

REFRIGERATOR NEWS

THIS WEEK AT MAPLE GROVE

- Sunday** - Baptism class – held in Myron’s office during Sunday School
 - *Children’s Church*
- Monday** - 3:00 p.m. Prayer @ Church
- Tuesday** - 8:00 a.m. Sr. Men’s Bible Study - Scripture from Week 26
 - 3:00 p.m. Ministry of Administration Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m. Library Committee Meeting
- Wednesday** - 6:00 p.m. Midweek Meal
 - 7:00 p.m. Comforter knotting for Haiti or adult choir practice



LOOKING AHEAD

- March 14 - *Lent 4*
 - *Daylight Saving Time begins*
 - Bible Memory Pizza Party – noon to 2:00 p.m.
- March 15 - Ministry of Worship Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- March 17 - Life Groups – 7:00 p.m.
- March 22 - Ministry of Education Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- March 23 - Women’s Ministry Book Study – 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- March 24 - Volunteers serve dinner at Refuge of Hope – 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 - Midweek Meal – 6:00 p.m.
 - MOCC Congregational Discussions – 7:00 p.m.
- March 25 - Ministry of Congregational Care Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- March 26 - Volunteers serve lunch at Refuge of Hope – 10:00 a.m.-noon
- March 28 - *Palm Sunday*
 - African Children’s Choir Performance – 7:00 p.m.
- April 18 - Stewardship Sunday
 - Lynn Miller/Mennonite Mutual Aid @ Maple Grove



YOUTH NEWS www.maplegroveyouth.blogspot.com

- March 10 - Midweek Meal–6:00 p.m. / Comforter knotting for MCC –7:00 p.m.
- March 17 - Drama/Speaker @ Hartville Mennonite Church – 7:00 p.m.
- March 24 - Midweek Meal – 6:00 p.m. / Bible Study @ Church – 7:00 p.m.

JR. HIGH NEWS

- March 10 - Midweek Meal – 6:00 p.m. / VBS Night – 7:00 p.m.

VENTURE CLUB NEWS

- March 10 - Midweek Meal – 6:00 p.m. / VBS Night – 7:00 p.m.
- March 24 - Midweek Meal – 6:00 p.m. / Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt
 (Children should bring their own Easter basket or a bag.)

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>
3/7	2 Kings 1, 2, 3	James 1
3/8	2 Kings 4, 5, 6	James 2
3/9	2 Kings 7, 8, 9	James 3
3/10	2 Kings 10, 11, 12	James 4
3/11	2 Kings 13, 14	James 5
3/12	Jonah 1, 2, 3, 4	Acts 15:1-21
3/13	Amos 1, 2, 3	Acts 15:22-41



FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE

- For the Sunday School teachers of our children.
- For our children as they learn about God’s word.
- For the relationships in our families and marriages.
- Pray for Vern & Marilyn as they seek direction.
- Pray for Maple Grove Mennonite Church as we seek direction.
- Pray for Jordan Miller.
- Persons dealing with illness and health concerns: Myron Miller (Edna Miller’s son), Frank Eklich, Sr., Rob Eklich, Ruth Saal’s grandson, and Elmer Shrock.
- Pray for Henry Byler who received treatment for his heart on Friday.
- Pray for Aaron and Abbey Carey’s cousin, Alexis Henley, who is receiving treatment in Denver, Colorado, for a significant medical condition.
- Pray for Marion Coblentz who is in the Cleveland Clinic receiving treatment.
- Pray for Leona Slabaugh who had minor surgery on her foot on Friday.
- Pray for the victims of the earthquake in Chile.
- Pray for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti.
- Pray for Jared and Jalayne Coblentz as they serve in Haiti.
- Pray for those who are serving: Kristine Detweiler in Uganda, the Stephens family in Honduras, ES and ML.
- Praise for the work that’s being done at the Fortress of Hope orphanage. Praise for the children there.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Cody Miller – March 8
 Adam Weaver – March 9
 Becky Schlabach – March 11
- Sam Powell IV – March 11
 Noah Manchester – March 11
 Hayley Miller – March 12



