

Maple Leaves

August 2026



Maple Grove Community Church of New Paris
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Let us pray for:

Maple Grove Community Church
Pastor Dwayne and Karen Runkle
Assoc. Pastor Brent and Erin Berkeypile
Mary Amiel
Jim & Phyllis Kirkdorffer
Mike Overpeck
Keith Miller (Eva's son)
Julie Yoder
Steve Yoder
Wayne Yoder
Those that have lost a spouse
Our Youth & Children
Alex Becker, Andy Smith & Gavin Erb
(Serving our nation)
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 (Brasilia)
Dave Farris (Brazil)
World Missionary Press
Destiny Rescue

Thank You and New Mailing Address

We would like to thank each and every one of you that helped us move our belongings into storage. We are so thankful for your help!

Pastor Dwayne & Karen
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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
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"Choose Faith"

"Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God" (1 John 5:5)?

It is wishful thinking to think that you'll never have a problem in life, ever. You'll never drift off to sleep on the wings of this thought: "My, today came and went with no problems in the world." The headlines will never appear in the New York Times, Fox News, or CNN: "We have only good news to report."

You might be elected as president of the United States. You might discover a way to e-mail pizza and become a billionaire. You might be called out of the stands to pinch-hit in game seven of the World Series when your team is down to its final out, hit a walk off home run, and have your face appear on all the sports magazines including *Sports Illustrated*. It is not likely, but possible.

But a problem-free, no-hassle, blue-sky existence of smooth sailing? Don't hold your breath. As we all know, problems happen; they happen to rich people, poor people, sexy people, educated people, sophisticated people. They happen to retired people, single people, spiritual people, and secular people. You see, it does not matter your background or where you were born, you will have problems in this life. Even Jesus tells us that. *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). With these words, Jesus told his disciples to take courage. In spite of the inevitable struggles they would face, they would not be alone. The good news for us is that when we do have troubles, we know Jesus is right there with us. *"He will never leave us or forsake us."* If we remember that the ultimate victory has already been won, we can claim the peace of Christ in the most troublesome times.

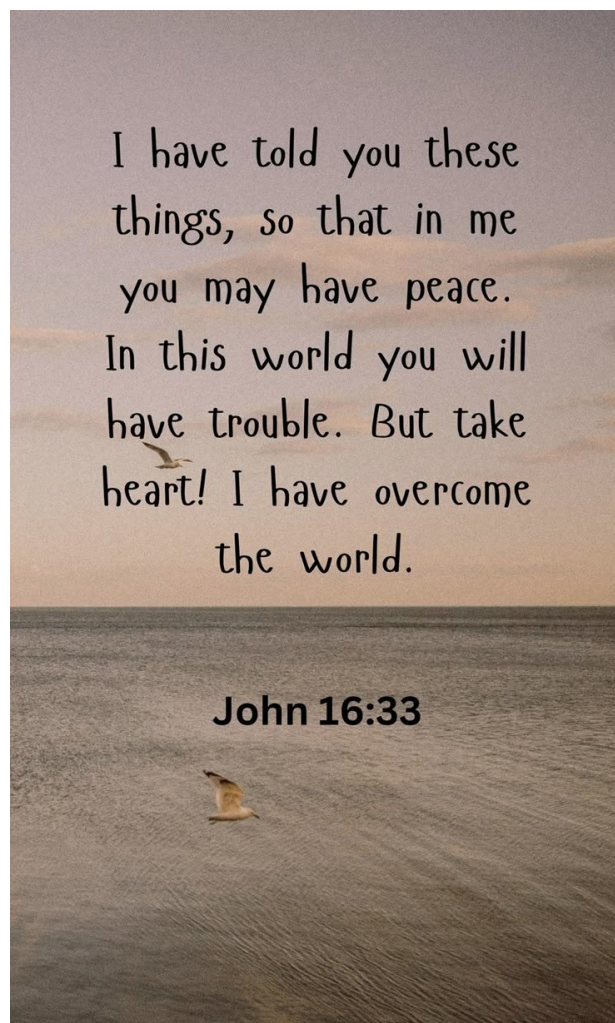
But not all people see problems the same way. Some people are overcome by problems, others overcome problems. Some people are left bitter, while others are left better. Some people face

their challenges with fear, while others face their challenges with faith.

The Bible clearly teaches that Christians are not to worry. In Philippians 4:6, we are commanded, *"Do not be anxious (do not worry) about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* Here we see we are to bring all our concerns to God in prayer rather than worry about them. Jesus assures us that our heavenly Father will take care of all our needs, therefore, we have no need to worry about anything. (Matthew 6:25-34).

