

The Messenger

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Church

Happy July & August, Everyone!

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As you may or may not know, our newsletter is a monthly publication until we arrive at the months of July and August when we combine the two months into one newsletter. So as you can see, the monthly newsletter did not arrive at the first of the month but closer to the middle of July.

Though we are half way through summer, we are nonetheless looking to and preparing for the beginning of our fall season. Sunday school teachers and nursery attendants are being sought, as well as bringing these same up to speed on the church's Child Protection Policy.

Fall events are beginning to be planned, with one being a "Building Dedication Sunday" for our entire facility. Much work has been accomplished to upgrade Maplewood's building and grounds over the last couple years and we are now at a place where we wish to give thanks to God, for his people who made it all happen, and to rededicate the church to Christ's service! Be looking for the announcement of this day in the next several weeks.

And, as I do so each year, I would encourage folks to take their Christian walk seriously through study, prayer and fellowship. We do in fact "grow in Christ" as we commit to these things.

Towards that end I offer a little advertisement to our adults for this fall. On Sunday mornings, beginning September 10, at 9:30 in our fellowship hall, I will be leading the adult Sunday school class on the subject of "The Good News of the Kingdom and Mission." Our Lord has commissioned us to make disciples by taking his Kingdom message to the world and teaching everyone all that he has commanded. Mission is the lifeblood of the church, but it is, unfortunately, a word that scares many. But God has gifted each of us, placed us in our various contexts, and now calls us to be witnesses of his Son. The class will attempt to be a launching pad for each student to begin looking at their immediate world a bit differently...seeing it with the eyes of the Kingdom of God. I pray and hope that participants begin to see a bigger picture, and that this class is one more in a series of life in Christ and his Holy Spirit! Please join us!

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From
Our
PASTOR



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The Maplewood MISSION STATEMENT:
TO KNOW CHRIST and TO MAKE HIM KNOWN
By LEADING People to a Saving Faith in Jesus Christ,
NURTURING and EQUIPPING People in the Faith,
Love and Knowledge of Jesus Christ,
DEPLOYING People in Servant Ministries to the Rest of the World.

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From the Pastor continued . . .

Also this fall, beginning Thursday, September 14th at 7pm in our church lounge we will be having a topical study on the "Parables of Jesus and the Kingdom of God." Have you ever wondered about the way our Lord taught, why he relied so much on parables, and why they all are about the Kingdom? Do his parables give you any clue about your own life, as well as the divine life God wants to give and have us participate in now...a life that opens up to us more and more as we enter into it? We are going to be looking at Jesus' parables, where the message is less about how to get to heaven and more about entering into the life of heaven now. Hope to see you out here on Thursday nights, and for prayer time following the class for any who would like to join us in prayer.

As for the rest of your summer?

Have a great one, and see you in worship!

Steve

**Have a good
Summer!**

News from Session

Session Meeting in June 26, 2017:

There were no ACTION items.

REMINDERS & REPORTS:

Worship – Elder M. Cerilli is working on dedication ceremony for the last Sunday in September. This is to recognize all the work accomplished these last several years improving Maplewood facilities.

Church Life – Elder R. Perotti reported the dinner for six in May went well. They have 20 persons signed up for the theater in July. The church picnic is on August 20.

Finance – Elder C. Limegrover gave a financial overview of the income and expenses.

Mission & Outreach – Elder K. Doran reported that over \$600 was pledged for the Cancer Relay for Life. They want to purchase a tent that can be used at the relay and other church events. Next Union Mission meal scheduled for June 29.

Personnel – no report

Property – Elder D. Ferry reported the Fellowship Hall thermostats have been reviewed. They have a meeting scheduled with Brant Paving to review paving and sealing needs of the parking lot. They met with JPS Landscape to discuss several projects. The committee is looking at costs of doing the projects ourselves.

Christian Education – Elder D. Hileman reported there is a meeting scheduled for August 7 with the teachers to get ready for the fall. The first day for classes is September 10. They plan to have a water slide after the service.

**Next Session Meeting will be August 21, 2017.
NO Session Meeting in July.**

SUMMER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Communion Preparation: TBD for August

Communion Servers: TBD for August

Lay Reader:

July – Katy Doran, **August** – John Scales

Ushers:

July – Lee Immel, **August** – Nancy Gosser

Greeters:

July – Nancy Gosser, **August** – Bob & Cindy Harlan

Downstairs Greeter:

July 16, 23, 30 - Arlene Troster,
TBD for August

PLEASE NOTE:

Volunteers are needed for Summer

Worship Services!!

