



Maple Leaves

October 2025

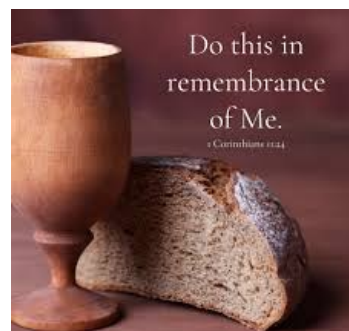
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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Church Family
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Associate Pastor
The Becker Family (fire)
Annette Berkey
Jim Kirkdorffer
Mike Overpeck
Troy Runkle
Betty Stutsman
Jerry Stutzman
Julie Yoder
Steve Yoder
Evangelism's Outreach to Rooted parents
Our Widow Ladies
Our Youth & Children
Andy Smith, Alex Becker & Gavin Erb
(serving our country)
Our New Sunday School Class
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

Communion

The Deacons will serve communion during worship on Sunday, October 5th. They will also give you the opportunity to have your Deacons wash your feet during the morning worship.



Associate Pastor Info

Everyone is invited to Maple Grove's Associate Pastor Confirmation Weekend for Brent and Erin Berkeypile. Plan to attend a carry-in meal Saturday, October 11th at 6:00 pm. Meat and drink will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. We will share a meal together and a time of sharing from the search committee. Then the congregation will have an opportunity to ask Brent and Erin questions.

Sunday, October 12th, during worship Brent will bring the message. Following the service we will have a member vote. Please be in prayer for the church and Brent and Erin during this exciting time.

Pastor Dwayne Runkle

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“Called to Ministry”

Way back in early 2003, Karen and I felt the call to go into full time ministry somewhere. We both agreed that we would go wherever God wanted us to go in the States. We did four total interviews with churches from Virginia to Indiana and two in Pennsylvania. The closest of them all was about one hour away from our hometown, and the furthest was nine or more hours away. We gave this whole process to the Lord and He worked it out in His perfect plan. I remember coming to your meet-and-greet on a Saturday night and then bringing a message on a Sunday morning. I remember it like it was yesterday, now twenty-two years ago. That was then and this is now.

You know how they say history repeats itself. We know that does at times. This is one of those times. God is now calling new leadership here at Maple Grove Community Church. I don't know how you are feeling, but I personally feel these are exciting days in the life of Maple Grove. We have so much going for us here. We have so much talent and leadership skills here that it really makes my job easy.

The Bible has a lot to say about leadership in the church, especially about pastors and deacons. The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy and to Titus about what it should look like when pursuing a pastor or deacon. Here is what Paul has to say in 1 Tim 3:1-13:

“Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 He must manage his own family well and

see that his children obey him with proper respect. 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.”

Then Paul goes on to talk about the qualifications of a deacon. They are pretty much the same, starting at verse 8 *“Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11 In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13 Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.”*

As Karen and I felt called to ministry, in the same way, Brent and Erin Berkeypile have felt God's call to ministry. Come and hear their story on how they got to this place in their lives. Come on Saturday, October 11th, asking questions that you may have. Come and learn more about this couple. Then come on Sunday, October 12th, during our worship hour as Brent will bring us the morning message. After the message you as a member will have opportunity to vote a simple yes or no.

Again, these are exciting times in the life of this church. Come and see what God has in store for us!

Pastor Dwayne

Worship Schedule

October 5 – Leah and Pam will share the song “*Hymn for Communion*” as we share communion during our worship service.

October 12 – What an exciting day in the life of Maple Grove!! We will hear a message from our Associate Pastor Candidate- Brent Berkeypile on “*The Power of God*”.

October 19 – We will begin a new series called MGCC Portfolio where we will take a look at things that make a great church... “*A Caring Family*” and the Guy’s group will sing “*Bigger on the Inside*”.

October 26 – The Maple Leaves Choir will sing “*Be a Light*” as we look at Matthew 5:13-16 and a message on “*Caring for the Community*.”

Song of the Month

“Let Me See Jesus” by Matt Redman



<https://youtu.be/hTXGKE9gIhw?si=xrGTsNj4FwKyTpDH>

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on Oct. 5th. They are in need of **cereal, cereal, cereal!** 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 October. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Mackline Mude from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh.

Thanks for giving to those in need!

Worship Nursery Workers:

Oct. 5 Lauren & Reagann Carrick
Oct. 12 Brian & Linda Snider
Oct. 19 Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe
Oct. 26 Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

Preschool Children’s Church:

Oct. 5 Crystal & Michael Dunlap
Oct. 12 Liv Cripe & Vicki Becker
Oct. 19 Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe
Oct. 26 Jessica & Derek Gilreath

Evangelism

On October 1st Evangelism will be inviting the parents of the kids that come to *Rooted* to stay for a campfire, coffee and s’mores. We will have a guest speaker to do a short devotional too. The Adult Bible Study group will be involved as well. Please keep this outreach in your prayers.

