



THE MAPLE LEAF



The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
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MARCH/APRIL 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH 2020

- 3 – Pain/Grief Support Group 6 PM at Perkins Restaurant
- 4 – CBWF Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- 5 – Worship Commission 6:30 PM
- 8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins; Blanket Sunday ; Carry-in-luncheon following worship; Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2 PM
- 10 – Ministerial Commission meeting at 7:00 PM
- 12 – Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3 – 4:30 PM
- 21 – Fathers and Sons Banquet 6:00 PM
- 22 – Deacons meeting at Erin’s home at 6:00 PM
- 26 – Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3 – 4:30 PM
- 27-28 – Spring Fling (Garage Sale) held here in the Fellowship Hall
- 29 – Child Dedication will be held. Contact Pastor Steve if interest in having your child Dedication to the Lord by March 15th.

APRIL 2020

- 1 – CBWF Meeting 1:00 – 3:00 PM
- 2 – Worship Commission meeting 6:30 PM
- 7 – Pain/Grief Support Group at 6:00 PM
- 8 – Deacons preparing for Communion and Love Feast 6:00 PM
- 9 – Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3 – 4:30 PM
- 9 – Communion and Love Feast 6:30 PM
- 11 – Preparing for Easter Sunrise Breakfast 6:00 PM
- 12 – Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM with morning breakfast following Service.
- 12 – Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2 PM.

- 14 – Ministerial Commission meeting at 6:00 PM
- 14 – Church Board meeting 7:00 PM
- 19 – Council Meeting following worship with a carry-in-luncheon; If you have news for May/June Newsletter please give to Annabelle Kettering.
- 23- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3 – 4:30 PM
- 26 – Paul Munday, Moderator for Annual Conference, will be with us this Sunday. We invite the congregation to stay after service to enjoy a carry-in-luncheon.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS

Without our help CWS Blankets could not be provided all around the world for only \$10.00 a blanket. When disasters strike, when temperatures drop, when sidewalks become home... we can make sure someone is there offering warmth to children and adults. Here is a **Report of 2019**, showing the amount of support Blankets gave to people around the world.

In **United States**, Church World Service distributed over 96,000 CWS Blankets and Kits.

Internationally, (Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Syria) CWS distributed over 58,000 CWS Blankets and Kits.

Distributed Globally: 154,334

Can you support one Blanket at the Cost of \$10.00? An envelope will be provided **March 8** for your donation or if donating with a check please make check out to Maple Grove Church marked for CWS Blankets.

“THEY ARE ALSO FILLED WITH ABUNDANT JOY, WHICH HAS OVERFLOWED IN RICH

GENEROSITY.” 2 Corinthians 8:2

FATHERS AND SONS BANQUET

On March 21 at 6:00 PM a Special Day will be provided for the Fathers and Sons in our Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for further information.

SPRING FLING (GARAGE SALE)

The Spring Fling (Garage Sale) will be held March 27 – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 28 – Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
in our Fellowship Hall.

Garage Sale items (new and old), Rada Utensils, Cards, and Handmade items.
Food will be provided by the CBWF.

YOU WANT TO HELP!

We will need help on Monday (March 23) through Thursday (March 26). Be sure all items for sale are at the church by Thursday noon, March 26. If you need help in getting items to the church, please call the church. If you have a price that you want on an item, please put the price on it or let someone know when you bring it to the church. We could also use help on Sale Dates, March 27 and March 28.

Come and enjoy a couple days of shopping with us.

SWEETHEART FOR YEAR 2020

On February 9th the Sweetheart for the YEAR 2020 was chosen. Janet Bright was very happy to receive the crown from Emmie Vance, last year's Sweetheart. **Congratulations, Janet.**

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Totals delivered to Associated Charities on 12/23/19 and 1/7/20 from the mitten tree: 27 scarves, 48 hats, 67 pairs of gloves, 9 pairs of mittens, 30 pairs of socks, 1 towel, 6 hat, scarf, glove sets and 4 earmuffs/headbands.

141 jars of peanut butter totaling 264 lbs. were delivered on 1/7/20 from the peanut butter tree. **THANKS TO ALL FOR A GREAT JOB!**

NEW MEMBER

On January 26, 2020 we were happy to receive Natalie Wesner-Goschinski into our Congregation. We welcome her presence and her gifts and talents here at Maple Grove Church.

IN REMEMBRANCE

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

Keith A. 'Walt' Ambrose Date of Death
January 2, 2020

Earl Franklin Benner Date of Death
January 12, 2020

Phillip Burke Service Held
January 16, 2020

Walter E. Gilmore Date of Death
February 14, 2020

Vicki Browning Date of Death
February 18, 2020

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

When Jesus comes,
the tempter's power is ended,
When Jesus comes,
He sets the prisoner free,
He takes my hand,
He drives away the shadows,
When Jesus comes,
He gives me liberty.
Rev. George Sheets

ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your continued support as we work together to create a better community for are Ashland County. Our Wish List: Tea bags, baked beans, canned sweet potatoes, laundry soap, dish soap, body wash, shampoo/conditioner, tissues, and deodorant. Blessings,
Chris Box, Executive Director

THE STORY OF A "QUILT"

Several years ago (around 2013 I believe) I took in two boys whose parents died. I am related as a step grandma. They were in grief counseling so the case manager came to our home and set everyone up for Christmas. When I was asked what I needed, I told them some quilts would be great. The boys got quilts among other things...I was always looking at the outside of these beautiful quilts and just noticed a patch on the inside. It reads MADE WITH LOVE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN. So I googled maps and went on a search. Your church was the only one that popped up. If this was from the ladies of your church; please send my sincere thanks for these beautiful handmade quilts. I don't usually know who sends things to kids that I have given homes to over the past years, but feels good to thank someone for their kindness. I use to crochet and I know the time and effort that goes into something like this. Again, if I could give them hugs - I would. Thank you ladies! I still have one of the boys in my home and we still use these beautiful quilts.

