of this
wonderful season be yours! Miss You All!

Jeff and Gloria McCarty

Maple Grove Family,
Thank you for all the prayers and cards. I
am doing a lot better but it scares me to go
out yet with this virus. When the scale goes
down, I am anxious to get back and see all

of you.

God's Love, Diana Massie

To Maple Grove Church Family,
I want to Thank everyone for the prayers
and cards. I am doing well with a few rough
patches but I bounce back. I am doing
treatments and about a month ago had 15
treatments of radiation cause I had one spot
that was progressing. I have a CT Scan on
December 8 to see how things are going,
hopefully turns out well. Please say a prayer
for me and God Bless each and every one of
you. Love and Prayers Robynne Shores

To Everyone at Maple Grove Church, I would like to Thank you all for your prayers. I will be having my upcoming surgery on November 12, 2020. I would like for your prayers to keep coming for me and my husband and his friend that will be taking me to Cleveland and coming back up on the November 13, 2020 to bring me home. Thank You! **Debra Artrip**

SOMETHING GOOD

Wouldn't this old world be better If folks we meet would say, "I know something good about you" And then treat us just that way.

Wouldn't life be lots more happy If the good that's in us all Were the only things about us That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy If we praised the good we see? For there's such a lot of goodness In the worst of You and Me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me!
I know something good about you!
-Author Unknown

Building Use Update - January 2021

The Trustee Commission of Maple Grove Church of the Brethren at their monthly meeting of Thursday, January 7, 2021 considered the open issue of when to allow resumption of Fellowship Hall rentals and general building use, other than Sunday worship-related services and scheduled meetings of church commissions and committees.

In light of the on-going and increased prevalence of Covid-19 in the community and the guidelines provided by government agencies, the commission has decided that no gatherings or rentals be held at this time until health issues improve and restrictions are eased. This decision is especially applicable to birthday and reunion celebrations and to events such as the church's fundraising yard sales. The Trustee commission will reevaluate the situation at their April 2021 meeting and revise the policy if and how appropriate.

We all look forward to fully reuniting as a church family and enjoying our numerous fellowship opportunities as soon as conditions allow. With the availability of vaccines and the likely resolution of the pandemic in sight, we hope to re-open sometime later in 2021.

Trustee Commission Chair, Brian Canfield

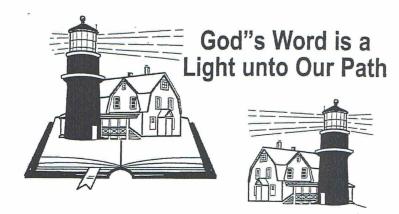
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