



# THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter

*continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together*



## JULY NEWSLETTER 2021

I have been asked about a Newsletter so I will try and bring you news up through June. Some of this news will be old to those who have been coming to church. At the present time we are open for most activities. If you prefer masks and sanitizer they are available at the church for your use.

### THE MESSENGER

It is time to renew our subscription to The Messenger. The cost per subscription is \$14.50 for one year. The church pays the subscription cost for all those interested in receiving The Messenger, however, if you would like to reimburse the church for this expense, you may do so by placing your donation in the small church with other offerings. If you are not currently on the subscription list and would like to be added, please see Laura Kettering.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FARM AND COUNTRY VBS will be for three year olds through Grade 6. DATE HELD: July 25, 26, and 27; TIME – 6:30 – 8:30 PM. We will have an adult class from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Peggy Elchert is the Director for VBS.

### NEW ADDRESS

Mark and Beverly Slocum new address: 580 State Route 60, Greenwich, Ohio 44837  
Email beverlyslocum136@gmail.com

### HONORING

#### DAVID AND MARILYN BADGER

David and Marilyn were honored during worship June 13 for their years of service as a Deacon couple. Following the service, cake, cookies, and punch were served in the Fellowship Hall for ALL.

### NEW MEMBER

On May 9, 2021 we received Sarah Keib by Affirmation of Faith into our Maple Grove Church of the Brethren. We are happy to have Sarah in our Fellowship.

### MAPLETON HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Mapleton High School Baccalaureate was held at our church May 27, 2021 at 6:30 pm. Following the service, the graduates and their families joined together for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

### HONORING OUR GRADUATES

On May 30 the Women's Fellowship honored our graduates. Here is the list of our students:

Jesse Keener – Ashland High  
Carlie Stutzman – Ashland High  
Emily Stutzman – Ashland High  
Reese Vaught – Mansfield High  
Samantha Benner – Mapleton High  
Jasmine Donley – Mapleton High

Our prayers go with each of these students as they start a new life ahead of them.

### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship did a great job of selling their Kettle Popcorn. They sold 80 bags and made \$627.00. Thanks to everyone that purchased and enjoyed their popcorn and also the men who did the work of popping this delicious snack. The next time they pop this great treat, be sure to sign up for a bag.

### HOW ABOUT BREAKFAST?

The Men and the Women have been having breakfast at The Mill – Buehler's every Saturday morning at 8:00 AM. This is a time of eating, devotions and seeing who has the most in attendance. Who is winning?

### IN REMEMBRANCE

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

**Sally Rue Harris**                      Date of Death  
January 28, 2021

**Keith G. Trask**                      Date of Death  
March 7, 2021

**Robert R. "Bob" Hill**              Date of Death  
April 21, 2021

**Dale Leroy Middaugh**              Date of Death  
April 30, 2021

**Leon D. Wallace**                      Date of Death  
June 23, 2021

**Linda K. Lindecamp**              Date of Death  
June 26, 2021

We pray that God will continue to help these families in time of grief and sorrow.

### THANK YOU

Dear Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,  
Thank you for the beautiful angel and Pastor Steve for the beautiful service for our Mother, Sally Harris.    **The Harris Family**

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,  
We thank each of you who have given Mom fellowship, love, and support over the years. The flower and plant basket was perfect. I have it on my mantel at home. You are very much appreciated in many ways. Thank you also for your prayers!

Elaine Rahman & Louise Reyner  
**The family of Ethel Etzwiler**

My Maple Grove Family,  
Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers! They mean so much to me. The doctor says it will take six weeks for me to heal so keep the prayers coming please.

Thank you all!    **Verlin Gregory**

Maple Grove Family,  
Thank you for all the wonderful Anniversary Cards and Good Wishes we received. We really appreciated them.

**Jim and Bertha Rush**

Maple Grove Church  
Thanks for always being there. 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 scare goes down, I am anxious to get back and see all of you.

