



Maple Leaves

September 2024

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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Church Family
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Stan & Nancy Godfrey
Shari Hoopingarner
Josh & Andrea Keck
Merv Miller
Susan Neff
Mike Overpeck
Scott Sanchez
Jerry Stutzman
Julie 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 and cards.

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

Births

Welcome Bear Daniel Banks Garner. Evan and Heaven Garner had a baby boy on August 1st. He was 6 lbs. 14 oz. I'm sure his two older sister's love him.



Mia Kay Herschberger was brought into this world on August 15th at 4:45 a.m. She weighed in at 6 lb. 15 oz. Adam & Leah Herschberger are the proud parents along with big sister, Charlee.

Thank You

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for the wind chimes. What a pleasant sound as gentle breezes flow.

Stan and Nancy Godfrey

Maple Grove Community Church~

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving my three kids the opportunity to go school shoe shopping. Without your help it would have been impossible.

Thank you, Ashlee Millirams

Pastor Dwayne Runkle

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“Walk by Faith”

For those of you that come to Maple Grove Community Church and those of you that watch our services online, you know that we are going through a series called, “Heroes of the Faith.” These are the individuals that are listed in the Book of Hebrews, chapter 11. They are people just like you and me. They had their struggles and we’ve seen how they also had many victories through the leading of God’s hand. They all had one thing in common, it was their faith in God. God used their happenings and circumstances in their lives to bring them closer to Him and for the purposes of God’s plan at the time.

Hebrews 11:1-3 says this about those listed in this chapter: *“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.”* Then the chapter goes on to list all those that made it to the “Hall of Faith.” The chapter concludes by saying this in verse 39 and 40; *“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. 40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.”* (Hebrew 11:39-40).

Do you remember as children as our birthday was approaching? We were so excited, at least I was, to know what gifts and other special things would happen on our special day. But for sure, there seemed always to be some kind of surprise. Our birthdays combine assurance and anticipation, and so does faith! Faith is confidence based on our past experience that God’s new and fresh surprises will be ours.

As Christians, our beginning point of faith is believing in God’s character; it is believing that God is who He says He is. The end point is believing in God’s promises; He will do what He says He will do. When we believe that God will fulfill His promises, even though we don’t see those promises materializing yet, we demonstrate true faith. But if we’re honest with ourselves, even as Christians, this is hard to do

sometimes. But we are in good company. Let’s see what I mean. In John 20:24-31 we see one of Jesus’ disciples struggling with this very issue.

John 20:24-31

24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” 27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

28 Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” 29 Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” 30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Some people think they would believe in Jesus if they could see a definite sign or miracle. But Jesus says we are blessed if we can believe without seeing. After all, we have all the proof we need in the words of the Bible. All we have to do is study the “Heroes of the Faith” in chapter 11 of Hebrews and see how they walked by faith.

Pastor Dwayne

Church Picnic

Sunday, September 29th will be the annual church picnic following worship. We will meet at the Runkle/Morehouse pond. Bring a covered dish or two and your lawn chairs. The Faith Builders Sunday School class will be in charge of the meat this year.

Worship Schedule

September 1- LABOR DAY SUNDAY and Erin Berkepile will sing the song “*Here*” come and rest here, come and lay your burdens down....

September 8- We will continue with our *Heroes of the Faith* Series with a message about “*Samuel*” and the worship team will share the song “*Lord of All.*”

September 15- Jessica Kreider will sing “*I Will Wait for You*” as we take a look at our Hero- Able.

September 22- Our last *Hero of the Faith* is Lot and we end the day with the song “*Different*” sung by Michael Dunlap.

September 29- *A Moment With....* Tyler and Krista Runkle hosted by: Wes Herschberger.

Men's Events

Come join us for Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 7th 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.

On Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 pm we will have another ‘*Bible Study in the Barn*’ in Brad Morehouse's barn. Bring your Bible and a lawn chair.

Outreach Opportunities

Two Cents Worth Offering:

The children will be taking up the Two Cents Worth Offering the first Sunday in September. 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 September 1st. They are in need of **cereal, canned corn and frosting**. Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary. Thanks for giving to those in need!

