



# THE MAPLE LEAF

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



## JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### JULY 2017

- 1- **Balloon Fest Steak** fry for Pilots and balloon helpers at the Balloon Fest.
- 2- This is the last day of Annual Conference that was held at Grand Rapids, Michigan. Our Delegates were Sharon Barr and April Ochier.
- 4- **Independence Day**
- 5- CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 6- Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM held at Agape Acres Apartments
- 11 – Ministerial Committee meeting 6:00 PM
- 11- Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 13- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 18 – **Note change of date:** Pain/Grief Support Group 6 PM at Buehler's.
- 22- Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- 27- Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 28 – 29 Church of the Brethren District Conference will be held at Hartville Church of the Brethren, Hartville, Ohio. Our Delegates for District Conference are David and Cathy Bishop.

### AUGUST 2017

- 1- Pain/Grief Support Group 6 PM at Buehler's
- 2 - CBWF Meeting 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
- 3- Music/Worship Committee meeting 6:30 PM (TBA)
- 8 – Ministerial Committee meeting 7:00 PM
- 10 – Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM

- 20 – Annual and District Conference Reports will be given during Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- 24 – Bible Study at Agape Acres Apartments 3:30 PM
- 26 – Community Fellowship Free Meal 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Want something to do one Saturday of the month? Come and fellowship and also meet the community.

Come and join the Community Fellowship Day Committee.

You do not have to be a member of the church. You are not voted on. We are all volunteers on this committee and provide a free meal for the community. Our meals are provided on the fourth Saturday of the month.

### CHILD DEDICATION

Jared and Jenna Greenawalt dedicated their daughter Emalyn Ann and son Easton Cole to the Lord. May Emalyn and Easton grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and people everywhere. (Luke 2:52)

### NEW MEMBERS

The church received four new members July 25<sup>th</sup>. They were Emily Stutzman (baptized), Dwaine Clinker (reaffirmation), and Roger and Sue Stroup (letter of transfer). We rejoice with them on their decisions to join our church family and to be followers of Christ. May God be a blessing as we walk together working for our Lord and Savior.

...God be prais'd, that  
to believing souls  
Gives light in darkness,  
comfort in despair.  
— William Shakespeare

**ASSOCIATED CHARITIES**  
**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**

John 6:35: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst"

Kids are home from school now. The following are items that would be useful to have during the summer months.

**Non Perishable Needs**

Peas, carrots and mixed vegetables, please! Baked Beans, Cans of Fruit-All variety needed, Crackers, pop tarts and/or cookies or granola bars, Jell-o or pudding snack packs (easy for kids!), Egg Noodles, Jelly, Coffee or tea bags, Juices, Ketchup, Mustard and Mayo, Vegetable Oil & Sugar, Fresh or instant potatoes (Always needed!).

**Non Food Items:**

Kleenex, Deodorant, Dish Soap, Feminine Products, Bath Soap (liquid or bars), Shampoo and Conditioner.

**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

This is the list of graduates from our church family. We wish them all the best in their future plans.

**High School Graduates**

Nik Beebe, Jordan Espinoza, Nathan Keener, and Kyle Reynolds

**College or University Graduates**

Sarah Ballmer, Ben Freer, Phoenix Na Lin, Jeremy Rohr

**QUILT FOR CAMPERS**

Emmie Vance made a beautiful quilt that she wanted the donation for the quilt to help kids go to Inspiration Hills Camp. The Quilt was awarded to Paul Rohr at the price of \$400.00. Thanks Emmie for making the beautiful quilt and thanks Paul for being the highest bidder.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS**

Vacation Bible School was a busy week but we had a great time. In our study of "Cave Quest" by Group, we hoped 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 heard and studied about Jesus' invitation to "follow him."

**PROJECT MONEY FOR VBS**

Our Project Money that we receive during Vacation Bible School will be sent to Heifer International. At the present time I do not know for sure which country they will go to because of the need for Heifers. 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. Now here is our SURPRISE! The cost of ONE (1) Heifer will be \$500.00 and to this date we have collected **\$3,021.45** which will sponsor 6 Heifers. What a great blessing in helping this many families! The name that was picked for our heifer was "MAPLE". Just think, we will have 6 Maples.

**WEDDING**

We celebrated with two couples that were married in the month of June. We want to express our "Blessings" to both couples on their special day. Our prayers are for many years of happiness.

**Congratulations** to Benjamin Freer and Sarah Ballmer that were married June 10, 2017. May God be a special part of their life as they begin their journey together.

**Congratulations** to Sam Lee and Phoenix Na Lin that were married June 13, 2017. May God be a special part in their life of they begin their journey together.

## THANK YOU

Dear Church Family

Thanks for the help that we have received from the church during Doris' illness. Also thanks for phone calls, cards, visits, and prayers that are always appreciated.

**Darryl & Doris Piatt**

Maple Grove Family,

Thank you all for all the cards and words of encouragement for my recent surgery. My knee replacement has gone great. Thanks again for thinking of us.

**Mark & Gale Andress**

To all of the Members of Maple Grove,  
Just a note to show how much your generosity is truly appreciated. I thank you for all the work preparing the Polk Reunion, May 13, 2017, applaud yourselves for a great job! **Linda Schlechty, Class ("66")**

Thanks to Maple Grove Church for supporting the ACCESS project to help the homeless. The ACCESS winner for the Homeless was Colin O'Brian.

**Naomi Coble, Representative**

Dear Maple Grove Friends,

Our Mission sincerely thanks you for items from your yard/rummage sale. It helped re-supply the Mission Closet. God is great!

**Eileen Smith (for the mission)**

Friends of Maple Grove Church  
of the Brethren,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,021.00 to Church World Service. We are grateful to partner with you and put your gift to good work! Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our neighbors near and far.

Thank You! **Rose Sharp, Associate  
Congregational Engagement Specialist**

Maple Grove Church,

I would like to thank Pastor John for all of his visits and prayers and also the Congregation for all of their prayers. God is good – Bless you all. **Bertha Rush**

Dear Maple Grove Church of the Brethren,  
You didn't have to do what you did... and so well... but we're sure glad you did.

May God bless all that contributed in whatever form. Sincerely,

**The family of Patricia A. Irving**  
acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

## 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 each day to give someone a word or a smile, which may lighten their load along a lonely mile. Take time to talk with God a little while each day, to thank Him for your blessings along your way.

## 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.

Unless I love my fellowman  
And show it in the things I do,  
Unless I make Your spirit real,  
How can they see past me to You?

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.

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is Jesus!*

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*Morning Worship Service*

*Praise God from whom all Blessing flow!*