As we all know, we don't have a choice about having problems. But you do have a choice about what you do with them when they come your way. Let us all choose faith!

Pastor Dwayne



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Men, Lead the Way!

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the 1613 Men's Conference in Cincinnati. I want to thank the church congregation and the board for allowing me to attend. It was an amazing and inspiring conference.



The name of the conference comes from 1 Corinthians 16:13–14: “Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” —1 Corinthians 16:13–14, NASB 1995

Throughout the conference, men were challenged to stand firmly upon the truth of God's Word and faithfully lead in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. One of the greatest responsibilities God has given a husband and father is to help lead the spiritual life of his family.

A widely repeated statistic claims that when a child is the first person in a household to come to Christ, 3.5 percent of the family follows. When the wife or mother comes to Christ first, 17 percent follows. But when the husband or father comes to Christ first, as many as 93

percent of the family follows. This illustrates an important biblical truth: **the spiritual leadership of a father can have a tremendous influence upon his entire family.**

Men, our families need more than someone who provides financially, maintains the house, or takes care of the yard. They need men who pray, read God's Word, worship faithfully, repent when they are wrong, and demonstrate what it means to follow Jesus Christ.

Spiritual leadership does not mean having all the answers or controlling every decision. It means humbly taking responsibility for the spiritual direction of our homes. It means gathering the family for prayer, bringing them to church, discussing Scripture, and allowing our children to see that our relationship with Christ is real.

God told His people: “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons.” —Deuteronomy 6:6–7, NASB 1995

Men, we cannot pass on a faith that we are not personally living. Our wives and children need to see us standing firm in the faith—not perfectly, but faithfully.

The challenge of 1613 is clear: **Be watchful. Stand firm. Act like men. Be strong. And do everything in love.**

Our families are watching. Let us lead them toward Christ.

September Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by August 25th. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net or text them to 574-596-6657. Thanks!

Worship Schedule

August 2- Asst. Pastor Brent Berkeypile will be continuing our series on *Transforming Power* sharing about God's transforming power in his own life.

August 9- The Girl's Group will sing "How Can it Be?" as we take a look at Philippians 2:5-8 and *Transforming You*.

August 16- Pastor Dwayne will begin a new series taken from 1 Timothy and the starting message entitled, "How Deep are our Roots?"

August 23- Erin and Elise Berkeypile will sing "My God Can" and Asst. Pastor Brent Berkeypile will share a message on *How Do We Finish?*

August 30- The morning service will be led by our Youth Groups!!!

Evangelism Challenge

This month we will be asking you to be Prayer Warriors for the children going back to school. Announcements will be made when information is available.

Men's Bible in the Barn

This month we will go to Brad Morehouse's barn on Thursday, August 20th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a lawn chair and your Bible.

(No Men's breakfast this month.)

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:

We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on August 2nd. They are in need of **canned pasta, cereal (NO Cheerios), toothpaste or tuna**. 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!

Worship Nursery Workers:

Aug. 2 Lauren & Reagann Carrick

Aug. 9 Linda & Brian Snider

Aug. 16 Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe

Aug. 23 Marla Snider & Jeanie Stuckman

Aug. 30 Jeanie Stuckman & Marla Snider

Preschool Children's Church:

Aug. 2 Crystal & Michael Dunlap

Aug. 9 Tonda Carrick & Vicki Becker

Aug. 16 Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe

Aug. 23 Jessica & Derek Gilreath

Aug. 30 Jessie Kreider & Tonda Carrick

Sister's In Christ

Thursday, August 27th you're invited to join us for a peaceful night on Dewart Lake at the Garner's cottage. We will have snacks, a boat ride and enjoy God peaceful beauty. Sign up at the Welcome Center and meet at the church by 6:15 pm to carpool together. See Pam Kirkdorffer if you have questions.

August 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

7 Terri Sizemore

8 Evan Byler & Olivia Cripe's Wedding Day

11 Wes Herschberger

11 Cory Stoner

12 Brent Berkeypile

15 Mia Herschberger

15 Cooper Rensberger

16 Bonnie Rife

17 Kreed Berkeypile

18 Brent Carrick

24 Ron Stuckman

27 Jason Becker

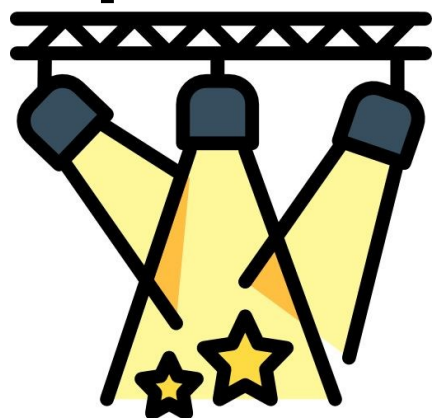
27 Tyler & Karmen Rensberger, 2011

28 Regina Morehouse

30 Max Hunter

31 Brad Baker

Maple Grove Spotlight!