God's Love,    **Diana Massie**

Dear Maple Grove Church,  
I have been watching services on line. So glad you are on line. It is like a little piece of home on my Phone! The Easter service was very moving - also the play and music. Thank you for a Beautiful Easter Morning!  
Sincerely,    **Pamela C. McClure**

Dear Maple Grove Family,  
Thanks for all the concerns I received from my family and friends during my recent health problems. The visits, calls and cards were greatly appreciated.    **Nancy Keener**

Dear Natalie,  
On behalf of the Ashland County Bible in the Schools Association, thank you for your gift of \$550.00. We so appreciate your faithful support. Blessings,    **Sharon Carr**  
Treasurer - Bible in the Schools

Dear Friends,  
Blessings to you on this beautiful, sunny day. We give thanks today as we start to see Covid restrictions loosen up and life is somewhat returning back to the way we remember a year or so ago. On behalf of our Board of Directors and myself, I thank all of you for the strong support you gave during the most trying time we've experienced in our nation. We thank you for your unending support of our mission of caring for others. Words cannot express our gratitude to each of you.    Warmly,

**Chris Box,**

Executive Director of Associated Charities

**THANK YOU (continued)**



## THANK YOU (continued)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of  
the Maple Grove Congregation,

Thank you for your faithful support  
of the Northern Ohio District ministries.  
Your generosity impacts many in our district  
helping churches, pastors, and youth. I am  
so very grateful for all of you and the light  
you are for Christ's Kingdom.

Blessings, **Kris Hawk**

Maple Grove Church,  
Thank you so much for the graduation card  
and gift. I really appreciated it!

**Jasmine Donley**

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,  
Thank you all so much for the cards, money,  
and wishes! We appreciated the endless  
support and love from everyone.

Thank You!

**Carlie and Emily Stutzman**

## NEW BIRTH

Congratulations to **Jared and Shelby Wynn**  
on the birth of their daughter, **Oakley Joy**  
Wynn, born February 25, 2021. The proud  
Grandparents are **Kurt and Karen Wynn** and  
**Dennis and Cindy Edwards**.

"Whoever welcomes this little child in my  
name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes  
me welcomes the one who sent me."

**Luke 9:48**

## 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 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**

## PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

I live alone, dear Lord,  
Stay by my side.  
In all my daily needs,  
Be Thou my guide.

Grant me good health.  
For that indeed, I pray,  
To carry on my work  
From day to day.

Keep pure my mind,  
My thoughts, my every deed.  
Let me be kind, unselfish  
In my neighbor's need.

Spare me from fire, from flood,  
Malicious tongues  
From thieves, from fear,  
And evil ones.

If sickness or  
An accident befall,  
Then humbly, Lord, I pray,  
Hear Thou my call.

And when I'm feeling low,  
Or in despair,  
Lift up my heart,  
And help me in my prayer.

I live alone, Dear Lord,  
Yet have no fear,  
Because I feel your presence  
Ever near. Amen



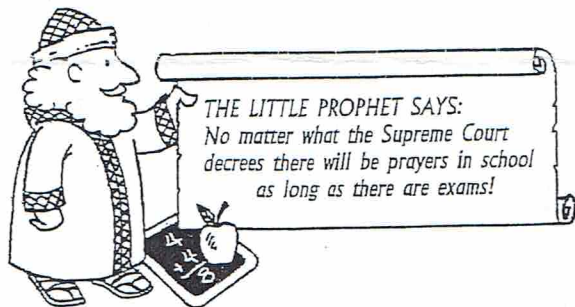
## DANGEROUS WORDS

1. "I heard....."
2. "They say....."
3. "Everybody says....."
4. "have you heard?....."
5. "Did you hear?....."
6. "Isn't that awful?....."
7. "People say....."
8. "Did you ever.....?"
9. "Somebody said....."
10. "Would you think.....?"
11. "Don't say I told you....."
12. "Oh, I think it's perfectly terrible!"

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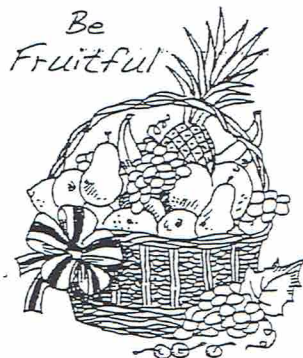
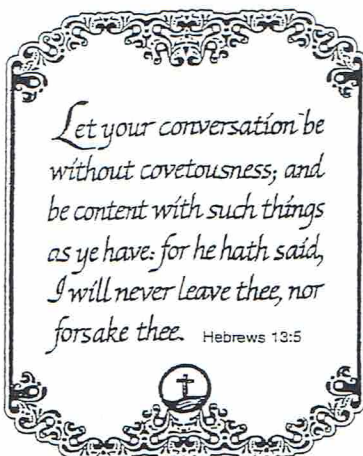


LET US  
**PRAY**



GOD  
CARES  
FOR  
YOU

# JULY NEWSLETTER



Be  
Fruitful  
  
Fruits of the Spirit  
are Love, Joy, Peace...

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