



# THE MAPLE LEAF



The Maple Grove Church of the Brethren Newsletter  
*continuing the work of Jesus. peacefully. Simply. Together*

## MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### MAY 2016

- 4 - CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 6 – All Daughters Banquet
- 8 – **Mother’s Day**
- 10 – Ministerial Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 – Bible Study at Agape Acres 3:30 PM
- 15 – Youth Sunday: Potato Bar following worship.
- 24 – Music/Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26 – Bible Study at Agape Acres 3:30 PM
- 26 – Mapleton High School Baccalaureate at our church 7:00 PM
- 28 – Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 30 – **Memorial Day**
- 31 – Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM

### JUNE 2016

- 1 – CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 5 through 10 - Vacation Bible School Time: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 12- Council Meeting following church with a carry-in-meal.
- 12 - Youth Meeting 6 PM
- 14 – Ministerial Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 19 – **Father’s Day**
- 19 – News items for July/August newsletter; Please give news to Annabelle Kettering.
- 23 – Bible Study at Agape Acres 3:30 PM
- 25 – Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 28 – Music/Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
- 29 through July 3 – Annual Conference for the Church of the Brethren at Greensboro, North Carolina

### UPCOMING DATE

**July 2** – Balloonfest Steak Fry at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren

The following is an invitation for the ALL DAUGHTERS BANQUET. Please call Sharon Barr or Marlene Shoup by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### ALL DAUGHTERS BANQUET

MAY 6, 2016 6:00 p.m.

BUTTONS - BOWS & BLESSING

MENU - PASTA BAR

ICE CREAM BAR

COME AND JOIN IN ON THE FUN.

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Please sign up so that we have a count.

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults

\_\_\_\_\_ Children age 2-13yrs

Please give to Sharon Barr or Marlene Shoup. by May 1st.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Please fill in the following Registration Form and return it to the church or you may call 419-289-9690 to register children. Help us to reach many children and adults during this week of June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup>. The time will be 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. We are planning to have a **SPECIAL SURPRISE** every evening. On Friday evening, June 10<sup>th</sup>, will be our Vacation Bible School Closing Program and refreshments. Hotdogs, buns, ice cream and drink will be furnished. You may bring finger food to share with others. Our Program will start at 6:30 PM which is for everyone. Even if you were unable to enjoy VBS with us, you are **WELCOME** to our closing night.



**VACATION  
BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016  
MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
960 Twp. Rd. 964, Ashland, Ohio 44805

DATE - June 5<sup>th</sup> - June 10<sup>th</sup> TIME-6:30 - 8:30 PM

Bible Stories - Crafts - Snacks - Games - Songs

BARNYARD ROUNDUP - "Jesus Gathers Us Together" by  
Concordia Publishing House Curriculum.

THEME Chapter - Psalm 23 - Jesus Is the Good Shepherd;  
Feeds 5,000 people; Tells about a Sower; Tells about a Lost  
Son; and Appears to Mary in the Garden. Jesus Cares, Jesus  
Provides, Jesus Leads, Jesus Forgives, and Jesus is our  
Savior, NOW AND FOREVER

To register your children please fill out the form and return to  
Annabelle Kettering or place in the box provided at the church.  
You may also call 419-289-9690 or 567-203-8381.  
Bible School is planned for the COMPLETE FAMILY which  
includes ADULTS. Adults do not need to register.

Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
CHILD'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Grade JUST completed \_\_\_\_\_  
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Invite your neighbor's children. Please write their names on a  
registration form also. WELCOME TO ALL!!

### PROJECT MONEY FOR VBS

Our project money that we receive during Vacation Bible School will be sent to Heifer International. We have selected this year to help provide sheep to Africa. The cost of providing one sheep is \$120.00. Sheep is a sure thing. Sheep often give birth to multiples, so markets are rarely lacking meat and wool. In addition to supplying wool, sheep are good for the environment; they can graze difficult terrain and provide fertilizer to improve soil and pasture.

**Passing on the Gift:** Each farming family passes on animals or time and knowledge. This practice, at a minimum, doubles the impact of the original gift. It's proof that small actions can lead to big results. It is our hope to raise enough of money to provide families with 5 sheep. Can we do it? Every little penny will be thankful for.

Even though our project to help people of Africa is very important, we still want to remember stories of Jesus who is our Savior, NOW AND FOREVER.

