



THE MAPLE LEAF

The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter
Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together



JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY 2018

1. New Year's Day
2. Pain/Grief Support Group held at Bob Evans 6 PM
3. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
4. Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
9. Ministerial Committee meeting 6:30 PM
Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM
11. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
14. PMIF Meeting following worship in Double Classroom. Celebrating New Members of 2017 and also Birthdays with a carry-in-luncheon following worship.
Youth Night meeting
25. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 27 – Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 28 – Youth Fun Night (Rhdawnda Bliss)

FEBRUARY 2018

1. Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM
6. Pain/Grief Support Group 6:00 PM
7. CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
8. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
11. Sweetheart Banquet with a carry-in-luncheon following worship
13. Ministerial Committee meeting 7:00 PM
18. Newsletter for March/April.
22. Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
24. Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

ASHLAND COUNTY CROP WALK

Totals from this year's Ashland County CROP Hunger Walk. 12 Congregations participated with 75 walkers. \$6,815.00 was the total raised. \$1,703.75 will stay in Ashland County and be divided equally among 4 local hunger ministries (\$425.94).

CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

The following is the result of the meeting December 2, 2017 for one year term starting January 2018.

Church Board Chairperson – Willard Welch
Assistant Church Board Chairperson –
Nancy Keener

BAD WEATHER??

When bad weather appears, Trustees have established a policy that when the County declares a Level 2 Emergency Warning, Church Service would be canceled because we are not to be on the roads. Listen to Radio/TV (WRGM 1440AM, WVNO 106.1FM, WMFD-TV, or WEWS-TV Channel 5). Care Givers will try to call, and look at the church website.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES

The many beautiful items were removed from the Mitten and Gift Trees and taken into Associated Charities. In this way, many children could receive a gift for Christmas of scarves, hats and gloves which would help keep them warm. You can still bring more of these items and they will be taken in later with groceries and Peanut Butter. The Peanut Butter Tree is still up and getting higher. We will keep this Tree growing until the end of December or first of January. Thanks to all who graciously contributed.

THANK YOU

Dear Maple Grove Church,

Thank you so very much for the left-over items you gave to Living Water Mission Outreach in Savannah, Ohio. We got it all hung up in a couple hours on the next Monday. It went quickly. A lot of NICE clothes! We have picked up 2 more areas besides our original West Virginia group. One is in Louisville, KY and the other N.E. Canton, Ohio. Everything that goes out from our mission goes out with a prayer that just the right persons get the help they need and sending God's love to them.

Thank you in the Name of the Lord.
Eileen Smith – Volunteer for Living Waters Outreach Ministry

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and words of encouragement these last 6 months while going through 2 surgeries, treatments and recuperation.

A special "thank you" to those who provided food and transportation. Also to Pastor John for all his visits and prayers.

Each expression of love and concern was very much appreciated and I am very grateful to my wonderful Church Family for helping me through this very difficult time. Through all this, there have been so many blessings to be thankful for.

God bless you all!

Susan Benner

Maple Grove Church,

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thanks for opening the Church to us.
Sincerely, **Carol Deibler**
(Betty Keener's Daughter)

Many thanks to Maple Grove Church for the beautiful Poinsettia and delicious banana bread. What a blessed surprise.

Diana Massie

Maple Grove Church

Thanks for remembering me this Christmas with the lovely Poinsettia.
Blessing to all, **Bonnie B. Keener**

I would like to thank the church for the beautiful poinsettia and the delicious banana bread and little booklet on Hope. It was all greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas! **Janet Bright**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the lovely flower and for your continued thoughts and prayers, and visits. You all mean so very much to us. Thank you again. God Bless

Mark and Gale Andress

Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for the monetary gift. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.
God Bless. **Shirley Anderson**

BIBLE READING RECORD

Have you thought about reading the complete Bible in one year? In this Newsletter is a page that will help you read the Bible in one year with only setting aside 15 minutes each day. Maybe you can start your reading January 1, 2018 and by December 31, 2018 you can say "I accomplished reading the complete Bible in one year".

