



# THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter

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



## JULY/AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

#### JULY 2019

- 3. CBWF meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 4-7. Annual Conference for the Church of the Brethren is being held at Greensboro, NC. Our delegates are Sharon Barr and April Ochier.
- 9. Ministerial Board Meeting 6:00 PM  
Church Board Meeting at 7:00 PM
- 11. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- 14. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2:00 PM
- 20. Transportation by All-Ways Charter Bus (Don Way) to baseball game planned by Travis Bates.
- 21. Communion Service will be held in the Sanctuary during Morning Service.
- 25. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- 28. Deacon meeting at Willard and Patricia Welch's home at 6:00 PM

#### AUGUST 2019

- 1. Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
- 2-3. District Conference for the Church of Brethren will be held at Mohican Church of the Brethren. Andrew and Shannon Cuffman will be our delegates.
- 6. Pain/Grief Support Group will be held At 6:00 PM.
- 7. CBWF meeting 10:00 – 2:00 PM
- 8. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 – 4:30 PM
- 8. Resealing the Parking Area at the Church

- 11. Worship Service at Brethren Care Village Wellness Community Center Chapel at 2:00 PM
- 13. Ministerial Board meeting 7:00 PM
- 18. Annual and District Conference Reports will be given by the Delegates during Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- 22. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:00 – 4:30 PM

### THE MESSENGER

It's time to renew our subscriptions 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 offering plate. If you are not currently on the subscription list and would like to be added, please see Laura Kettering.

### NEW BIRTH

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

Benjamin and Sarah Freer are the parents of Sophie Jane, born May 7, 2019. She weighed 6 pounds and 10 ounces. Scott and Jody Freer are the grandparents.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the family and friends on the loss of their loved one. Obituary for Rev. Dr. Robert Leroy Barber, Jr, or "just Bob" to anyone who had the pleasure of meeting him, age 61, went to be with his Savior June 4, 2019 after a valiant fight with lymphoma, multiple....

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BALLOT

The following position starts Sept 1, 2019:

### **Adult Education Director**

2 yr. term – Lawrence Benner

### **Assist Adult Ed. Director**

2 yr. term – John Stutzman

### **Children's Education Director**

2 yr. term – Peggy Elchert

### **Assist Children's Ed. Director**

2 yr. term – Pat Welch

### **Nursery Education Director**

2 yr. term – Ranita Bates

### **Assist Nursery Ed. Director**

2 yr. term – Carla Steward

### **Bible in the School**

2 yr. term – April Ochier

### **Christian Education Committee**

3 yr. term – Donna Kettering  
& Ronda Hinkle

### **Sunday School Secretary**

1 yr. term – Susan Benner

### **Assist Sunday School Secretary**

1 yr. term – Arzonía Laurent

### **District Delegates**

Andrew & Shannon Cuffman

## ASSOCIATED CHARITIES ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK

Below you will find a list of needs for the Ashland County Food Bank for the month of July. As always, we do appreciate you... We are very blessed with so many wonderful friends... thank you for being one of them.

### July list of needs:

Cereal, Pudding/Jello Cups, Chicken Noodle Soup, Vegetable Soup, Ravioli, Instant Potatoes, Noodles, Brownie Mix, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Tea Bags, and Hot Cocoa.

Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Bars of Soap, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Kleenex. Blessings, Chris Box

## A PRODUCTIVE GARDEN

First plant five rows of peas:

Preparedness, perseverance,  
Promptness and prayer.

Next to them plant three rows of squash:

Squash indifference,  
Squash gossip,  
Squash criticism.

Then five rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful,  
Let us be unselfish,  
Let us be loyal,  
Let us be truthful,  
Let us love one another.

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for church,  
Turn up with a smile,  
Turn up with a new idea,  
Turn up with determination.

## THANK YOU

Dear Maple Grove Church Family,

We want to thank you for the thoughts and prayers and the beautiful flower arrangement and the delicious meal you prepared for our family in honor of our Dad.

**The Daughters of Arthur E. Smith Jr.**

Maple Grove Church family,

Thank you for the sympathy card and the lovely flowers sent upon the death of our son, Jeff Rickett.

They were very thoughtful and very much appreciated.

Sincerely, Doug & Linda Reynolds

(Thank You – continued)

*We love Him, because He first loved us.*

*1 John 4:19*

## THANK YOU CONTINUED

Students from the Mapleton High School Cares Day spent the morning helping us here at Maple Grove on May 14. They helped paint, clean, and do some VBS projects. It was a great day since this happens to be a day without rain.

I want to thank everyone that helped in many ways to provide the meal on Saturday for Ruggles Alumni Banquet. Again, a good job, thank you!

**Darlene Moore**

Maple Grove Family,

Thank you all for prayers for Joe and our family during this very scary time. God's hand definitely was there for every move that was made. We felt all your prayers and appreciate all of them and all of you. God Bless, **Joe & Carla Steward**

### **All Church Picnic**

Willard and Patricia Welch opened up their home on June 30 to have a picnic for the closing of Vacation Bible School. They had an Ice Cream Machine which was a great idea with kids. Thanks to Willard and Pat for helping to put the furnish touch on our Vacation Bible School for this year.

### WORDS

Just how meaningful our words,  
Only time itself can tell;  
For words can chill the heart  
Or weave love's magic spell...  
Words can give us courage,  
Our faith and strength renew,  
Or words as driving thongs  
Can pierce us through and through...  
Words can bring us comfort  
When sorrow's had its way,  
And words as lighted candles  
Can change our night to day...  
Thus, words are hurtful or blessing  
To brand us friend or foe,  
Words are such a priceless gift...  
Why can't we use them so!

## MEDITATION-THANK YOU

Thank you, Lord:

You are the **Light** that never goes out,  
You are the **Eye** that never closes,  
You are the **Ear** that is never shut,  
You are the **Mind** that never gives up,  
You are the **Heart** that never grows cold,  
You are the **Hand** that never stops reaching.

**AMEN**

### TAKE TIME

To pray, God requires it!  
To read the Bible, it's God's Word.  
To go to church, we need the fellowship.  
To make good friends, it makes life worth living.  
To rest, our body requires it.  
To smile, it brightens the lives of others.  
To tell your family members you love them.  
To enjoy nature, it's God's gift to you.  
To be kind to your pets, it warms their hearts.  
To feed the birds, God honors this deed.  
To blow the dust off your mind...  
read good books.  
To visit the aged, someday we'll be old.  
To help the bereaved, we too shall be there.  
To visit the sick, our day will come!  
To enjoy your home, you worked hard for it.  
To be kind to children, they have a rough road.  
To encourage and help our young people.

### REAL ODD-BALLS

Recently it was heard about a family who had not missed church in 23 years! What in the world is wrong with this family? Don't they ever have company? Aren't they ever tired on Sunday morning? Don't they ever have headaches or family reunions? Don't they have a favorite Sunday TV Program? **NO, MY FRIEND: THEY JUST LOVE JESUS!!!!**

*"The kindly word that falls today may bear its fruit tomorrow".*

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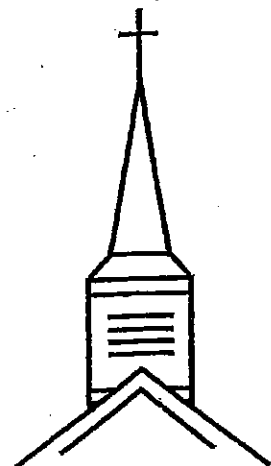
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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD



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