The following is a list of teachers and helpers that have volunteered to help this year for VBS.

**Nursery** - Ranita Bates, Pat Ames

**Preschool** - Samantha Sayers, Susan Benner, Sharon Barr, Ronda Hinkle

**Kindergarten/First/ Second** - Linda Cline, Darlene Moore

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>** - Donna Kettering, Karen Wynn

**5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>** - Jody Freer, Amy Bednar

**Youth** - Peggy Elchert, Regina Stutzman

**Adults** - Jean Gilmore, Dorothy Long, Pastor John, Delbert Kettering, Scott Freer  
**Music for Children** - Pat Welch, Tammy Crossen

**Food Court** - Marlene Shoup, Lawrence Benner, Marilyn Badger

**Registration and Secretary** - Donna Keener

**Photographer** - David Badger

**Extra Helper** - Carrie Crossen

**Director** - Annabelle Kettering

### YOUTH POTATO BAR

The Youth will be preparing a Potato Bar for us to enjoy May 15 following worship. The donations they receive for the meal will be used to sponsor the group to attend National Youth Conference Year 2018.

## IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes to these 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.

**Lois E. Drushel** Date of Death  
March 2, 2016

**Lester O. Weitzel** Date of Death  
March 6, 2016

**Gloria A. Gongwer** Date of Death  
April 19, 2016

The LORD Is My Light  
And My Salvation!

**ASSOCIATED CHARITIES**  
**ASHLAND COUNTY FOOD BANK**

Thank you for helping us to help those with emergency situations and needs!

The following needs are

**NON PERISHABLE NEEDS:**

Grape and Strawberry Jell, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Tea bags or Coffee, Mustard or Mayo, VEGETABLE SOUP, canned Chicken, Juice of any kind (Ex: grape/apple/cranberry/orange).

**NON FOOD ITEMS NEED:**

Shampoo and Conditioner, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Feminine Products, Deodorant

*Jan 37 new families total of 593 people*

*Feb 23 new families total of 335 people*

*Mar 40 new families total of 442 people*

**Together, we can do so much!!**

*Rosemarie Donley*

**THANK YOU**

Dear Maple Grove,

Thank you for the pretty pink hyacinth planter that was sent to our family at the time of my Mom's passing. Thank you too for all those who came to her calling hours and her funeral. All was appreciated.

**Suzie Gortner**

**The family of Lois E. Drushel**

Maple Grove Church,

Wishing you a beautiful Easter full of God's miracles.

Happy Easter!

**Your friends at Brethren Care Village**

Maple Grove Church,

Thank you for the care packages and thinking of me while I am away at college.

Thanks!!

**Adam Heffelfinger**

Dear Maple Grove,

Thank you for the care package and for thinking about the college students.

**Jeremy Rohr**

Maple Grove Family,

I would like to thank everyone for prayers, calls and cards these past few weeks. Thank you to my Prayer Sister for the beautiful plant she sent me.

May God Bless all of you.

**Sally Harris**

**OUR THINKING VS. GOD'S PROMISES**

"It's impossible"

**All things are possible (Luke 18:27)**

"I'm too tired"

**I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)**

"Nobody really loves me"

**I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)**

"I can't go on"

**My grace is sufficient (II Cor 12:9 & Ps 91:15)**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

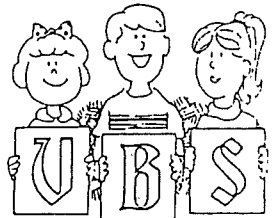
My dishes went unwashed today,  
I didn't make the bed.  
I took God's hand and followed Him  
To VBS instead.

Oh, yes, we went adventuring—  
The children and I,  
Exploring the whole Bible  
For truths we can't deny.

My house was sure neglected,  
I didn't sweep the stair,  
In twenty years no one on earth  
Will know—or even care.

But that I've helped a boy or girl  
To noble adulthood grow,  
In twenty years the whole, wide world  
May look—and see—and know!

—Selected



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# Mother's Day

BIBLE SCHOOL  
Join the Fun with Everyone  
DATE: June 5<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
BARNYARD ROUNDUP  
“Jesus Gathers Us Together”

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# CHILDREN'S DAY



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

# FATHER'S DAY

Honor thy Father



### Maple Grove Church of the Brethren

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Sunday Worship – 10:25 a.m.  
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