If there are more than one in your household that would like to begin reading the Bible in one year, contact the Church for extra copies.

No contest, no awards, just the great thrill to say I kept my promise of reading the Bible in one year. **Happy Reading!**

UNLESS I SHARE GOD'S LOVE

Unless I share God's love today,
My words are meaningless and dead,
For what I do speaks louder far
Than any words I might have said.

Lord, help me leave a loving trail
Of kindly deeds where I have been,
For I'll not have a second chance
To ever walk this path again.

-Viola Jacobson Berg

THANK YOU (continued)

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,
Wishing you a wonderful holiday
season and a joyous New Year.

Merry Christmas from The Everetts
(See picture on the bulletin board)
Gresham, Abbie, & Jameson

Maple Grove Church,

More than words can say
Thanks very much for the beautiful fruit
basket. Greatly appreciated!
Merry Christmas – Have a Happy New
Year! **Mary Rogers**

To Maple Grove Church Family,
Doug and I would like to Thank You
for the wonderful Fruit Basket.

We truly enjoyed it.
Thank you and God bless you.
Doug & Darlene Moore

Maple Grove Church,

Thank You so much for the fruit
basket, very very good. Sending you many
thanks! God Bless You,
Naomi J. Coble

To My Maple Grove Family,

Words cannot adequately express
my deep appreciation to all of you for your
prayers, support, friendship and the gift from
the church.

A special thank you to Pastor John
who spent a lot of hours with me in several
hospitals during my recent illness.

My only prayer is: While I live, God
make me worthy of my Maple Grove
Family. **Gloria Bloomquist**

A FEAST FOR THE YEAR

Take a cup of kindness,
Mix it well with love,
Add a lot of patience
and faith in God above,
Sprinkle very generously
with joy and thanks and cheer—
And you'll have lots of
"angel food"
to feast on all the year.

HELEN STEINER RICE

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to the following
families on the loss of their loved one. We
pray that God will continue to be their help
in this time of grief and sorrow.

Betty Louise Keener Date of Death
Nov. 18, 2017

Janet Sue Case Date of Death
Nov. 23, 2017

Evelyn L. Hochstetler Date of Death
Nov. 25, 2017

Lawrence E. Swineford Date of Death
Dec. 1, 2017

H. Byron Bright Date of Death
Dec. 15, 2017

A GOOD TIME TO PRAY

When your soul is bowed beneath a load too
great to bear,

**That is the time to take your burden to
the throne of prayer.**

When your joy is boundless with the news
you have to share,

**Bow in grateful thankfulness before the
throne of prayer.**

When you are honored for above the praise
you ought to share,

**Guard against all sinful pride; Go to the
Lord in prayer.**

When your friends forsake you and nobody
seems to care,

**Take it all to Jesus and tell Him in your
prayer.**

Thus, in everything that comes, the good or
bad each day,

**Just take it to the Savior, and don't forget
to pray!**

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TRUST HIM

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.

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❄️ **Happy New Year** *Let God be your Guide
in the days ahead...* ❄️



Heavenly Father, help me be
More like You, and less like me!
Not my will, but Thine be done,
From dawn's first light to setting sun.
At eventide, then may I rest
Assured that I have done my best.

Within my heart, sow seeds of love,
And bring the harvest from above,
That all I meet may truly know
My Lord and Savior where I go.
Heavenly Father, help me be
More like You, and less like me!

—Clay Harrison



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In the New Testament it is suggested that the Gospel of Mark be read first, followed by the other Gospels. Then read the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles (letters) of Paul and others concerning the Church. Lastly, the Book of Revelation.

