



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
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MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 2018

1. Pain/Grief Support Group at Perkins 6:00 PM.
2. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
3. Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 PM
4. All Daughter's Banquet 6:00 PM. You can either bring a salad or dessert to share.
6. Youth Sunday - The Youth will be bringing the Morning Worship message and following worship, they are inviting the Congregation to stay for a Potato Bar lunch. Donations appreciated for the luncheon.
7. Constitution Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
8. Ministerial Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
10. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
13. The children will be Celebrating Mother's Day
20. Receiving donations for "One Great Hour of Sharing"
24. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
26. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
31. Mapleton High School Baccalaureate 7:00 PM

JUNE 2018

- 3 through 7. Vacation Bible School including all ages from Nursery through Adults. Time will be 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM.
5. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM
 6. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 9. Worship Workshop 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
 12. Ministerial Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
 14. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
 17. Please give items for the newsletter for July/August to Annabelle. Thanks!

17. Celebrating Father's Day
23. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
28. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM

JULY

4 through 8 – Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will be held at Cincinnati, Ohio.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday through Thursday, June 3 – June 7. Time: 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. The Title of our VBS is: "SHIPWRECKED RESCUED BY JESUS". The Stations that the children will visit each evening will help us all realize that JESUS RESCUES! Peggy Elchert is the VBS Director this year.

UPDATE ON CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS)

On March 11 we sponsored CWS to supply blankets to the needy of the world. Here are some of the places that blankets have been provided through this program: Armenia, Guyana, Syria and United States. We received \$1,557.60 in our donations which would supply 155 blankets. In CWS report for 2017, total kits and blankets distributed globally were 243,952.

UPDATE ON OUR GARAGE SALE

Thanks to everyone that contributed to our garage sale, all the helpers for sorting and putting prices on items and then all who came to purchase a treasure from our Spring Fling. Our total money for Property Maintenance Improvement Fund was \$3,110.00. What a Joy! Thank You Much!!

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.

Lois I. Budd	Date of Death March 5, 2018
Kathleen B. Weaver	Date of Death March 18, 2018
Gloria Joan Benner	Date of Death March 23, 2018
Phylis L. Griggs	Date of Death March 24, 2018
Shirley Ann (Smith) Anderson	Date of Death April 5, 2018

NEW BIRTH

Brandon and Mandy Heilman have been blessed with the birth of Riley Conner born February 28, 2018 at 7:39 AM at Wooster Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 4 ounces and 19 inches long. Congratulations to Brandon and Mandy. Grandparents are Donald and Nancy Bassett.

CHILD DEDICATION

Child Dedication was held March 25, 2018 for the following children:

John and Sarah Stuart – parents of **John Braxden Stuart** born **January 16, 2018**

Brandon and Cassie Swanson – parents of **Connor Wesley Swanson** born **February 13, 2018**
Congratulations to these families.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

NEW MEMBERS

On April 8, 2018 we received the following members by transfer of letter: Tony Becker, Jim Rush and Bertha Rush.

Baptism was also held for the following new members: Lani Becker, Samantha Benner and Carlie Stutzman.

We are happy to have these new members in our fellowship.

THANK YOU

Dear Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for the delicious fruit basket, it was really good. We also loved the caroling. Dad enjoyed it very much. Thank you for all your prayers and cards. We read them to Dad.

God Bless all of you,
Arthur Smith and family

I would like to thank everyone for prayers, and Pastor John's visits. Also thanks for phone calls, cards, flowers and food.

God Bless! **Barbara Woodring**

Thanks for all the thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Thanks for preparing the meal and especially thanks to Pastor John for all your help with everything.

**Cindy Benner, Jessica Baldauf
Alexa Keck**

LIFE'S ROAD

We learn many lessons
As each day goes by-
There are songs to sing
And a few tears to cry.
There are blessings to count,
In things that we do.
There are cups that run over
And years that are lean.
With bright days and dark days
And long nights between
But one choice we can make,
As we carry life's load-
If we look toward the Sun
How it brightens the road.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE
UPDATE

The Search Committee is meeting to compile the results of the Congregational Surveys received over the last month. Once the results are compiled from the surveys, that information will be added to the Congregational Profile necessary for posting the pastoral opening. Thank you to all who prayerfully considered answers and submitted surveys. The Search Committee appreciates the response and requests that the congregation continue lifting up the committee and the process in prayer. Thank you.

