



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2018

- 2. Special Called Council Meeting after worship in the Sanctuary for all Church Members.
- 4. Pain/Grief Support Group at Perkin's 6:00 PM
- 5. CBWF Meeting at 10:00 AM
- 5. At 1:00 PM we will start making Cookies for the Pork Trailer that we will have at the Ashland County Fair. Please come and be a HELPER!
- 6. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
- 9. Usher Meeting after Church in room across from drinking fountains.
- 11. Ministerial Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
- 16. Mission Offering will be received "United – Pursuing Peace Together"
- 16 – 22. Ashland County Fair
- 22. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 24. Nominating Committee meeting 6:00 PM
- 27. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

OCTOBER 2018

- 2. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM
- 3. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 4. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
- 6. Deacons will meet at 9:00 AM to make preparations for Love Feast and Communion.
- 6. Women's Retreat at Ashland University with Liz Curiz Higgins.
- 7. CROP WALK 2:00 PM
- 7. Love Feast and Communion Service – World Communion Sunday 6:30 PM
- 9. Ministerial Board Meeting 6:30 PM
- 9. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM

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

12-13. Fall Fling (Garage Sale) for Property Maintenance Improvement Fund

14. Northern Ohio District "Compelling Vision" held at our church 2-4 PM. You are encouraged to attend.

21. Carry-in-luncheon following worship with Church Council Meeting at 1:00 PM

21. If you have news for Nov/Dec newsletter, please give to Annabelle Kettering.

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

27. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

27. Trustees clean-up day for the Church Property 8:00 AM. Come and Help!

ASHLAND COUNTY FAIR

The PORK TRAILER will be at the fair again this year. If you think you would like to work in the trailer for a few hours, there might be some places that need filled. Contact Laura Kettering (419) 945-2652 for information. The fair week will be September 16-22. This is a project that helps to support our Property Maintenance Fund.

MISSION OFFERING

Mission Offering for the Church of the Brethren will be received September 16.

"United – Pursuing peace together"

This Church of the Brethren special offering highlights our relationships with international partners and churches. It supports Core Ministries like Brethren Volunteer Service, Global Mission and Service, and others as we pursue the peace of Christ around the world. "Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up building." Romans 14:19

CROP HUNGER WALK

This year's walk will be October 7. Our goal is 15 walkers and raise \$1,000 towards the total goal of \$7,000. Help feed hungry people around the block and around the world. 25% of the total will remain in Ashland County and be divided among 4 hunger ministries. See Susan Benner to become a walker.

SHOE BOX MINISTRY

Shoe Box Ministry will begin very soon. Please contact Erin Beebe phone (419) 606-1707 or e-mail mrsbbgunner@yahoo.com with your College Student's address so that they can receive a Box from their home church. Even thou we might have their address; please confirm that it is still the same. The first Shoe Box will be mailed to your student in October. When we are out grocery shopping maybe you can pick up a few extra "goodies" to put in the box on the Display Case at church. To help with the mailing, you can give cash to Erin to pay for postage or buy extra needs. We thank you for helping with this project.

FALL FLING (GARAGE SALE)

The Fall Fling (Garage Sale) will be held October 12 and October 13 in our Fellowship Hall.

Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Garage Sale items (new and old), Rada Utensils and Cards.

YOU WANT TO HELP!!

We will need help on Monday (October 8) through Thursday (October 11) to sort and price items. Please be sure all items are at the church by Thursday noon, October 11. 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. Thank you for your donations but please do not bring TVs. They are difficult to sale.

Come and enjoy a couple days of shopping with us.

IN SYMPATHY

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

Yvonne M. 'Granny G' Goschinski

Date of Death August 3, 2018

James E. Bernhard

Date of Death August 13, 2018

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

HYGIENE AND SCHOOL KITS

The CBWF are making up Hygiene and School Kits that are needed at this time. We will appreciate any items that you can furnish for these kits. Place these items in the box on the display case in the gathering room. The CBWF will complete the Kits at their work days. Thanks very much for your help in helping others who are in need.

HYGIENE KIT:

One hand towel measuring approximately
16" x 28"

One washcloth

One wide-tooth comb

One nail clipper (no metal files or emery
boards)

One toothbrush (in original packaging)

Six Band-Aids

Do NOT add toothpaste

SCHOOL KIT:

One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)

Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads of
8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with
200-210 sheets of ruled paper (no
loose-leaf or filler paper)

One 30 centimeter ruler (12")

One hand-held pencil sharpener

One large eraser

Six new pencils with erasers

One box of 24 crayons

PASTORAL SEARCH UPDATE

Pastoral Search Committee has completed the Congregational Profile and now the committee members are reviewing potential Pastoral Profiles. Interviews are being arranged as appropriate. Please continue to keep the Pastoral Search Committee in prayer.