Sister’s In Christ

On Thursday, October 2nd, we will be meeting at the church to create fall flowerpots and doing a decorative pumpkin toilet paper project. We will begin at 6:00 pm with dinner prepared by Linda Snider. Please sign up on the Welcome Center or contact Linda Snider if you plan to attend.

Men’s Bible in the Barn

We will meet in Tyler Runkle’s barn on Oct. 16th at 6:30 pm. Please bring your Bible and a lawn chair. We are planning to resume Men’s Breakfast in November.

Pastor Appreciation

We will have an Ice Sundae Bar on Saturday, October 24th from 4:00—5:30 pm. Come show Pastor Dwayne and Karen how much we appreciate them as we celebrate them with Dwayne's favorite food!

Large Boxes

Pam is in need of large boxes that would fit over a preschool child for the Christmas program. Please let her know if you have any. Thanks!

Parents,

Children's Ministry has been working hard on a Sunday School curriculum that we really like, and we've finally found one! It's called Gospel Project by Lifeway. Just so you know, all the kids from preschool through high school are all on the same Bible story each Sunday. So you can have conversations on your car ride home, at lunch or bedtime and be on the same page. Kindergarten through 2nd grade even have a QR code on their papers that give you at home activities. Win! Win! Take advantage to this opportunity with your kids.

Destiny Rescue Sale

The local sale that supports Destiny Rescue will be at the Elkhart County Fairgrounds this year. It's October 23rd to 25th. If you would like to make donations or help in some way, please contact Eva Miller.

Next Month...

Nov. 8 Beef & Noodle Supper

Birthday's & Anniversary's

3	Tara Overpeck
5	Rhett Dunlap
6	Karen Dickison
8	Grady Berkeypile
8	Ned Myers
12	Jerry & Julie Yoder, 1963
13	Wade Anderson
14	Jerry Stutzman
19	Quin Stilwell
20	Olivia Cripe
21	Colton & Kelly Stuckman, 2017
27	Lana Cripe

Trunk or Treat

We will have our annual *Trunk or Treat* on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:30—7:30 pm. We would love for you to decorate your trunk and come join us in handing out candy in a safe environment for the kids. If you are doing a trunk, please sign up on the Welcome Center and arrive by 6:15 pm. If it rains we will do it in the basement.

Breakfast with the Chaplain

You are invited to come learn about the Jail Ministry and hear from one of their friends incarcerated in the Elkhart County Jail. This month it will on Thursday, October 9th. No cost to attend, and it's not a fundraiser. Please RSVP by contacting Cory at cmartin@ecjailministry.org or call 574-849-1494. Arrive by 8:15 am and you're done at 9:30 am.

November Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by October 20th. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!

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

Worship Greeters: Tyler & Krista Runkle			1 6:30 pm Rooted 6:30 pm Bible Study	2 6 pm Sister's in Christ	3	4
5 Communion Two Cents Worth Food Panty Collection New Membership	6	7	8 9:30 am JTMA@MG 6-8 pm Jr High to Runkle/ Morehouse Pond 6:30 pm Rooted 6:30 pm Bible Study	9	10	11 6:00 pm Carry-In Meal Question & Answer time with Brent & Erin B.
12 Brent Berkeypile's Trial Sermon	13	14	15 6:30 pm Rooted 6:30 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm MG Board Mtg.	16 6:30 pm Bible in the Barn at Tyler Runkle's	17	18
19	20 Newsletter articles are due	21	22 6:30 pm Rooted 6:30 pm Bible Study	23	24	25 4:00-5:30 pm Pastor Appreciation Ice Cream Sundae Bar
26 Sr. High Youth to Fashion Farm	27	28	29 6:30-7:30 pm Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm Bible Study	30	31	



Jr. High will meet at the Morehouse/Runkle pond on Oct. 8th from 6-8 pm. They would like each of the kids to bring socks for Faith Mission of Elkhart.

Sr. High will go to Fashion Farm on Sunday, October 26th.

The children will continue the "At the Fair" lessons on Joseph:

Oct..1, The Drop Tower, Genesis 39:21-40:23

Oct. 8, Magic Show, Genesis 41:1-40

Oct. 15, Sweet Treats, Genesis 41:41-56

Oct. 22, Ring Toss Game, Genesis 42

Oct. 29, Trunk or Treat (6:30—7:30 pm)

Memory Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Do not depend on your own understanding. In all your ways obey Him. Then He will make your paths smooth and straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6

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."