



# 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 2017

- 1- VBS Meeting 7:00 PM. This will be the last group meeting before VBS begins. Please attend if possible.
- 2- Pain/Grief Support Group will meet at 6:00 PM at Perkins Restaurant.
- 3- CBWF will meet at 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM: All choirs will have their regular time to meet.
- 6- Annual Spring Clean-up sponsored by the Trustees. We will wash windows, clean baseboards, pick-up sticks, clean flowerbeds, etc. Help us make our house of worship look inviting for the summer.
- 7- All Daughters' Tea Party 2:00 – 3:00 PM Bring a dessert to share.
- 9- Ministerial Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- 10- Choirs will meet
- 11- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 14- Celebrating Mother's Day
- 21- Men's All Sons' Gathering 1:00 PM
- 23- Music/Worship Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- 25- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 27- Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 29 – Memorial Day

### JUNE 2017

- 1- Mapleton High School Baccalaureate 7:00 PM at Maple Grove
- 4 through 9 - Vacation Bible School - TIME: 6:30 – 8:30 PM
- 7- CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

- 8- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 13- Pain/Grief Support Group will meet at 6:00 PM at Perkins Restaurant
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**June 28 through July 2 – Annual Conference at Grand Rapids, MI – Our Delegates are Sharon Barr and April Ochier**

### UPCOMING DATES

- July 1 – Balloon fest – Steak Fry at Maple Grove Church of the Brethren
- July 4 – Independence Day

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Please fill in the following Registration Form and return it to the church or you may call 419-289-9690 or 567-203-8381 to register children. Help us to reach many children and adults during this week of June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>. The time will be 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM. In our study of "Cave Quest" by Group, we hope to allow Jesus' love to come to life like never before.... touching lives, changing hearts, drawing kids and adults closer to Jesus and asking God to guide and bless us as we hear and study about Jesus' invitation to "follow him." Friday evening June 9<sup>th</sup> will be our VBS Closing Program and refreshments. Hotdogs, buns, ice cream and drink will be furnished. You may bring finger food to share. Our program will start at 6:30PM which is for everyone. Even if you were unable to enjoy VBS with us, you are WELCOME to come our closing night.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017  
MAPLE GROVE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
960 Twp. Rd. 964, Ashland, Ohio 44805

DATE: June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup> TIME: 6:30 – 8:30PM

Bible Stories – Crafts – Snacks – Games – Songs

CAVE QUEST by Group Publishers

The amazing adventure that will help us begin to deepen our faith by exploring who Jesus is – **THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!** During this week we will learn that Jesus gives us hope. Jesus gives us courage. Jesus gives us direction. Jesus gives us love. and Jesus gives us power.

To register your children please fill out the form and return to Annabelle Kettering or place in the box provided at the church entrance doors. 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 Heifers to help those in need. At the present time I do not know for sure which country they will go to because of the need for Heifers. A Heifer brings health and hope to families in need. **DID YOU KNOW...** Each heifer we give will help at least two families? That's because the family who receives our heifer will **Pass on the Gift** of a calf to help another family in need – plus time and knowledge for the animal. This will be **DOUBLING** the impact of our gift. Now here is where every little penny will be thankful for. The cost of ONE (1) Heifer will be \$500.00. Can we do it? Let us try for one for sure.

Even though our project to help people around the world is very important, we still want to remember stories of Jesus who is "the light of the world!"

### TEACHERS FOR VBS

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

- Nursery – Ronda Hinkle, Pat Ames
- Preschool – Samantha Sayers, Susan Benner
- Kindergarten/First/Second Grades – Linda Cline, Darlene Moore
- Third/Fourth Grades – Donna Kettering, Karen Wynn
- Fifth/Sixth Grades – Laura Kettering, Marlene Shoup
- Youth – Peggy Elchert, Jody Freer
- Adults – Delbert Kettering, Lynda Kysor, Pastor John, Gloria Bloomquist
- Music for Children – Pat Welch, Tammy Crossen
- Cavern Café-Marilyn Badger, Ruth Bright, Naomi Coble
- Registration & Secretary – Donna Keener
- Recreation – Ranita Bates, Regina Stutzman, Carrie Crossen
- Director – Annabelle Kettering

### INSPIRATION HILLS CAMPERS

The following students Maple Grove Church of the Brethren are sponsoring for this summer camping seasons:

- Jacob Keener (Jr. High), James Keener (Jr. Camp), Jay Kettering (Jr. Camp), Grant Kettering (3 Day Camp), Jacob Syx (Jr. High), Reese Vaught (Sr. High Weekend Bash & Sr. High), Shelby Lackey (Jr. Camp), Katelyn Beebe (Jr. High)

We pray for safety and a blessed time as they enjoy camping with their friends and the joy of making new ones.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

The following is the results of the voting of the ballot April 2, 2017:

ADULT EDUCATION DIRECTOR

**John Stutzman** – Director - 2 yr. term

**Lawrence Benner** – Assistant – 2 yr. term

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION DIRECTOR

**Peggy Elchert** – Director – 2 yr. term

**Patricia Welch** – Assistant – 2 yr. term

BIBLE IN THE SCHOOL

**Patricia Welch** – 2 yr. term

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Paul Bright & Joe Steward**-3 yr. term

SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

**Susan Benner, Janet Bright, & Arzonია**

**Laurent** – 1 yr. term



Congratulations to **Brandon & Mandy Heilman** on the birth of **Razalea Roxanne** born February 26<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 6 pounds and was 18 inches long.

Congratulations to **Jared & Jenna Greenawalt** on the birth of **Easton Cole** born March 26<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

## THANK YOU

Thank you everyone that came to my Surprise Birthday Party on March 26<sup>th</sup>. God Bless each one!  
**Barbara Woodring**

Thanks to all the helpers, the shoppers and those who donated for the Spring Fling. It was a busy week but rewarding. Keep October 6 and 7 on your calendar for another great and happy Fall Fling (Garage Sale).

## THANK YOU

**The Harris Family:** Howard, Sally, Janet, Jeff and Becky would like to thank Pastor John for visits, prayers and others for prayers, visits, cards and calls during the past few months. May God Bless all of you!

## 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.

Patricia A. Irving	Date of Death March 9, 2017
Robert W. Gibbs	Date of Death March 16, 2017
Patricia L. Rogers	Date of Death March 16, 2017
Roger L. Matthews	Date of Death April 1, 2017
Virginia R. Johnson	Date of Death April 2, 2017
Eva P. Wonders	Date of Death April 8, 2017
Donald R. Turk	Date of Death April 9, 2017

***When one door closes,  
another door opens. But  
often we look so long so  
regretfully upon the closed  
door that we fail to see the  
one that has opened for us.***

-Helen Keller-

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**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
Join the Fun with Everyone  
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THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”**

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**FATHER'S  
DAY**

Honor thy Father



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