



Maple Leaves

July 2025

Maple Grove Community Church of New Paris

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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Church Family

Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle

Associate Pastor Applicants

Bayla Baker

Ron Cripe

Jim Kirkdorffer

Ned Myers

Mike Overpeck

Betty Stutsman

Julie Yoder

Steve Yoder

Vacation Bible School

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)

Mike & Tara Overpeck (Elkhart Co.)

Chris & Stefanie Hohm (Tanzania)

World Missionary Press

Destiny Rescue

Thank You

We had a great time at our True North VBS this year. Thank you to those that set up, prayed and prepared in so many ways, and volunteered during Bible School. We had around 50 kids each night. Our offering project went towards *Blessings in a Backpack*. We raised around \$1,000.

Hopefully the kids learned lots of ways to



TRUST JESUS!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM

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"The Good & the Bad"

As I write this Newsletter, we are in the heat of summer; the lower to mid-90's. Here in Indiana we all know that the weather can change quickly. We are blessed with the four seasons of the year. Some love it and then there are those that don't. But we have no choice but to take the good and the bad.

In everyday life we have the same, good and bad. Have you ever asked the question; Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people? If we've never asked it, most of us have thought about it. This is one of the most difficult questions in all theology. We all know that God is sovereign. So, if this is so, then all that happens is known by God and must have at least been allowed by Him. One of many examples of this is in the Bible, where David and Bathsheba's infant son died. The child was sick, and David pleaded and begged God to spare his son, but the Lord allowed his son to die. There is a whole lot more to this story, but a bad thing happened to a good person, even though he was a sinner like us.

Because we are human, we cannot expect to fully understand God's purposes and ways. The Bible tells us this; *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord"* (Isaiah 55:8).

We all know about Job's life that is described to us in the Old Testament. Job was a righteous man. He and his family must have asked over and over again, why does God allow bad things to happen to good people. But on this side of heaven, we will not have all the answers to that question. But what we do know is that the Lord is good all the time and that He is always with us. The Bible tells us this; *"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him"* (Nahum 1:7). Job was a man that trusted in God. *"In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared God and shunned evil"* (Job 1:1). Even though this was

true, he suffered in ways that are almost beyond belief. We see throughout the Book of Job, that God allowed Satan to do everything he wanted to Job except kill him. What was Job's response to all these bad things happening to him? *"Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him, I will surely defend my ways to his face"* (Job 13:15).

Job may have not known why God allowed these things to happen to him, but he knew God was good and therefore continued to trust in Him. Ultimately, that should be our reaction as well.

Another good example in the Bible is the story of Joseph and how his brothers did some bad things to him. When you have time, read his story again and see how God turned bad into good. Listen to what Joseph told his brothers at the end of his story. *"But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them"* (Genesis 50:19-21).

God allows things to happen for a reason. Whether or not we understand His reasons, we must remember that God is good all the time. He is just, loving, and merciful.

Let us walk by faith, not by sight!

Pastor Dwayne



Worship Schedule

July 6- 4th of July Celebration with the Maple Leaves Bell Choir playing “America the Beautiful”.

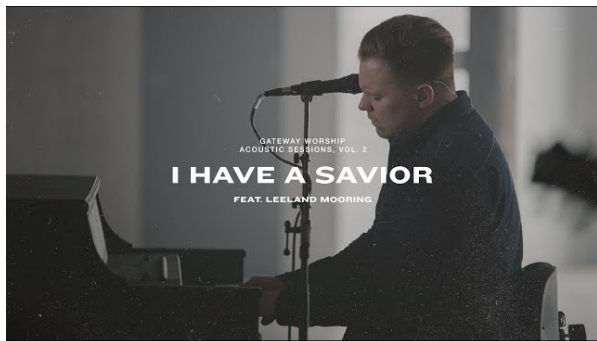
July 13 - We will be starting a new series called “I AM” with the first message on “*The Bread of Life*” and Leah Herschberger will sing “*Desperate*”.

July 20- Our service will be filled with singing and sharing testimonies as we worship all morning long....

July 27- I AM- “*The Light of the World*” taken from John 8 and the Girl’s Group will sing “*Light of the World*”

July Song of the Month

I Have a Savior



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEMomEXZSUU&list=RDCEMomEXZSUU&start_radio=1

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on July 6th. They are in need of **sugar, oil, and corn**. Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary.

Two Cents Worth Offering:

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

Thanks for giving to those in need!

Worship Nursery Workers:

July 6	Lauren Carrick & Leah Herschberger
July 13	Brian & Linda Snider
July 20	Crystal Dunlap & Julie Nankervis
July 27	Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

Kid's Stuff Volunteers:

July 6	Crystal & Michael Dunlap
July 13	Krista Runkle & Madison Keck
July 20	Tricia Stilwell & Vicki Becker
July 27	Jessica & Derek Gilreath

Sister's In Christ

Let go for a walk at Fidler's Pond in Goshen and then out for ice cream on July 31st. Please sign up on the Welcome Center letting us know if you'll meet at 6:30 pm, or meet at Fidler Pond around 6:45 pm. Then we will go to Countryside Ice Cream afterwards. Come enjoy nature, fellowship and ice cream!!

Evangelism Challenge


For July's Challenge we are purchasing *Mini Moo* ice cream coupons to hand out at the Elkhart County 4H Fair as a “Random Act of Kindness”. See Heather, Quin, Bonnie or Andrea Byler to get your coupons to hand out.

Birthday's & Anniversary's

1	Larry & Cristina Keck, 2017
2	Melodee Bowlby
2	Scott & Kristen Morehouse, 2005
2	Mike Yoder
3	Kyle Byler
8	Brian & Karis Cripe, 2017
8	Maynard Hartsough
13	Barrett Stuckman
15	Easton Stilwell
16	Mia Baker
16	Brent & Erin Berkeypile, 2005
16	Jeremy Byler
16	Josh Keck
18	Madison Keck
18	Dave Snider
19	Leo Keck
19	Owen Morehouse
23	Randy & Terri Sizemore, 1977
25	Richard Brookins
25	Bryan & Megan Hunter, 2009
25	Rylee Kirkdorffer
28	Garry Bowlby

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Sun **Mon** **Tue** **Wed** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat**

Worship Greeters: Rich & Julia Brookins	1	2 6:30 pm Youth Guest Speaker, Cory Stoner @ the pond	3	4 Independence Day	5
6 Two Cents Worth Offering Food Pantry Collection	7 8	9 6:30 pm Ministerial Board Meeting	10 6:30 pm D. Runkle Small Group	11	12
13	14 15	16	17 Pastor Dwayne at Conference in NC	18 Pastor Dwayne at Conference in NC	19 Pastor Dwayne at Conference in NC
20 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	21 Newsletter articles due Pastor Dwayne on vacation	22 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	23 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	24 25	26
27	28 29	30	31 6:30/6:45 pm Sister's In Christ walk and ice cream		

Looking for Carnival Items

This fall we will be doing an “At the Fair” theme for the children at *Rooted* (Wednesday’s nights). If anyone has any carnival type games (Plinko, Rubber Ducky Pond, Ring Toss, Free Throw Game...) or fair food machines or specialties (such as hot dog machine, popcorn machine, donut maker, cotton candy maker, hot pretzels...) anything we could use for a fun kick off night, please contact Tonda. Thank you!



August Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by July 21st. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!

Our vision at the Maple Grove Community 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.”