

Maple Leaves

June 2026



Maple Grove Community Church of New Paris
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With Sympathy

Betty Stutsman went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Betty lived to be 98 years old! Please keep Randy and Elaine Sharkey and the family in your prayers.

Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Sunday, June 28th we will meet at Sunnyside Park in New Paris for a time of outdoor worship at 10:00 AM. (No Sunday School this morning.) Then we will have a carry-in meal, so bring a covered dish or two to share. Meat, drink and table service will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs, and you can also bring basketballs and pickle ball equipment for afterwards if you wish. What a fun time to spend with our Maple Grove family.

Calling?

If you are feeling a call to ministry, please see someone on the ministerial board. We would love to help you with your calling. Ministerial Board: Wes Herschberger, Dwayne Runkle, Brent Berkeypile, Tyler Runkle, Lauren Carrick, John Kirkdorffer and Brad Morehouse.

Thank You!

Thank you all so much for the big bag of snacks, candy, cookies, scripture cards and especially your prayers. May God richly bless your church and all of you for thinking of us.

Thanks again, Dick Steffen, Bus Driver

Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Community Church
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Assoc. Pastor Brent and Erin Berkeypile
Mary Amiel
Stan & Nancy Godfrey
Jim & Phyllis Kirkdorffer
Mike Overpeck
Randy & Elaine Sharkey & family
Julie Yoder
Steve Yoder
Wayne Yoder
Those that have lost a spouse
Our Youth & Children
Alex Becker, Andy Smith & Gavin Erb
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)
 Dave Farris (Brazil)
World Missionary Press
Destiny Rescue

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

Pastor Dwayne Runkle

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“It is Really that Simple”

“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love” (1 John 4:16 NLT). None of us ever outgrow the need for our Heavenly Fathers love. The Bible tells us He loves you with an everlasting love. That means it never, ever ends. God tells us as his children that he wants us with him in his eternal kingdom, his permanent home. But as we know there was a price to pay for our salvation. And His Son, Jesus paid for it in full. God tells us our offenses are swept away like the morning clouds, our sins are like the morning mist. God tells you he has redeemed you. The transaction is sealed; the matter is settled. God has made his choice, he chose you to be part of his forever family. In other words He has adopted you! You now belong to Him. There is nothing more you can do. Your efforts to win His affection are unnecessary. Your fears of losing His affection are needless. The adoption is irreversible. You need to accept your place as God’s adopted child.

Did you know that adopted children are chosen children? That is not the case with biological children. When the doctor handed Dwayne Runkle to James Runkle, my dad had no exit option. No loopholes. No choice. He can’t give me back to the doctor and ask for a better looking or smarter son. The hospital made him take me home. But if you were adopted, your parents chose you. Your parents could have picked a different gender, color, or ancestry. But they selected you. They wanted you in their family.

You object: “Oh, but if they could have seen the rest of my life, they might have changed their minds” That is my point exactly. God saw our entire life from beginning to end, birth to hearse, and in spite of what he saw, He was still convinced. Ephesians 1:5 says God was so convinced “*to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*”

Romans 8:15, 17 says, we can now live, “*like God’s very own children, adopted into the bosom of his family, and calling to him, ‘Father, Father...’*” “*And since we are his children, we will share his treasures for all God gives to his Son Jesus is now ours too.*”

It is really that simple!

Pastor Dwayne

Samaritan Fund

The Deacons will have a basket at the back of the sanctuary each Sunday in June to collect donations for the Samaritan Fund. This money is used for families with needs in our congregation. You may put your donations in an envelope with your name on it if you would like it recorded with your offerings for the year.

You’re Invited

to Cameron Cripe’s
Graduation Open
House on Saturday,
June 6th from 1:00 to
4:00 pm at the DeFries
Homestead at DeFries
Gardens (17477 CR 46,
New Paris).



Birthdays & Anniversary’s

1 Adalyn Dunlap
3 Michael & Crystal Dunlap, 2017
6 Cameron Cripe
7 Wayne & Nancy Yoder, 1959
8 Tyler & Krista Runkle, 2013
11 Anna Keck
11 Kenny & Susan Neff, 1988
14 Caleb Becker
14 Richard & Julia Brookins, 1963
15 Thelma Kauffman
17 Sam Stoner
20 Kyle & Lauren Carrick, 2009
20 Cole Garner
21 Arlo Baker
22 Derek & Jessica Gilreath, 2013
22 Cory & Richele Stoner, 2013
23 John & Pam Kirkdorffer, 1984
25 Ron & Sue Cripe, 1994
25 Sawyer Neff
26 Karis Cripe
29 Jessica Kreider
29 Caroline Morehouse
29 Pearl Morehouse

Associate Pastor *Brent Berkeypile*

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Following God's Calling Into a New Season

After 20 years in education, I find myself stepping into a new chapter of life and ministry. For two decades, I have had the privilege of serving students, families, teachers, and communities through the field of education. It has been a career filled with lessons, relationships, challenges, and blessings. I am grateful for the opportunities God has given me and for the many people who have shaped me along the way.

