



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
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MARCH/APRIL 2019

NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2019

3. The first Sunday Pastor Steve Keib will be with us. Kris Hawk will have the Installation Service. Following the Morning Message we will have a carry-in-luncheon. Please come and meet Pastor Steve and enjoy the luncheon with us.

5. Pain/Grief Support Group Meeting at Denny's 6 PM; Vacation Bible School Teachers and Helpers Meeting 7 PM.

7. CBWF will be making soup 12:30 PM; Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM

10. Blanket Sunday with carry-in-luncheon; Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2 PM.

12. Ministerial Committee meeting 7 PM

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

16. All Sons Banquet at 6 PM

24. Hymn Sing from 4-5 PM. Come and enjoy an hour of music and be ready to choose your favorite hymns.

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

APRIL 2019

2. Pain/Grief Support Group Meeting at Denny's 6 PM

4. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM

5 and 6. Spring Fling (Garage Sale) here in the Fellowship Hall.

9. Ministerial Committee meeting 6:30 PM; Church Board Meeting 7 PM

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

12-13. Northern Ohio District CoB "Healthy Congregations Workshop" held Friday and Saturday at our church. See **The Herald** for more information.

14. Palm Sunday

14. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2 PM.

17. Deacons preparing for Communion and Love Feast 6 PM

18. Love Feast and Communion held in the Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM

19. Good Friday

21. EASTER – Easter Sunrise Service 7 AM; Please give news items to Annabelle for May/June Newsletter.

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

28. After worship we will have a carry-in-luncheon followed with Council Meeting.

PASTOR STEVE JOINS US

Quick reminder Pastor Steve Keib will be joining us at Maple Grove for his first Sunday on **March 3**. Please continue to keep Pastor Steve and his family in your prayers as they move through this transition to a new State, new jobs, new schools, and new everything.

SOUP DAY

Women's Fellowship will meet at 12:30 PM **March 7th** to make Vegetable Soup to share with shut-ins and elderly. Bring vegetables for the soup, help make the soup, and then deliver to homes. Come and enjoy the day with friends.

ALL SONS BANQUET

All Sons Banquet will be held at Maple Grove Church in the Fellowship Hall **March 16th** at 6 PM. The guest for the evening will be Larry Norris with an exciting topic of "**Toy Trains**". Food provided and donations may be given.

SPRING FLING (GARAGE SALE)

The Garage Sale will be held this spring

April 5th 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

April 6th 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Garage Sale items, new and old items

Rada Items and Cards

Food provided both days by the CBWF

All donated items are appreciated except for TVs. This Property Maintenance Improvement Fund helps make improvements and upkeep here on the church property. Let's make this a real Spring Sale by bringing your items to the church. Help will be needed April 1st through April 4th to sort and price items. Please be sure all items are at the church by Thursday noon, April 4th. We could also use help on Sale Dates, April 5th and April 6th. With your HELP we will have a Great Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS date set for 2019 Sunday, June 23 through Thursday, June 27. The materials are called Power Lab - Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power.

Here are the following Powers:

- Jesus gives us the power to be thankful
- Jesus gives us the power to help others
- Jesus gives us the power to be brave
- Jesus gives us the power to live forever
- Jesus gives us the power to tell others about God

Please mark your calendars for these important dates so that your children and neighbors will be able to attend VBS.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES, ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK

With much gratitude and thanks from the staff and volunteers at Associated Charities they were able to help those in our community with the gift of a brighter holiday season by providing Thanksgiving food boxes to 846 people (275 families) and Christmas toys/gifts and holiday food to 1,159 (359 families).

Our church family and friends helped in supplying the following to

Associated Charities: 11 bags of hats, scarves, gloves, and socks along with the food from the Food Cart before Christmas. Then on Dec 31, 2018 the remainder of the items for the children and Peanut Butter were delivered. The total amount of Peanut Butter was 124 jars with a weight of 214.65 pounds. Thanks everyone for your help!

SWEETHEART FOR 2019

Emmie Vance was crowned Sweetheart for 2019 during our Sweetheart Banquet. Naomi Coble had the honors of giving her crown to Emmie.