Worship Nursery Workers:

Sep. 1	Lauren Carrick & Heather Cripe
Sep. 8	Linda & Brian Snider
Sep. 15	Crystal Dunlap & Julie Nankervis
Sep. 22	Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider
Sep. 29	Lauren Carrick & Heather Cripe

Kid's Stuff Volunteers:

Sep. 1	Crystal & Michael Dunlap
Sep. 8	Krista Runkle & Madison Keck
Sep. 15	Tricia Stilwell & Vicki Becker
Sep. 22	Jessica & Derek Gilreath
Sep. 29	Jessie Kreider & Tonda Carrick

Breakfast is Served!

Jerry Stutzman will be preparing breakfast for everyone on Sunday, Sep. 8th. Come anytime between 7:30—8:30 am. Thanks Jerry for your generosity!

Sr. High Youth

Our Kick-Off Party for fall is on September 8th at the Byler's Pond at 5:00 pm. It will be a “Survivor” theme for all kids that are in 9th—12th grade. Will you survive?

Sister's In Christ

Take 2! Since we got rained out the last time, we are going to try it again, a walk around Fidler's Pond and out for ice cream afterwards. A date will be announced soon, with a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

We are starting a Bible Study by Lysa Terkeurst “What Happens When Women Say Yes to God.” There is still time to join the *Women in the Word*, just let Phyllis Kirkdorffer know if you need a book. We will meet again on Monday, September 16th at 7:00 pm.

Evangelism

On Saturday September 21st we will start the morning off with a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8-10 am (or until we run out of food.) Then from 9-11 am we will have our annual Touch-A-Truck event in the church parking lot. If anyone has a unique car or something fun that kids would like to climb all over, please contact Quin Stilwell.

Children's Sunday School Teachers

In several of the classes we are rotating the schedule to teach one month then off a couple months...

Preschool

Teachers: Krista Runkle
Regina Morehouse
Leah Herschberger
Andrea Keck

Helpers: Julie Nankervus
Kyle Carrick
Lauren Carrick
John Kirkdorffer
Karen Dickison
Terri Sizemore
Sue Neff

Kindergarten—2nd Grade:

Linda Snider
Phyllis Kirkdorffer
Tonda Carrick

3rd Grade—5th Grade:

Megan Hunter
Ashley Morehouse
Andrea Byler
Brad Baker

Jr. High—High School:

Tyler Runkle
Brad & Ashley Morehouse
Michael Dunlap
Quin & Tricia Stilwell

Attendance Books:

Sue Cripe & Krista Runkle

Children's Sermon Notes:

Children's Ministry will be offering "Sermon Notes" sheets each Sunday for the children in 1st through 8th grade to complete with hopes that it will keep them involved and attentive to the worship service. If the children have completed theirs, they may report to the Welcome Center after worship to have their name checked off to receive a prize. Parents we hope these will go home and you can talk about them during a meal or devotions...

Wednesday Evening Teachers/Leaders

Nursery:

Karen Runkle
Regina Morehouse

Preschool:

Karmen Rensberger
Andrea Byler/Kelly Stuckman

Grade K—1:

Kyle Carrick
Sue Wilfong

Grades 2-3:

Julie Nankervus
Brad Baker

Grades 4-5:

Adam Herschberger
Megan Stanger

Music & Worship:

Pam Kirkdorffer
Chris Keck

Crafts:

Tonda Carrick
Mia Baker

Games:

Jessie Kreider

Story:

Brent Berkeypile

Snacks:

Erin Berkeypile
Lauren Carrick

Jr. Youth:

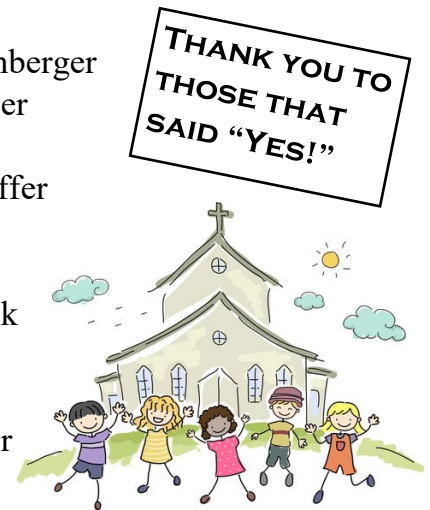
Quin & Tricia Stilwell
Brad & Ashley Morehosue

Youth:

Michael Dunlap
Tyler/Krista Runkle

Youth Advisors:

Brent & Erin Berkeypile
John & Pam Kirkdorffer



Samaritan Fund

The Deacons will have a basket at the back of the sanctuary for the month of September to collect money for the Samaritan Fund. The Deacons continue to financially help our members who have a need through this Samaritan Fund. You may also use one of the envelopes on the back of the pews to give. Be sure to mark it "Samaritan Fund."

