



# Maple Leaves

August 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

Annette Berkey

Jim Kirkdorffer

Ken Neff's Mom

Mike Overpeck

Betty Stutsman

Jerry Stutzman

Julie Yoder

Steve 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)

Mike & Tara Overpeck (Elkhart Co.)

Chris & Stefanie Hohm (Tanzania)

World Missionary Press

Destiny Rescue

## *Birthday's & Anniversary's*

2	Evan Byler
3	Jeremy & Andrea Byler, 2002
3	Korbin Runkle
4	Maclain Berkeypile
4	Kyle Carrick
4	Lola Stilwell
5	Jim & Phyllis Kirkdorffer, 1979
6	Caroline Hartsough
7	Heather Neff
7	Terri Sizemore
11	Wes Herschberger
12	Brent Berkeypile
15	Mia Herschberger
15	Cooper Rensberger
16	Bonnie Rife
17	Kreed Berkeypile
18	Brent Carrick
24	Ron Stuckman
27	Jason Becker
27	Tyler & Karmen Rensberger, 2011
28	Regina Morehouse
30	Max Hunter
31	Brad Baker

## *September Newsletter Articles*

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by August 26th. You may email articles to [carrick@bnin.net](mailto:carrick@bnin.net) or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!

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

# Pastor Dwayne Runkle

Cell Phone: 574-238-1505

**NEW!** Email: dwaynerunkle@gmail.com

## “Getting Lost”

Have you ever lost your way? I know I have at times. It is very scary for sure. Your mind races and most times fears the worst. When this happens I've found out over the years that if I just pause for a moment and get my bearings strait, I can find my way again. Some of my experiences have come in the mountains of Pennsylvania while hunting. Everything looks the same and it's easy to get lost. Other times before GPS, I've gotten lost and traveled many miles out of my way before getting oriented and put back on the right route again. Getting lost in any case is not fun.

In Luke chapter 15, Jesus gives us some parables about things that are lost. He tells the story of the lost sheep.

*Luke 15:4-7*

*4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*

Then Jesus goes on to talk about the lost coin.

*Luke 15:8-10*

*8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

And lastly in chapter 15 Jesus tells the parable of the lost son.

We know in this story that the youngest son demands his inheritance before his father's death. The father of this prodigal son agrees to give him his share of the inheritance. Then after he lost all his money and hit rock bottom he came to his senses. Luke 15:17-20 says it this way:

*Luke 15:17-20*

*17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18 I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20 So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."*

How many times have we played the prodigal? We wonder off the path that God wants us on, and we know it. When we come to our senses like the prodigal son did, then we say to ourselves, "this isn't where I want to be, I want to go back to my Father. And even though we've all strayed at times in our lives, God totally forgives us and welcomes us back. Even though we have strayed from His presence and fellowship, we need to praise Him that He will forgive us and take us back. But first we must accept responsibility for our actions, confess our sins, return to Him, and ask Him to forgive us.

When you find yourself out of fellowship with God, on the wrong track, it's kind of like being lost in the mountains of PA. The first thing you must do is to say to yourself, "I'm lost. I am in need of God's forgiveness and His presence in my life."

Ask for it, and God had promised to forgive and to remember our sins no more. Fellowship can be restored!

Pastor Dwayne

## *Change of Address:*

Adam & Leah Herschberger  
67484 Stanton Drive  
Goshen, IN 46526

## Worship Schedule

August 3- We will continue with our "I Am" series with a message on "*I Am the Light of the World*" and Erin Berkeypile will sing "*He Will Keep You.*"

August 10- Evan Byler and Liv Cripe will sing "*Psalm 23*" as we take a look at "*I Am the Good Shepherd*".

August 17- "*I Am the Resurrection and the Life*" taken from John 11 will be the theme for the day and Phyllis Kirkdorffer will share the song "*He Is..*"

August 24- YOUTH SUNDAY!!!!

August 31- We will hear the message "*Laziness is not Acceptable*" as we celebrate Labor Day.

## From the Librarian

Bookish People:

Ned has developed additional pain in his back. There is no help available to him because of his age and chronic health conditions. The back problem has made it harder for him to walk, and the medications often make him sleepy (like during church, sorry Dwayne.) I have picked up a number of his chores, which make it impossible for me to keep up with the library. I am leaving it to the church to decide what to do with the mess I left. I will miss doing up the library room and writing the book reviews.

Signing off with love,  
Linda, your Librarian

## Worship Nursery Workers:

Aug. 3 Lauren Carrick & Leah Herschberger  
Aug. 10 Brian & Linda Snider  
Aug. 17 Crystal Dunlap & Julie Nankervis  
Aug. 24 Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider  
Aug. 31 Leah Herschberger & Lauren Carrick

## Kid's Stuff Volunteers:

Aug. 3 Crystal & Michael Dunlap  
Aug. 10 Krista Runkle & Madison Keck  
Aug. 17 Leah Herschberger & Vicki Becker  
Aug. 24 Jessica & Derek Gilreath  
Aug. 31 Jessie Kreider & Tonda Carrick

## Sister's In Christ

*Women in the Word* Bible Study will meet on Saturday, August 9th at 9:00 am in the back room at Cabin Coffee in Goshen. We are following Lisa TerKeurst's book "I Want to Trust You, but I Don't". Come join us!

## Kirkdorffer Deacon Group

John & Pam's Deacon Group will meet at Brian and Linda Snider's house for lunch and a day at the lake on August 10th.

## Outreach Opportunities

### Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on August 3rd. They are in need of **sugar, peanut butter, and shampoo**. 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 August. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Mackline Mude from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh. Thanks for giving to those in need!

*Receive greetings in Jesus name. I hope you are fine and your family members. I thank you for your grateful support for my educational payment in the Hope Center. I really appreciate the support of my Child Champion for expressing the gratitude to me for teaching spiritual strand during Saturday programs. Therefore I know how to recite memory verses with confidence. Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." My parents really appreciate the work. And they continue to pray for you. Be blessed.*

*Mackline Mude, age 10 (Kenya)*

# August 2025

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Worship Greeters: Kyle & Lauren Carrick					1	2
3 Two Cents Worth Food Pantry Collection	4	5	6	7	8	9 9 am Women in the Word at Cabin Coffee
10 Noon Deacon Meeting Kirkdorffer Deacon Group at Snider's house	11	12	13	14 6 pm MG Board Mtg.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	22 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	23 Pastor Dwayne on vacation
24 Youth Sunday Pastor Dwayne on vacation	25 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	26 Newsletter Articles Due	27	28	29	30
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Mark your calendars, Rooted will start soon! We are so excited to start our High School, Junior High and Children's programs on September 3rd. Of course, there will be adult Bible Study as well.

The children will kick off the season with an "At the Fair" night. We will have fun fair/carnival activities planned for the kiddos.

Children's Ministry will be looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School, Rooted, Kid's Stuff and Nursery. If you feel led to serve in one of these areas, please contact someone on Children's Ministry.

Tonda Carrick, Leah Herschberger, Ashley Morehouse, Linda Snider or Tricia Stilwell

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."