Grandma Althea

THE DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR

The following are the churches for March and April in the District Prayer Calendar that we should keep in prayer.

March

Our Churches

Ashland Dickey, Pastor Jeff Messner
Ashland First, Pastor Tina Hunt
Bethel, Pastor David Wyant
Black River, Pastor Mark Teal

District Leadership

Our Nominating Committee, Brian Layman, Chair

Sister Districts

Shenandoah, Virgina

Denominational Leadership

Paul Munday, Annual Conference Moderator

April

Our Churches

Bristolville, Pastor Fred Keener
Brook Park, Pulpit Supply (Call vote February 2)

Center, Pastor Mark Kell
Chippewa, Pastor Bill Eley

District Leadership

Our Central Committee, Brad Kelley, Moderator

Sister Districts

Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest

Denominational Leadership

Dave Sollenberger, Moderator Elect

160TH ANNIVERSARY

Did you realize that our Church, Maple Grove Church of the Brethren, has been here for 160 years in 2020? Keep watching to see when we will have a BIG CELEBRATION that we hope you will be able to attend.

RINGING COWBELLS

Bells have been used since early Christian times to signal many things: a call to worship and unite in spirit or in celebration of lives joined together. In the United States, a bell is commonly associated with freedom.

At Heifer, we ring a cowbell to signify the blessing of big-hearted gifts like yours that transform lives. Your congregational gift has provided a blessing for our partner families around the world, granting them freedom from hunger and poverty.

We've enclosed one of Heifer's bells as a token of gratitude. It's generous patrons like you that bring the commandment "love your neighbor" to life. Thank you for joining our mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by investing alongside local farmers and their communities.

For 70 years Heifer International has provided livestock and training to improve lives who struggle daily.

Thank you for your generous gift!!

Heifer International

THANK YOU

Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for the wonderful fruit platter. It was delicious.

Rose Allen

Maple Grove Church family,

Thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, and calls during my illness and recovery. Thank you so very much for your prayers and cards for our son Jason. Thank you so very much.

Peggy Elchert

Dear Maple Grove Congregation,

Thank you so much for your generous support of the camp ministries! We are blessed by your faithfulness and prayers. Please make sure to stop in and visit us – we look forward to seeing many of you this summer. Thank you again and we are blessed to count you as our camp family!

In Christ,

Shannon Kahler

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your continued support of the Bible in the schools program!

Our 2019-2020 lessons are in Exodus... and 115 children are learning about God's power and faithfulness!

God bless you for your part in this outreach in Mapleton's schools.

Sharon Carr

Treasurer, BIS

Know that the Lord is God.

*It is he who made us, and
we are his*

*We are his people, the
sheep of his pasture.*

Psalm 100:3

A psalm for giving thanks.

THIS I KNOW

I do not know what next may come
Across my pilgrim way,
I do not know tomorrow's road,
Nor see beyond today,
But this I know-my Saviour knows
The path I cannot see,
And I can trust His wounded hand
To guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall
Of sunshine or of rain,
I do not know what may be mine
Of pleasure and of pain;
But this I know-my Saviour knows,
And whatso'er it be,
Still I can trust His love to give
What will be best for me.

I do not know what may await,
Or what the morrow brings,
But with the glad salute of faith
I hail its opening wings!
For this I know-that in my Lord
Shall all my needs be met,
And I can trust the heart of Him
Who has not failed me yet.
-E. Margaret Clarkson

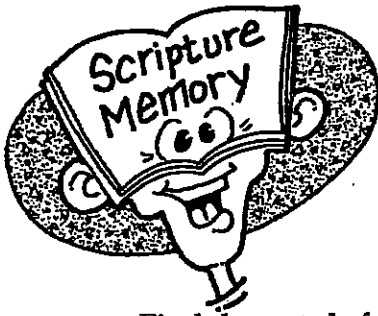
A POETIC CONTRIBUTION

Today, Dear Lord, I'm 90 and so much I haven't done. I hope, Dear Lord, You'll let me live until I'm 91. But then if I haven't finished all that I want to do, Would You let me stay awhile until I'm 92?

Do You think You could manage to make it 93? The world is changing very fast, There is so much in store, I'd like it very much to live until I'm 94. And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay 'til 95.

More planes will be up in the air so I'd really like to stick, And see what happens to the world when I'm 96. I know, Dear Lord, it's much to ask and it much be nice in heaven But really I would like to stay until I'm 97. I know by then I won't be fast and sometimes very late, But it would be pleasant to be around at 98.

I will have seen so many things and had a wonderful time, So I'm sure I'll be willing to leave at 99.
-Bessie Coen



Thank the Lord because he is good.
His love continues forever.

Psalm 107:1

Find the words from this verse in the word search. As you look, try to memorize the verse.

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For every letter, think of one thing for which you can thank God!

A _____	J _____	S _____
B _____	K _____	T _____
C _____	L _____	U _____
D _____	M _____	V _____
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