Now, the Lord has opened the door for me to move into full-time ministry as an associate pastor at Maple Grove Community Church. While this is a new career journey, it is not a new calling to follow Christ. In many ways, this next step is simply another act of obedience to the same faithful God who has been leading all along.

The Bible reminds us that God calls His people to trust Him when the path ahead is not fully clear. Proverbs 3:5–6 says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Those verses have been a steady reminder that following God often requires surrender. We may not always know every detail of the journey, but we can trust the One who does.

Throughout Scripture, we see God calling people into new seasons of service. Abraham was called to leave what was familiar and go to a land God would show him. Moses was called from shepherding sheep to leading God's people. David went from the pasture to the palace. Peter, Andrew, James, and John left their nets to follow Jesus. Each calling required faith,

obedience, and a willingness to step away from what was known into what God had prepared.

Starting a new career journey can bring excitement, uncertainty, and reflection. Yet for the believer, the goal is not simply to chase opportunity, comfort, or personal success. The goal is to be faithful. Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men." Whether in a classroom, an office, a church, or a home, our work is ultimately service to the Lord.

As I begin this new role at Maple Grove, I do so with humility, gratitude, and expectation. I am thankful for the years God allowed me to serve in education, and I am excited for the opportunity to now serve the church in a more direct way. My prayer is that this next season will be marked by faithfulness to God's Word, love for His people, and a desire to see lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Change is not always easy, but when God calls, the right response is obedience. I am reminded of Isaiah's words: "Here am I. Send me!" My desire is to follow the Lord wherever He leads and to serve Him with whatever gifts, experiences, and opportunities He has entrusted to me.

As I step into this new journey, I would appreciate your prayers—for wisdom, humility, strength, and faithfulness. I am excited to see what God will do in this next season, and I am grateful to walk it with the Maple Grove church family.

Our vision at the Maple Grove Community Church is to train and 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.

Worship Schedule

June 7th - We will honor our college and high school graduates on this day!

June 14th - We will begin our new series for the summer- TRANSFORMING POWER with the first message on "A Great Passion" The Guys group will bring our special music.

June 21st - Father's Day Celebration along with Baptism Sunday!

June 28th - Our annual outdoor worship service and church picnic will be held at the outdoor pavilion at Sunnyside Park. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School this day.)

Evangelism Challenge

We will be selling pork burgers on June 4-6 at Mike and Regina Morehouse's home during the New Paris Garage Sales. Please check out the sign up sheets on the Welcome Center to help or to bring donations.

Graduates

We will celebrate our graduates on Sunday, June 7th during worship. High School: Cameron Cripe, Madison Keck and Coltyn Stutsman. College Graduates: Bianca Diamond and Mason Hawkins.

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on June 7th. They are in need of **Spaghettios or any canned pasta, macaroni and cheese, chicken Ramen noodles.** 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 June. The money collected goes toward our sponsored children: Mackline Mude from Kenya and Alim Mollah from Bangladesh.

Worship Nursery Workers:

June 7 Lauren & Reagann Carrick
June 14 Linda & Brian Snider
June 21 Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe
June 28 Service at Sunnyside Park

Preschool Children's Church:

June 7 Crystal & Michael Dunlap
June 14 Liv Cripe & Vicki Becker
June 21 Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe
June 28 Service at Sunnyside Park

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be on June 6 at 7:00 am at Angel's House of Pancakes in Goshen.

Bible in the Barn will be announced.

Women in the Word

During the month of June, Phyllis Kirkdorffer and Karis Cripe will be leading a Bible Study from the book "Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days" by Kay Arthur. The 1st and 3rd Monday they will be meeting at Phyllis's house at 6:30 pm and on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday they will meet at Karis's at 9:00 in the morning. Ideally they would like you to attend both evening and morning sessions, but you don't have to. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center.

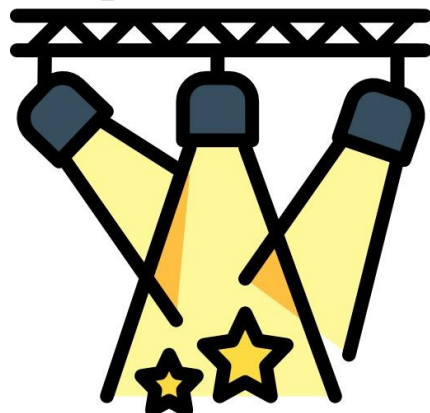
Sister's In Christ

We will be meeting at the church to do some "Spring" cleaning on Saturday, June 27 at 9:00 a.m. We will have a light breakfast to give you a jump start! Young and old, please come join in on the action. There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center so we know how much food to bring.

Daily Bread Devotional

There are free Daily Bread devotionals on the Welcome Center. Please help yourself!