Thank you so much for giving.

The Deacons

From the Librarian

Title: Romantic Love

Author: Dr. James Dobson

The author of this book knows what he's talking about. He spent 14 years as Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at USC school of Medicine, 17 years on Attending Staff of Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (Division of Child Development and Medical Genetics). He also served 2 Presidents in advisory positions and one Attorney General in an advisory position. Not only all this, he experienced "Romantic Love" himself.

This book is an easy read, it can be read in one day. More importantly it is clear and to the point.

Dr. Dobson first presents us with a 10 point quiz. He believes many common marital hang-ups develop from misunderstanding of these 10 points. The meat of this book develops from these 10 points. He uses examples and Scripture to explain how he sees the answers to these questions.

Let Dr. Dobson and I speak more personally. We have felt the fireworks on the starry night and we have felt the effects of disappointments.

After 60 years and 2 kids later (now grown with marriages of their own); I remain deeply in "Romantic Love" and "Committed" to the love of my life. And so says Dr. Dobson of his marriage.

A must read for everyone who wonders "What is this feeling all about?".

Linda Myers

Change of Address:

Merv Miller

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Birthday's & Anniversary's

3	Linda Snider
4	Alex Hartsough
6	Adam & Leah Herschberger, 2020
6	Kim & Sue Wilfong, 1987
10	Jamey & Keri Brock, 2011
12	Brittany Stuckman
14	Tricia Stilwell
18	Andy Smith
19	Brad & Ashley Morehouse, 2015
20	Colton Stuckman
22	Mike & Regina Morehouse, 1979
23	Jessica Gilreath
25	Sam Beachy
25	Dave & Marla Snider, 1982
25	Tim Yoder
26	Linda Myers
28	Pam Kirkdorffer
28	Krista Runkle
28	Kelly Stuckman
30	Sydney Stuckman

From our Sponsored Child

Your support gives me strength. When I grow up, I want to be a pilot.

My Child Champions take good care of me. My favorite activity at my Hope Center is reading.

Thank you for praying for me. When I pray for you, I ask God to bless your family.

I'm growing every day! I help my family by watering trees and treaming the compound.

I live with my parents. My favorite game is to play football.

Mackline Mude, age 9—Kenya

Coming up:

Nov. 9 Beef and Noodle Supper

October Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by September 23rd. 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!

September 2024

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Worship Greeters:

Ron & Sue Cripe

	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Two Cents Worth Offering Food Pantry Collection	2 LABOR DAY (Church office closed)	3	4 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Wed. Eve. Activities	5	6	7 7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Fashion Farm
8 7:30-8:30 am Breakfast Deacon's Meeting 5 pm Youth Party @ Byler's	9	10	11 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Wed. Eve. Activities 7:30 Ministerial Board Mtg.	12	13 Serving the Fairfield Football Team Supper	14
15 The Gideon's will speak during worship	16 7 pm Women's Bible Study at Phyllis Kirkdorffer's	17	18 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Wed. Eve. Activities	19 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study in the Morehouse Barn	20	21 8—10 am Pancake and Sausage Breakfast 9 am—11 am Touch-A-Truck
22	23 Newsletter Articles Due Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	24 Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	25 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Wed. Eve. Activities Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	26 Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	27 Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	28 Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.
29 Church Picnic at the pond following worship Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.	30 Pastor Dwayne in Wisc.					

Wednesday Evening Children's Activities

In the wild and in this world, the focus is often on mere survival. But in the kingdom of God, we not only survive, but we thrive. This fall we will be learning from famous Bible "Survivors" how to thrive in God's Kingdom. Our memory verse will be **"The Lord gives strength to His People; the Lord blesses His people with peace." Psalm 29:11**

Sep. 4 "Survivor" Fun Night

Sep. 11 "Make a Plan" 1 Samuel 17:20-50, David & Goliath

Sep. 18 "Build a Lean-To" Joshua 2:1-21, Rahab and the Spies

Sep. 25 "Start a Fire" Exodus 3:1-20, Moses and the Burning Bush

Invite your friends and join in on the fun!

Daily Bread

devotionals available on
the Welcome Center.
Help yourself!

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."