THANK YOU

Dear Jody and Church,
Thank you so much for the Cave Quest Curriculum and decorations. They were great and the Kids loved this year's Vacation Bible School. Some wished we could go all summer! Blessings to you for blessing us in this way!

Sheila Miller, VBS Director
(Zach Freer's Church he attends
in London, OH)

Dear Church family,

Thank you so very much for all of the supplies and donations you gave for Vacation Bible School. We could not have had a successful VBS without your help. Each evening that week the church was full of excitement and fun. We had right at 100 children, youth and adults for all evenings except the last evening. We were able to send \$1,917.73 to REACH in Haiti, one of the bigger projects of Heifer International. Thank you again for all of your monetary supplies, your donations and your items you let us borrow!

In Christian Love, **Peggy Elchert**

We wish to thank everyone that helped with the Maple Grove Church Picnic. The meal was great with all the meat provided by the Men's Fellowship and the great desserts and salads provided by the congregation. The weather was beautiful and all enjoyed a god time. Thanks to the CBMF for hosting this picnic.

I want to thank my family and church family for their thoughtfulness in coming and sharing in our Milestone Birthday Celebration for my Brother, Donald, and me. **Harold Keener**

Maple Grove Church,
Thanks so much for your prayers and cards. It is so much appreciated and very thoughtful of you! I start Radiation Treatments this week-five weeks everyday Monday-Friday at the Cleveland Siedman Cancer Center.

Thanks again, **Robynne and Kevin Shores**
(Received this card June 21, 2018)

Pastor John and Everyone that helped at Maple Grove Church,

We are so thankful that you were all there for us! The service was beautiful. The meal was just as if Mom had prepared it herself. We could not have gotten through this hard time without the support from all!

Thanks and God Bless you all! **Sallies! Family**

We would like to thank the members of Maple Grove Church for your kind words of encouragement, prayers and love through the recent loss of our Mother/Wife.

The Service for her was perfect, beautiful and described her life and ours with her, to a (T)! And thank you so much for your comforting visits, greatly appreciated.

It was just as she would have prepared it herself!

We couldn't have asked for it all to be more perfect! Thank you all so much!

Gerald Shank & Family

Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for preparing and serving the wonderful Steak Dinner for us! **Mindi Cantrell**
Thank You for Your Support!

Ashland Balloonfest 2018

Thank you to all that supplied items for the Host City of Cincinnati during Annual Conference. Maple Grove Church of the Brethren participated by bringing items for **First Step Home**.

The following list is what Scott and Jody Freer delivered on July 4, 2018 to help First Step Home:

14 - \$5.00 Wal-Mart Gift Cards; 1 - Twin Quilt;
7 - Bath towels; 1 - Clothes Hamper; 5 - Twin sheet sets; 16 - Work gloves; 3 - Hand Towels;
1 - Box pencils; 23 - Bars of soap;
6 - Underwear; 8 - Bras; 4 - Pairs of socks;
19 - Washcloths; 9 - Lotions; 4 - Body wash;
7 - Shampoo; 4 - Conditioner; 5 - Dental Floss;
1 - Toothbrush; 3 - Toothpaste; 1 - Perfume;
9 - Deodorant; 4 - Feminine hygiene products.

First Step Home is a place for Hope, Help, and Healing. This home founded in 1993 and the only addiction treatment center in Cincinnati allowing children up to the age of 12 to live with their mother while she is in treatment.

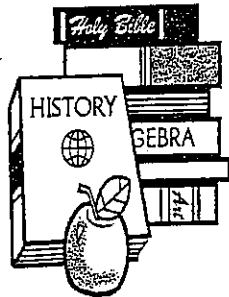
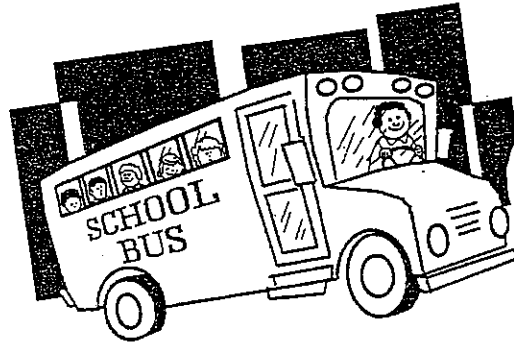
Thousands of pregnant and new mothers fight their addictions and establish stable lives for themselves and their children.

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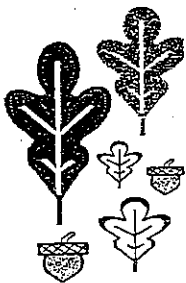
"RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED"

*Come, let us
Worship the
Lord...*



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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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