Mary Amiel

Mary lives by herself. She has one older sister who lives in Loveland, Colorado with her husband and 4 kids (Caleb - 11, Matthew - 13, Isabelle - 15, and Samuel - 16). Her dad lives in Niles with her grandmother. Her mom and her mom's parents are all in heaven.

Mary works at Apple Tree Learning Center and has been there for 10 years. She currently transitioned from being the 4 year old teacher to the 3 year old teacher because the 4 year old room does not currently exist. She graduated from Ball State with a degree in Early Childhood.

She likes to visit places she's never been to before and enjoys cruises and being around water. She plays guitar and a little ukulele. Besides that, she enjoys coffee shops, taking walks, swimming, and volleyball (although she doesn't get to play very much). She loves going to Notre Dame football games, hockey, and women's basketball games when she gets the opportunity. Go Irish! She also loves attending concerts.

Mary's favorite part about Maple Grove is how everyone is like family. She has not attended that long and already has people that communicate and check on her and it is not just on



Mary and her Dad

Sundays! She needs community/family because she greatly misses her mom and grandma (they were the two closest people to her).

She feels she can reach out to people if she ever needs help or support. She almost gave up on finding a church to call home until coming to Maple Grove. She is so thankful to God for this church and everyone who has taken time to say hello and gotten to know her! It means the world to her and she honestly does not know where she would be without this church. She appreciates the fact that everyone TRULY cares about her and her day to day life. And not only that, this church cares about her spiritual growth. She cannot say enough about Wes and the Sunday school class downstairs. It has been a huge part of healing spiritually for her.

The Byler's

Jeremy and Andrea have been married for 24 years. They have four children; Evan, age 20 will be marrying Liv Cripe on August 8th, Kyle age 16, Cameron is 14 and Libby is 12 years old.

Jeremy is a dairy farmer, Andrea is a Physical Therapy Assistant at The Maples, Evan works at the Dairy Farm too and is also a volunteer fireman, Kyle works on the farm and he is homeschooled, Cameron also works on the farm and is homeschooled, Libby babysits and can you believe it, she's homeschooled too. (I'd say this farming thing is a family affair.) Oh, and Liv works at KMC.

Things this family enjoys:

Jeremy—Sleeping, and watching the Buckeyes

Andrea—Gardening and reading

Evan—Volleyball and fireman training

Liv—Volleyball, cooking and baking

Kyle—Farming and pickle ball

Cameron—Baseball and riding the 4 wheeler

Libby—Volleyball and babysitting

The Byler's love the small, close knit community at Maple Grove and the interactions with multiple generations. Our small groups have been such a blessing and encouragement to us, as we develop deeper, personal relationships. We also truly appreciate the personal relations we have developed with our pastors.



Mary and her Mom



Mary and her sister's family



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Sun

Mon

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Sat

Worship Greeters: Ron & Sue Cripe								1 Pastor Dwayne on vacation
2 Two Cents Worth Offering Food Pantry Collection	3 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	4 9 am Children's Ministry meeting Pastor Dwayne on vacation	5 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	6 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	7	8 Evan & Liv's Wedding		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 6-8 pm Jr High Amazing Race at More- house/Runkle Pond		
16	17	18	19 7 pm MG Board Meeting	20 6:30 pm Bible in the Barn @ Brad Morehouse's	21	22		
23 Evan & Liv's Cake & Ice Cream Reception after Worship for all	24	25 Newsletter articles due	26	27 Sister's In Christ Meet @ church by 6:15 pm	28	29		
30 Kirkdorffer Deacon Group Lunch @ Brian and Linda Snider's	31							



Rooted will start on Wednesday, Sep. 2nd! Mark your calendars. If you feel led to help with this program, please see someone on Children's Ministry.

Jr High Youth

We will have an Amazing Race night at the Morehouse/Runkle pond on Saturday, August 15th from 6-8 pm. Dinner will be provided.

Looking Ahead...

September 6th is Labor Day Sunday and the Worship and Music ministry want to invite you to drive your work vehicle to church and bring along your 'tool of the trade' where we will place them on the altar during the service and have a time of prayer over them as we seek to live out Colossians 3:17.

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.



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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."