NEW BIRTH

Congratulations to Gresham and Abbie Everett on the birth of twins born August 6, 2018. Kailey Grace weighed 5 lb. 8 oz. and 18.5 in long. Leonidas Sykes weighed 4 lb. 10 oz. and 16.9 in long. Grandparents for these twins are Roger and Suzie Gortner.

CHILD DEDICATION

We were happy that John and Samantha Sayers had their son, Joel, dedicated to the Lord on January 13, 2019.

NEW MEMBERS

We had the joy of receiving five new members to our Maple Grove Family on January 13, 2019. They are Shannon Cuffman, by Reaffirmation of Faith, Heidi Clark, Andrew Cuffman, Alexa Keck and Morgan Stutzman by Baptism.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

A Sunday School teacher, I don't know his name, A wonderful preacher who never found fame, So faithful, so earnest, when I was a boy. He stuck to his task though I tried to annoy. He never was missing, in cold or in heat, A smile his face lighted the moment we'd meet. He taught by example as well as by word, That faithful, true teacher who honored his Lord. He helped my young life more than ever he knew.... Later years I remembered and tried to be true. I suppose he's gone now to join Heaven's ranks, But I hope up in Glory someday to say, "Thanks".
-Author Unknown.

IN SYMPATHY

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

Betty Jayne Kettering	Date of Death January 20, 2019
Beau L. Roberts	Date of Death January 20, 2019
Brenda Jean Ross	Date of Death January 23, 2019
Erika Pustal	Date of Death January 28, 2019
Larry H. Jones	Date of Death February 5, 2019

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

THANK YOU

Thank you Note from

Linda & Chuck McCarty

The people of your church are amazing. We have appreciated their support in many different ways.

Our journey is not over and still uncertain. We can't know what 2019 will bring, if treatment will be successful. We are relying on our faith and many prayers.

Anyone can follow my journaling on CaringBridge.org-search by my name then choose "Linda's Transplant".

Thank you so much for everything.

In Christian Love, **Linda & Chuck**

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,

Thank you for your generous gifts totaling \$6,000 to the Northern Ohio District in 2018.

Your generosity help provide vital ministries to our churches, pastors, members, and communities. I am so very grateful for your faithfulness in giving and service! Love in Christ, **Kris Hawk**

Maple Gove Church of the Brethren,
Wishing you beautiful winter moments and a New Year of Peace. Thank You!
God Bless You! Love, **Gloria Harry**

Thank you for your kindness, support and involvement in church ministries in 2018, and for your cards and generous Christmas gifts.

We pray that the Lord will bless all of you members and friends at Maple Grove, and Pastor Steve and his family, in 2019.

Pastor John and Kathy

Thank you, Maple Grove members and friends, for the surprise "get-together" on Saturday evening. I am grateful to the Lord, and all of you, for our friendships and our time together. **Pastor John**

Dear Friends,

We wish to thank the church for the beautiful Poinsettia and for all opportunities to bring the message during the Pastor's absences.

In lieu of Christmas cards, we have donated \$200.00 to Heifer Project in the name of Maple Grove Church.

Delbert and Betty Kettering

Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for the beautiful Poinsettia and the delicious Banana Bread.

Janice Duncan

SOME MESSAGES FROM THE BIBLE

When in sorrow, read John 14.

When men fail you, read Psalm 27.

When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.

When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.

When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.

When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.

If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.

If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.

If you feel down and out, read

Romans 8:38-39

If you need courage, read Joshua 1.

If you want rest and peace, read

Matthew 11:25-30

For a great invitation, read Isaiah 55

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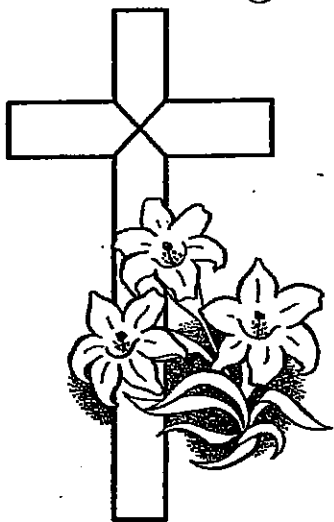
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Palm Sunday
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You are **WELCOME** in our
Church Service