The New Testament

| Gospels | Chapters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Matthew | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Mark | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Luke | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| John | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |

| New Testament History | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Acts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |

| Pauline Epistles | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Romans | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 1 Corinthians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 2 Corinthians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Galatians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | | | |
| Ephesians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philippians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Colossians | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Thess. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Thess. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Timothy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Timothy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Titus | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philemon | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| General Epistles | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Hebrews | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |

| New Testament Prophecy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| James | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Peter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 Peter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 John | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 John | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 John | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jude | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |

| New Testament Prophecy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Revelation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |

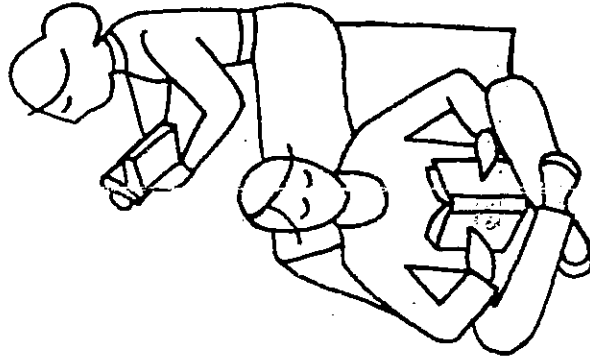
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BIBLE READING RECORD

With helps for Bible readers



"Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path."

Psalms 119:105
Good News Bible

Maple Grove Church of the Brethren
Part Time Youth Leader Job Description

Mission Statement

The mission of Maple Grove Church of the Brethren is to welcome all people, to involve them in various activities of the church, to teach them the principles of the Christian Faith as embodied by our denomination, to lead them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and to prepare them to use their gifts in the home, the church, and the world.

Job Requirements

- A fellow Christian and believer in Jesus Christ
- Confirmation of “Call” to youth ministry
- Organized and willing to help organize others
- Willingness to grow spiritually
- Working knowledge of the Bible
- Consistent in their Christian life, walk with the Lord, and with the Church of the Brethren Anabaptist and Pietist beliefs and practices
- Honesty to talk with youth about the ups and downs of life and how we deal with them
- Enthusiastic about youth ministry and a “safe” person to share issues concerning our kids
- Strong leadership, team-building and communication skills
- Young at heart and able to identify with our youth, help them to have fun, and realize how full life can be as followers of Christ

Job Description

The Maple Grove youth leader will be the “go-to person” for all things involving youth at our church. This person will work with parents and the rest of our congregation to:

- Create a master list of all youth (grades 6-12) and their parents which will include their names, phone numbers, addresses, youth birthdays, and e-mails
- Conduct regular youth meetings including fun events, service projects, and fundraisers
- Include Bible teachings and relate those teachings to our youth's everyday lives
- Organize youth events and organize how parents will help throughout each event
- Help promote youth and youth parents' involvement within Maple Grove (during Sunday worship as well as within church activities)
- Advertise and promote youth events to all youth within our congregation
- Keep youth accountable and involved and will contact and follow up with those who have missed activities/events
- Highlight what youth are doing outside of church by congratulatory texts, announcement during joys and concerns during Sunday service as well as on the bulletin board in the gathering room
- Get schedules of activities youth are involved in and post on bulletin board and make time to watch an activity for each youth...be INVOLVED and care about their life outside of church.
- Coordinate the transport of youth to events outside of church
- Work with youth President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer in how to handle their positions

- Inform youth regarding district Church of the Brethren as well as the larger, national Church of the Brethren activities and events and help transport those youth as needed
- Communicate with those responsible for getting information in the bulletin as well as the church website, newsletter, and Facebook page to publicize what events/activities/fundraisers will be occurring
- Hold organizational meeting (usually in August) to organize the year and schedule meetings with parents and youth leaders as needed

Hours and Financial Consideration

The Youth Leader will work approximately 15 hours per week and shall be paid \$12,000.00 (twelve thousand dollars) per year. In addition to the annual salary, the Youth Leader will be reimbursed up to \$2,500.00 (two-thousand five hundred dollars) per year, for any mileage incurred while carrying out prescribed duties.

If you or someone you know are interested in the position as described, please contact one of the following persons to obtain an application and/or obtain additional information. Thank you for your kind consideration of this ministry to our youth at Maple Grove church.

Youth Leader Search Committee Members

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