



Maple Leaves

November 2024

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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Church Family
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Stan & Nancy Godfrey
Shari Hoopingarner
Andrea & Josh Keck
Jim & Phyllis Kirkdorffer
Merv Miller
Heather Neff's grandfather, Ron Cleveland
Mike Overpeck
Troy Runkle
Scott Sanchez
Julie Yoder
Wayne Yoder
Our Widow Ladies
Our Youth & Children
Andy Smith, Alex Becker & Gavin Erb
(serving our country)
Fairfield Food Pantry
Camp Mack (Staff & Volunteers)
Kid's Alive Ministry (Orphans)
Missionaries:
Erica Simone (SonSet Solutions)
Alan & Cheri Shea ((Liberia)
Mike & Tara Overpeck (Elkhart Co.)
Chris & Stefanie Hohm (Tanzania)
World Missionary Press
Destiny Rescue

Please remember the above (and their spouses or family) with phone calls, texts and cards.

Thank you

Karen and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your thoughts and prayers throughout the year. We really appreciate them. We also want to say "Thank You" for your kind words, and your cards and gift cards that we received for Pastor Appreciation. We are so blessed to have a congregation like you!

Pastor Dwayne & Karen

Beef and Noodle Supper

Our annual Beef and Noodle Supper will be Saturday, November 9th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. We will also have a Silent Pie/Desert Auction. A few more items are needed, please sign up at the Welcome Center. All proceeds will go to the missionaries that we support.

<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM WEDNESDAY EVE. ACTIVITIES 6:30 PM WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:30 PM</p>

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“Reflection’s”

As I sit at my desk thinking/reflecting this Monday morning, I can't help but think of all the blessings I have personally received. I also reflect on the blessing we have received as our church here at Maple Grove Community Church.

On September 1st of this year I completed 21 years of service here at Maple Grove. To me this is a God thing. You've allowed me to minister here for that long. Thank you for your grace! Lord willing, I look forward to some more years here at Maple Grove.

I also reflect on how the Lord is using this church in so many ways. It blows my mind away, because I know it's a God thing. There is no way this simple-minded preacher can accomplish what has been accomplished here in the past two years since we've become a Community Church.

Let me give you just a few examples of the many ways God is working and moving among us. God has blessed us with almost two acres of land that we did not even seek. Our good neighbors to the South, the Hoolley's, asked us if we would like to purchase some land. After consulting with the Board, we decided that we really did not need the land. After I communicated that to our neighbors, they came back to us with another question. They asked, "what if we gave you an acre for free." So the Board decided to accept this generous offer. When we called our neighbor back, he said "we want to bless you with another acre, making it almost two acres total." We again replied saying we would accept this offer. He said, "You want

to know why we're giving you this land?" He went on to say, "because you are a Bible believing, evangelical church, and we want to bless you with this land." Thank you, Jesus, what a blessing!

Another reflection of mine is our children. We as a church are very blessed to have so many children in our church. We are starting to run out of space, which is a good problem to have. It is so good to hear them play and run with their friends and all those that come to Sunday school and Wednesday Night activities. Since I've been here at Maple Grove, I can never remember our Wednesday night attendance outnumbering our Sunday morning worship. But this past month, I believe we've had 126 on Wednesday and 139 another Wednesday. Wow! This is so exciting to see and hear. I know one Wednesday evening after our adult Bible study that ends at 7:30, I could not even make it to my office because of all the children moving from one station to another. I just stood there in awe! Thank you, Jesus!

Another reflection is our Women's and Men's groups that are meeting for Bible studies at various places, not to mention at church. Another reflection is our leadership here at Maple Grove. Our Boards, Commissions, etc. are doing an amazing job.

These are just a few of many reflections of mine. I don't have enough space to mention them all, but know one thing for sure, I/we are very blessed here at Maple Grove Community Church. Keep on keeping on!

Pastor Dwayne



Worship Schedule

November 3- We will continue our *Voice of God* Series with a message on “How God Talks to You” and the Youth Girl’s Group will sing “You Say”.

November 10- Chris Keck will share the song “Voice of a Savior” as we take a look at *Recognizing God’s Voice* from 1 John 4.

November 17- We will conclude our *Voice of God* Series with the “Recognizing God’s Voice” part 2 and Madison Keck will share the song “Flowers”.

November 24- THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION with the Maple Leaves Choir singing “I’m so Blessed”!

Men’s Breakfast

Come join us for Men’s Breakfast on Saturday, November 2nd at the Fashion Farm Restaurant at 7:30 am. Jason will have the back room all ready for you. If you’re coming, please sign up on the Welcome Center.

All Church Fall Party

You’re invited to the Brookins’ farm for the annual fall party. It’s Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 5:00 pm. Hot dogs and the fixings will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Hayrides, fun and fellowship!

Outreach Opportunities

Two Cents Worth Offering:

The children will be taking up the Two Cents Worth Offering the first Sunday in November. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Bryan, from Mexico, Mackline from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh.

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will also be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on November 3rd. They are in need of **cereal, pancake mix and syrup**. Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary. Thanks for giving to those in need!

Worship Nursery Workers:

Nov. 3	Linda & Brian Snider
Nov. 10	Lauren & Reagann Carrick
Nov. 17	Crystal Dunlap & Julie Nankervis
Nov. 24	Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

Kid’s Stuff Volunteers:

Nov. 3	Crystal & Michael Dunlap
Nov. 10	Krista Runkle & Madison Keck
Nov. 17	Tricia Stilwell & Vicki Becker
Nov. 24	Jessica & Derek Gilreath

Sister’s In Christ

The Women’s Bible Study group is still working on the Lysa Terkeurst’s book “What Happens When Women Say Yes to God.” We will meet next on November 4th at 7:00 pm at Phyllis Kirkdorffer’s house. Anyone can join us.