Please sign up in the Narthex or call

Ron Shafer

Acolytes:

July 9th - Emerson Musgrove

July 16th - Tyler Williams

July 23rd - Jonathan Bouknight

July 30th - Mackenzie Williams

August 6th - Rebecca Bouknight

August 13th - Logan Williams

August 20th - Emerson Musgrove

August 27th - Tyler Williams

September 3rd - Jonathan Bouknight

SUMMER NURSERY SCHEDULE:

JULY

7/2 Susan Witt

Bonnie Peebly

7/9 Peggy Potts

Kristen Wonderling

7/16 Melissa Lenhart

Christi Musgrove

7/23 Carol Limegrover

Sharon Elketanni

7/30 Katy Doran

Bonnie Peebly

AUGUST

8/6 Val McAteer

Peggy Potts

8/13 Christi Musgrove

Kristen Wonderling

8/29 FAMILY PICNIC

8/27 Bonnie Peebly

Susan Witt



MUSICAL NOTES from JIM

Howdy, and welcome to summer, where the days are longer, and people break into song because it's so beautiful in God's creation. This article is going to be another hodgepodge of events and something to think about. So, batten down the hatches - here we go!

- **MUPC Summer Concert Series** this year:

7/23 - Sunday - 7 PM - Brad Yoder and Jason Rafalak

8/26 - Saturday - 7 PM - Jamie DeRosa and Jim Overly

Mark those dates in for some wonderful musical experiences!

* Our first choir practice of next year will take place **Wednesday, September 6th, from 7-8PM**. We would love to see some new faces and hear some new voices to add to the core group of our longtime choir members. Please consider joining us as we lead the congregation in worshipping throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Jim.

* You might have noticed by the time you read this that my friend and longtime substitute, Lisa Harrier, wasn't covering for me on Sunday, June 26th. She has joined the music ministry of Lebanon Presbyterian Church in West Mifflin, and is no longer available. Thank you, Lisa for 7 years of being a vital part of the music ministry at Maplewood. As she leaves, please join me in welcoming back Mary Vlahos, who subbed for me from 2008-2010. She led the music from the organ on June 26th. On Sunday, August 6th, please join me in welcoming Joe Serafini as I attend my Overly family reunion. Joe just finished his freshman year as a musical theatre major at the University of Michigan, and will be leading from the piano, like Lisa. Thank you both for helping us out this summer!

*A point to ponder...as we enjoy being blessed by our special music providers this summer, and the choir during the school year, feel free to applaud if you were moved or touched by the music. Yes, we are here to worship God, but God uses people to touch other people. This doesn't negate the people performing, but we need to remember, individually and corporately, that our goal in leading the congregation musically is to glorify God.

Have a blessed summer, enjoy the sun, and remember to thank God for everything, in every situation.

In Him, *Jim*



IN SPECIAL NEED OF PRAYER

Bob Bogert

Ruth Gordon

Matt LaSor's new job

Pastor LaSor's shoulder evaluation

**Carol Limegrover's Uncle Jerry,
niece Samantha, sister-in law April**

Freda McCormick cataract surgery

Roy Myers

Hugh Perotti

Ron Shafer

Bob & Jane Stover

Susan Witt & her mother

New Additions in **BOLD**

If you or your family member is in need of prayer, please complete a Prayer request card (in pews), notify Katy Doran or leave a note in "The Messenger" box in the Church Office.

- Prayers for our Maplewood Church Leaders
- Prayers for our College Students
- Prayers for our local, national and world leaders, our armed forces and their families
- Prayers for our persecuted Christian brothers & sisters world-wide
- Prayers for our missionary families, the Carlsons & the Saldis

NEWS from the PEWS

Dear Maplewood Church Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided me with tasty nutritious meals while I was home recuperating from surgery.

I also want to thank all those who offered support through prayers, cards & phone calls. As I reflect, especially on those 2 weeks after the surgery, on all the support offered, it meant so much to me.

I also want to personally thank Pastor Steve for all that he does.

Sincerely, Rita Perotti

MARTHA CIRCLE

We are taking the month of July off but will gather on **August 16th** at **11:30** for lunch at the **Route 66 Grille**. All ladies and their friends are invited to join in our fellowship. In September we will resume our regular Bible study programs.

Meanwhile, Martha members have successfully completed the two projects that we began a couple of years ago. I want to personally thank all of the members for their help on the committees and individually.

They designed the kitchen island for Hal Lester to complete and he did a beautiful job. The books that were in the old library were gone through and decisions were made as to what would be kept, donated or pitched. New bookcases, couch, chair (donated), end tables and lamp were purchased that made the library section in the new fellowship hall a nice place to sit and enjoy.

All Maplewood members should just take a minute and enjoy our new kitchen island and fellowship hall with library.



in JULY

Brought to You by Church Life

**WHERE: LAMPLIGHTER RESTAURANT and
APPLE HILL PLAYHOUSE, DELMONT**

WHEN: SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

**TIME: 6:00 PM DINNER
7:30 PM THEATER**

PRICE: \$39.00

Dinner Theater Package includes: show ticket, choice of entrée, home baked bread & butter, vegetable du jour, baked potato, dessert and choice of coffee or hot tea, gratuity. Some dinners with appetizers cost more.