Today: Shannon & Becky Shrock
Next Week: Mark & Amy Shelly

OTHER NEWS

Lake Center Christian School to offer Kindergarten Preview – March 9

Looking for an excellent kindergarten program? Come see all Lake Center Christian School (LCCS) has to offer at the Kindergarten Preview on Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. Participate in a question and answer session with the elementary principal and kindergarten teachers. Parents will also get information on the kindergarten screening process. LCCS offers both full day and half day kindergarten programs. Prospective kindergarten students will be able to visit the classroom while parents are in the presentation. For more information on LCCS, located at 12893 Kaufman Avenue in Hartville, or the kindergarten program, contact LCCS at 330-877-2049 or visit www.lakecenterchristian.org.

LCCS to perform the Musical, *Narnia* – March 12 & 13

The popular C.S. Lewis' book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, comes to life as a musical, *Narnia*, on the stage at Lake Center Christian High School on March 12 & 13 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6, \$5 and \$4 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the school. Come join Lucy, Edmund, Peter, and Susan as they stumble through a wardrobe into the land of Narnia, where it is always winter, but never Christmas. The children find themselves on a quest to rid the land of the evil White Witch and restore springtime to Narnia. For more information, contact LCCS at 330-877-2049.

Central Christian School's Spring Fish Fry – March 12

CCS's Spring Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 12, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the school in advance or the night of the fish fry. Ticket prices are \$7.00 for adults, \$4.50 for children 6-12, and children 5 and under eat free! "The Whisper is God" will be presented at Central Christian School as well at 7:00 p.m.

Central Christian School's Kindergarten Discovery Day – March 24

CCS has scheduled a Discovery Day for kindergarteners for Wednesday, March 24, from 8:00-10:30 a.m. If you have or know of a 4-year or 5-year old child that would enjoy seeing what a morning is like in Mrs. Bilderback's kindergarten class, call Doris Risser at (330) 857.7311 to register.

MCC Great Lakes Update

MCC Great Lakes is extremely grateful to each of you who have contributed to MCC in the past few months. Thanks to your generous support, nearly \$11 million has been raised for immediate and long-term relief and development efforts following the earthquake in Haiti. In addition, response to the January bulletin announcement raised \$30,705 toward the total Goshen meat canning budget of \$122,000. We offer a sincere "thank you" for entrusting your resources and prayer support to MCC. We appreciate your support as we continue to work locally and around the world in the name of Christ.

MAPLE GROVE NEWS



African Children's Choir Performing @ Maple Grove March 28 – 7:00 p.m.

The African Children's Choir will be here at Maple Grove on Palm Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. We will be hosting the choir members and chaperones that evening after the concert. Charla Sommers is coordinating the housing arrangements. **A total of 10 hosts are needed to house 23 children and 10 adults. A sign-up sheet is now available on the bulletin board in the foyer.** We will also be providing dinner for the group before the concert at 5:00 p.m. More information on this will be available in next Sunday's bulletin.

Midweek Update

On Wednesday evening, March 10, a meal will be served at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Following the meal the children will join their regular classes, while the adults will either gather in the Fellowship Hall to work on comforters for MCC or join the choir for practice. The youth will be knotting comforters with the adults. On the Midweek meal nights of March 24 and April 14, the Ministry of Congregational Care will be leading the congregation through several discussions centering on congregational life. These discussions will be held in the Fellowship Hall after the meal. More information will follow on the topics of discussions.

International Volunteer Exchange Program

Maple Grove and Lake Center Christian School are working together with the Mennonite Central Committee's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP). Lake Center will be the sponsor and provide a volunteer work experience as a member of the staff at LCCS. Maple Grove will be the host church and will work to find host families and welcome the IVEP participant into our congregation.