This month we will be doing a service project again at Starfish Project in Goshen on Saturday, Nov. 30th. Starfish Project employs formerly trafficked women so they can experience freedom, and develop careers through their jewelry. We will go to their warehouse to get jewelry boxed up from their Thanksgiving sales. You will also be able to shop for jewelry while you are there. The location is in the Industrial Park at 1010 Eisenhower Dr. S. It will be from 9:00 am to Noon. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can come.

Sr. High Youth Group...

will take part in the “Feed My Starving Children” at Nappanee Missionary Church on Wednesday., November 6th from 7:30–9:30 pm.

Council Meeting

November 10th we will be having our annual Council Meeting following worship. Please plan to stay even if you are not a member for some important information.

From the Librarian

1st Book: Tigger and the Apple Tree

Author: Mary Carey

This is the story of Rabbit, who gets help from friends, in picking apples for homemade applesauce. Friends like Pooh, Roo, Konga, Eeyore, Piglet and last of all Tigger. They had quite a time picking those “up high” apples. When the applesauce was made, they all enjoyed a bowl of applesauce with honey.

This is a fine “read-to-me” book or it also is an “I can read myself” book. I chose it because, I just happen to have a dog named “Tigger”.

2nd Book: God Gave Us Thankful Hearts

Author: Lisa Tawn Bergren

The “Little Pup” in this book is a fox, not looking forward to hibernating. On each page Mama shows him how to be thankful for everything, even the things he doesn’t like. On page after page, Mama points out good things about what he doesn’t like. Finally, he agrees he is glad God gave him a “Thankful Heart”.

This book also can be used as a “read-to me” or “I can read myself” book. This book is a treat for the eyes. Cleverly drawn animal friends and beautiful autumn colors are the real treat!

Right Now Media

If you do not have access to *Right Now Media*, now is the time to get it. Our church has a membership and can get you sign up easily. They have tons of Christian videos from kids videos to Bible studies on lots of subjects (on marriage, parenting, Christmas, for men or women ...) best of all it’s free to you. See someone on the tech team, Pastor Dwayne or Tonda to get connected.

Looking ahead

December 15 Children’s Christmas Program and Journey Through Bethlehem

Birthday’s & Anniversary’s

- 1 Kathy Dallas
- 1 Randy Sizemore
- 4 Shelby Cripe
- 5 Bennett Berkeypile
- 11 Tyler Rensberger
- 11 Brian Snider
- 14 Garry & Melodee Bowlby, 1993
- 15 Heather Cripe
- 16 Ron Cripe
- 16 Steve & Marilyn Yoder, 1958
- 17 Brad & Mia Baker, 2012
- 19 Abby Anderson
- 21 Andrea Keck
- 23 Megan Hunter
- 23 Susan Neff

Christmas Decorations

We could use help decorating the church for Christmas. Please stay after church on Sunday, Nov. 24th to get stuff out of storage. Come and decorate on Tuesday, Nov. 26th at 9:00 am.

You’re Invited

To the *Gobble Up Hunger* Fundraiser for Milford Food Bank on Nov. 2nd at Milford Elementary (110 S Elm St., Milford). Walk/Run @ 4:00 pm, Haystack Supper from 4:00-6:30 pm, and Auction @ 6:00 pm.

December Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by November 19th. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net, text them to 574-596-6657 or place them in the ‘newsletter’ mailbox in the church office. Thanks!

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Worship Greeters: Rich & Julia Brookins									1	2	7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Fashion Farm
3 Two Cents Worth Offering Food Pantry Collection 5 pm Fall Party at Brookins'	4 7 pm Women's Bible Study	5	6 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-8pm Wed Eve Activities 7:30-9:30 pm Youth to "Feed My Starving Children"	7	8	9 4:30-6:30 pm Beef & Noodle Supper					
10 Church Council Meeting following worship	11 Pastor Dwayne working from home	12 Pastor Dwayne working from home	13 9:30 JTMA Mtg. Pastor Dwayne working from home 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-8pm Wed Eve Activities	14 Pastor Dwayne working from home	15	16					
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24 Get Christmas Decorations out of storage after worship	25	26 9:00 am Decorate the church for Christmas	27 No Wed. Evening Activities this week	28 	29	30 9-Noon Sister's In Christ to Starfish Project					

Wednesday Evening Children's Activities

We will be wrapping up our "Survivor" series and starting the "Upside Down" series. The life that Jesus offers is radically different than the one the world offers. When we go "all in" with Jesus, He turns our ordinary life upside down in the most incredible way. Our new memory verse will be "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thought than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9

Nov. 6	Lesson 8, Get Rescued	Luke 5:17-26, Jesus Heals a Paralytic
Nov. 13	The Last Are First Lesson	Mark 9:33-37, Who is Most Important?
Nov. 20	One More Mile Lesson	Matthew 5:38-44, Eye for an Eye
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving Week – No Activities This Week	

Our vision at the Maple Grove Church is to train an equip believers to reach the unsaved by sharing the Gospel with children, youth and young adults in our church, community and the world; to mentor and train them by using multiple generations; to make disciples and enable them to disciple others; and to baptize them and teach them to obey the commands of Christ in their daily lives.

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The Mission of Maple Grove Church:
"To nurture the spiritual growth of our congregation,
empowering us to share with others the hope of Jesus Christ."