A sample of the menu selection will be kept on the Narthex table. Included in the price are the Act II Entrees and the Curtain Call desserts. It is up to you if you want to pay the additional for listed appetizers. Payment will be made directly to the Lamplighter the night of the play.

**For Wait List or to Cancel Reservation (allowing ticket re-sale):
Call RITA PEROTTI 724-836-7424**

**Should anyone cancel from our 20 Person Group,
cost will increase to \$40 each person.**

MORE Happenings

FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Please mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

- **August 7** – Sunday School and Nursery worker meeting at **7:00pm**

Please attend if you will be teaching Sunday School or will be volunteering in the nursery or other child care capacity. We will be reviewing our fall curriculum, Maplewood policies, and ensuring all clearances are up to date.

- **September 10** – Opening day for Sunday School!

We are planning a special day to mark the opening of Sunday School again – breakfast treats before we start at **9:30am**. The water slide and other treats will follow the Worship service.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE:



July	Choir
August	Church Life/Family Picnic
September	LIFT Ladies
October	Personnel Committee
November	Marthas/Christian Ed – Hanging of Greens
December	Church Life/Family Dinner

DEACONS NOTE:

As Deacon's we are here to shepherd our members. If you know of a member in need of a visit, a meal or a phone call, please let us know!



Celebrate or Commemorate

Do you have a birthday, anniversary, graduation or other special occasion to rejoice about? Are you remembering a loved one who has died? Are you joyful about God's love? If so, share these events with others by placing flowers in our church for Sunday service. It's very easy. Choose a date you wish to have flowers, fill out the form below and put in the church's office. The rest will be taken care of for you. For \$24.00, you can have fresh flowers for a service, a note in the bulletin to commemorate your special occasion and you can take the flowers home with you. If you do not want the flowers, the Deacons can deliver them to shut-ins. Detach and send to church office:

M.U.P.C., 108 Woodland Road, Greensburg, PA 15601

Name _____ Phone _____

Date for flowers (Sunday) _____

Notice for bulletin to read: In honor of _____

OR: In memory of _____

I wish to (check one) take the flowers after the service let the Deacons deliver them to shut-ins

MAPLEWOOD ANNUAL FAMILY

PICNIC



WHEN: Sunday, August 20, 2017

Worship 10:45AM

Chow-down 12:00 Noon

WHERE: Twin Lakes, Pavilion #5

Burgers, Hotdogs
with the Fixin's
Beverages

YOU bring:

- your favorite dish to share
- lawn chairs



Summer Celebrations



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 18...Ginny Green | 1...Roland Constable |
| 20...Pauline Fritz | 2....Juliana Breegle |
| 21...Lindsey Cerilli | 3....Ken Githens
Laura Arrigo |
| 22...Michele Doppelheuer | 5...Kim Casteel
Patrick McAteer |
| 25...Chad Boronky | 6....Mary Ellen Miller |
| 26... Liam Hileman | 7....Mary Kay Ewing |
| 27...Tyler Williams
Jason Vogt
Arlene Troster | 8....Jennifer Pino |
| 28...Nick Cerilli
Thomas Gibson
Judy Smith | 9....George Limegrover |
| 29...Jessica Limegrover
Sheila Brumley | 13...Tina McCormick
Donald Snyder, Jr. |
| 30...Don Zeigler | 14...Dave Hileman |
| 31...Ruth Gordon | 16...Nick Rossi |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 3....Nick Ireland |
| 5....Dave Bouknight |
| 6....Mark Seeno |
| 10...Mary Lou Constable |
| 14...Jamie McCormick |
| 16...Jonathan Bouknight
Karen Special |
| 17...Carl Ireland
Bryson Williams |
| 18...Cliff Leonard |
| 19...Steve Acita |
| 21...Ally Brumley
Jean Boswell |
| 23...Sara Seeno |
| 24...Gerry Reid |
| 29...Richard Kunkle |
| 30...Sean Gordon |
| 31...Donna Costelnock
Jill Githens |



*Celebrating More Than
50 Years of Marriage
in AUGUST, 2017*

David and Nancy Gosser
August - Bob and Doris Bogert
August - Paul and Pauline Fritz

JULY 2017

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25 9:30 AM Food Bank Collection 10:45 AM Worship Service	26 7:00 PM Deacons 7:00 PM Session	27	28 10:15 AM Women's Book Club 7:30 PM NAR-ANON	29 5:00 PM Dinner Service 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	30 7:00 AM Men's Study Breakfast	1 9:00 AM Food Bank
2 Communion Sunday 10:45 AM Worship Service	3 7:00 PM Christian Ed 7:00 PM Church Life 7:00 PM Property Committee	4 Independence Day	 10:15 AM Women's Book Club 12:00 PM See How They Run 7:30 PM NAR-ANON	6 11:00 AM Presby 7:00 PM C.O.M 7:00 PM Prayer Ministry	7 7:00 AM Men's Study Breakfast	8 8:00 AM Arby Meeting
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