The Ministry of Outreach is looking for 2 host families that would provide room and board and allow this volunteer to become a part of their family. The 2 host families will split up the school year. This can be a wonderful experience for both the host and the volunteer. If you have any interest or questions about this program, please contact Perry Miller, chairperson of the Ministry of Outreach.

Pizza Party

Bible Memory Students

Pizza Party

There will be a Pizza Party for all children involved in Bible Memory on Sunday, March 14, in the Fellowship Hall after church. **Parents, please pick up your children at 2:00 p.m. after the party.**

MAPLE GROVE NEWS – continued

Women's Book Study

Starting on Tuesday, March 23, the Women's Ministry will begin a weekly book study by Beth Moore entitled, *Esther: It's tough being a woman*. The weekly book study will meet on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 till 12:00 at either Kami or Carol Sommers' house. The study will run through May 25. Please contact Kami Sommers by March 15 if you are interested so that books can be ordered.

Higher Education Grants from Maple Grove – due by March 28

Any student interested in attending an Anabaptist college approved by our matching grant bylaws should complete an application located on the literature table in the lobby and return it to Doris Yoder. A copy of Maple Grove's policy on the program is included with the application. **Please turn in the application by March 28, 2010.**



Hartville Area Mennonite Student Aid Plan (HAMSAP)

Application forms are available to students planning to enroll at one of our Mennonite colleges this coming school year. These application forms are on the literature table by the mailboxes in the church lobby and will **need to be returned by April 1, 2010, for consideration.**

Sunday School Quarterlies

We will be ordering quarterlies for the summer quarter around March 15. If your class does not want quarterlies or would like to adjust the number received, please let Heidi Miller know before March 15. Also, if you would like to put your *Rejoice* magazine on hold for the next couple quarters due to reading the Bible through, please let Heidi know that as well. Thanks!



Thank you for all your kind words, prayers, flowers, cards and food given to us during the sickness and death of John Gingerich (Rhoda Sommers' father). We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we walk through this time of loss. We would also ask that you celebrate with us in the fact that John has completed his journey in life and is now and forever more in the presence of Jesus.
From the family of John Gingerich

I would like to offer a special thank you to my Sunday School class for their generous gift to me. Blessings, Rhoda Sommers



Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Lake Township FISH

Following is what was received in our quarterly collection of food for FISH:

65 Boxes of cereal	44 Jars of juice
38 Bags of sugar	76 Cans of baked beans
48 Boxes/bags of rice	38 Miscellaneous items

We are blessed by the offering and all those that helped with it. Thank you!

Offering Last Sunday, February 28th:

General	\$4,973.26
Education	843.61
Charity	40.00
Fortress of Hope	37.00
Total	<u>\$5,893.87</u>

Attendance Last Sunday

140

Bulletin Board/Literature Table Updates

- March issue of *Brotherhood Beacon* – “Wars and rumors of wars”
- Rosedale Bible College Course Catalogs for 2010-2011
- Sign-up sheet for hosting for African Children's Choir March 28
- On Mission Bulletin Boards in hallway
- Haven of Rest Ministries Updates: *VOICE* Newsletter, Prayer Calendar for March-April, Women's Auxiliary Newsletter for March, Current Needs List for Haven of Rest, list of items to be collected for Hope Totes, & ticket information for Akron Aeros games
- Eastern Mennonite Missions letter of thanks for missionary support
- Thank you from MCC Connections Thrift Shop for Relief Kits
- Thank you from Heifer International/Letter from Romania
- *Inside the Way Out* Prison Ministry Winter Newsletter
- *Water for Life in Haiti* – March Newsletter (extras on literature table)

Children's Church Today

Current Offering Totals:
\$87.19

The offering money will go to Haiti

Message: Amy Shelly

Song Leader: Braidon Miller
Scripture Reader: Leah Yoder
Offering Prayer: Taelor Miller
Prayer Requests: DJ Brown
Ushers: Sophia Sommers
Blake Sommers