Maple Grove Spotlight!



The Evangelism Committee has decided to put a spotlight on people in our congregation each month in hopes to get to know our congregation better. So here we go!

Randy and Terri Sizemore have been married 48 years. They met cruising up town Goshen. They have two sons, Randy Jr. (Casey) live in Benton and they have four children. Sydney lives in Indy, Isaac, Charley Grace and Maddox are still at home. Danny (Carolyn)



live in Oregon, they have two sons, Benson and Henry. Randy retired after 28 years at North Central Co-op. Terri retired after 35 years of cleaning houses and this is her last year managing the Pork Building at the 4H Fair after 20 some years. Randy raced flat track motorcycles and snowmobiles before he had a family. Now they travel when they can and attend the grandchildren's sports and activities. They have been members at Maple Grove for 36 years. They like Maple Grove because it stands and believes in the Bible.

Brian and Linda Snider met at college, Anderson University – Indiana, both were business majors and were married several years later in 1983. Brian got a teaching job offer in Hollywood, FL – so they moved South in 1985. Brian was a Business Teacher and coached numerous sports, mainly football, and served as Asst. Athletic Director. During this time Linda worked and continued her education to include a teaching degree. In 1990 Linda entered the teaching field and they began their family. They have 3 children; Lauren, Brock, and Logan. For the last 20 years of their teaching careers Brian and Linda worked at Cooper City High School in South East Florida. Linda taught Fashion Merchandising and Hospitality & Tourism Program, and Brian taught Accounting, Computers and Web Design. Brian's last 5 years at CCHS was Technology Liaison Coordinator. Being school teachers allowed a lot of good family time, and they spent summers and Christmas

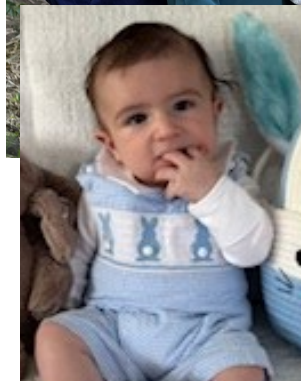


vacations taking trips and being on Atwood Lake, a family cottage of the Snider's. They purchased the cottage from Jim Snider in 2006.

After retiring in 2020 – Brian and Linda built a permanent home on Atwood Lake and now call Indiana home. They still travel South to Georgia and Florida to spend time with kids/ grandkids: Jaxson age 12, Ava age 9 (Georgia) and

new to the club is Wiley James age 5 months (Florida). Besides travel, they enjoy their boat and being on the lake.

Brian was raised at Maple Grove – so coming back and being part of this special congregation just felt like home. The love that people display and the desire to serve our community and raise our youth in the knowledge of Christ makes Maple Grove a place they want to be.



June 2026

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Worship Greeters:

Rich & Julia Brookins

	1	2	3	4	5	6
9 am Multi-Generation Sunday School Classes June 7-21	Pastor Dwayne on vacation 6:30 pm Women in the Word	Pastor Dwayne on vacation	Pastor Dwayne on vacation	Pork Burger Sales	Pork Burger Sales (Jr High RSVP for escape room on 19th)	6 am Men's Breakfast Pork Burger Sales 1-4 pm Cameron Cripe's Graduation Open House
7 8 am Sr. High Youth Breakfast Two Cents Worth Offering Food Pantry Collection	8	9	10 9 am Women in the Word 6:30 pm Board Meeting+	11	12	13
14 6-8 pm Bible School	15 6-8 pm Bible School 6:30 pm Women in the Word	16 6-8 pm Bible School	17 6-8 pm Bible School	18 6-8 pm Bible School	19 5:30 pm Jr. High Youth Endeavor Escape Room Granger	20
21 Father's Day Baptisms	22 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	23 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	24 9 am Women in the Word Pastor Dwayne on vacation	25 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	26	27 9 am Sister's In Christ Spring Cleaning at Church
28 Outdoor Worship at Sunnyside Park with picnic lunch to follow (No Sunday School)	29	30				

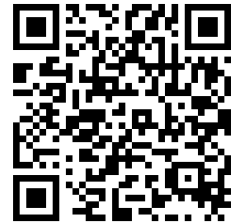


Bible School

June 14-18, 2026

6:00—8:00 pm

at Maple Grove



Beneath a canopy of chattering birds

and howling monkeys, kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in a relationship with God, a safe place in life's storms. Get signed up soon by using the QR code OR go to: https://vbspro.events/p_early/db3e69 to sign up your children or to volunteer. See Jeanie Stuckman with questions.

Sr. High Youth...

will be honoring their graduates at a breakfast on June 7th at 8:00 a.m. at church.

Jr. High Youth will be doing the Endeavor Escape Room in Granger on June 19th. Meet there at 5:30 pm. Everyone must pre register, so RSVP with Ashley by June 5th.



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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."