WEST VIEW HEALTHY LIVING
(formerly called West View Manor)

West View Healthy Living is located at 1715 Mechanicsburg Road, Wooster, OH. May 15, 2018 will be their Auxiliary Annual Meeting at Town Square around 11:30 with lunch in the Chapel at 12:00 noon.

Lifestyles at West View offer five lifestyles and care that are designed to make life easier for individuals: Independent living, Memory Care, Transitional & Rehabilitation Care, Assisted Living, and Long-term Care.

Their trained staff works with each resident to develop an individualized care plan to ensure that all needs are being met.

This is a non-profit continuing care retirement community in Wooster since 1956, affiliated with the Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren.

There is much more information on the bulletin board at the church about this meeting on May 15th. In this letter there is a copy for the luncheon reservation (at \$6.00 each) to be sent in by May 8th.

**Trust Him when dark doubts assail you,
Trust Him when your strength is small;
Trust Him, when to simply trust Him
Is the hardest thing of all.**

RESULTS OF CHURCH COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2018

The following Committees were voted on:

Bible in School Committee

Barbara Woodring will be new member on this committee.

Christian Education Committee

Annabelle Kettering and Darlene Moore will be new members on this committee.

Sunday School Secretary

Susan Benner and Arzonias Laurent will be the secretaries for Sunday School.

The following officers were appointed and approved by Council:

Church Treasurer – Lynda Benner

Assistant Church Treasurer – Nancy Keener

Financial Secretary – Travis Kettering

New Testament Women

Women played very important roles in the life and times of the New Testament—in the story of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Can you match the women in the right column with descriptions given in the left column?

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| 1. Handed down faith to grandson Timothy. | a. Anna |
| 2. She served. Her sister listened to Jesus. | b. Tabitha |
| 3. Rejoiced when Peter knocked at the door. | c. Lois |
| 4. First European convert of Paul. Sold purple goods. | d. Lydia |
| 5. With husband Aquila, taught Apollos at Ephesus. | e. Martha |
| 6. Known, too, as Dorcas. Known for good works. | f. Phoebe |
| 7. Withheld money from the church. | g. Priscilla |
| 8. Deaconess of the church at Cenchræe. | h. Rhoda |
| 9. Provided for Jesus and the twelve out of her means. | i. Sapphira |
| 10. Fasted and prayed and gave thanks to God at the dedication of Jesus. | j. Susanna |

- ANSWERS
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| 1. c—Lois, 2: Timothy 1:5 | 5. g—Priscilla, Acts 18:24–26 |
| 2. b—Tabitha, Acts 9:36 | 4. d—Lydia, Acts 16:11–15 |
| 3. h—Rhoda, Acts 12:13–16 | 8. f—Phoebe, Romans 16:1 |
| 4. e—Martha, Luke 10:38–41 | 7. i—Sapphira, Acts 5:1–10 |
| 5. f—Aquila, Acts 18:2–3 | 6. j—Susanna, Luke 8:3 |
| 6. a—Anna, Luke 2:20, 36 | |

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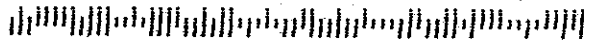


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Grace & Knowledge

*Congratulations
Graduates*

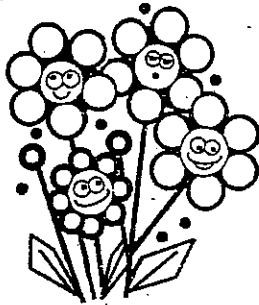


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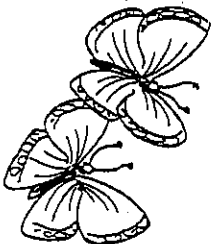
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Day*

Remember
Mom...

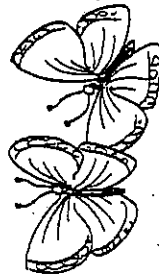


**FATHER'S
DAY**

Honor thy Father



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JUNE



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