Maple Leaves

November 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
Kathy Dallas
Jessica Gilreath
Stan Godfrey
Jim & Phyllis Kirkdorffer
Ned Myers
Mike Overpeck
Brian Snider
Shirley Vanderveer
Julie Yoder
Steve 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

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, November 8th is our annual church council meeting after worship. If you are a member of Maple Grove we encourage you to mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting.

Thank you...

guys so much for providing food for us. We appreciate your hard work and dedication for us. Great church! Thank You!

Kahler Mast #4
and the Fairfield Falcons Football Team

Beef and Noodle Supper

The annual Beef and Noodle Supper will be Saturday, November 12th from 4:30—6:30 pm here at Maple Grove Community Church. There is a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center for food donations and volunteers for this event. We will also have our pie auction that evening. Invite your friends and relatives. The proceeds go towards our missionaries. Carry outs will be available too.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM
WED. BIBLE STUDY 6:30– 7:30 PM
WED. ROOTED 6:30–8:00 PM

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"Claim Your Inheritance"

13 *"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,* ***14*** *who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory"* (Ephesians 1:13-14).

When you go back to verse 12, you see the word "we," this refers to Jews; the words "you also" refers to the Gentile believers, who were also included in Christ. These believers, both Jews and Gentiles, heard the word of truth, also called the "gospel of your salvation." The gospel conveys the truth, which is able to purify us as believers. But while hearing brings knowledge, it does not bring salvation. Salvation comes by inviting Jesus Christ to come in live in us, and accepting Him as our Lord and Savior. Then we are marked in him showing that we are included in Christ.

What exactly did Paul mean by the "seal," which he then identified as the promised Holy Spirit? In the ancient world, a seal was a form of identification used to authenticate and protect legal documents. Most likely this seal of the Holy Spirit means that God marks his people as his own through the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The sealing by the Spirit is a once-and-for-all act that gives us continued assurance that we are God's children now and for all eternity.

The word "inheritance" in verse 14 is also seen throughout the Bible. In the Book of Joshua it appears almost sixty times. The command to possess the land is seen five times. *"So Joshua let the people depart, each to his own inheritance"* (Joshua 24:28). Now is the time for unbelievers to receive theirs. If you're a believer, you have your inheritance now. God has given you your Canaan to you. He *"has blessed you with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ"* (Ephesians 1:3).

Take note to what he is saying here: *"he has blessed."* Not "he will bless, might bless, or someday could possibly bless." You already have everything you need to be everything God desires. You now have access to *"every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places."*

Do we underestimate what happened to us when we invited Jesus Christ into our lives? Because conversion/salvation is more than a removal of sin. It is a deposit of power. God gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit, that now lives in us. We are a new person. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

Let us encourage our unbelieving friends to "Claim their inheritance!"

Pastor Dwayne

Are you feeling Called?

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 & Brad Morehouse

Custodian Needed!

With Dwayne and Karen's upcoming retirement the church is looking for a new custodian. This is a paid position, 4-6 hours a week. Starting as soon as possible. If you are interested or would like more information, please see someone on Property Care: Derek Cripe, Michael Dunlap, Josh Keck, John Kirkdorffer or Kim Wilfong.

Associate Pastor
Brent Berkeypile

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A Season of Thanksgiving

As we begin the month of November, I first want to say thank you.

October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and I was truly grateful for the many cards, gifts, kind words, and other expressions of appreciation that I received. Your generosity and encouragement meant a great deal to me and my family. It is a blessing to be able to serve at Maple Grove, and I am thankful for the love and support you have shown me as I continue to follow God's calling into ministry.

As we turn the calendar to November, it seems fitting that we move from Pastor Appreciation Month into a month when our attention turns toward Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. There is something special about gathering around a table with family, enjoying a good meal, and taking time to recognize the blessings God has given us. But for the Christian, thanksgiving should be much more than a holiday we celebrate once a year.

Thanksgiving should be a way of life.

Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18:

“Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Notice that Paul doesn't say to give thanks only when everything is going well. He says, “in everything give thanks.”

That's much harder.

It is easy to thank God when the family is healthy, the bills are paid, relationships are good, and life seems to be going according to plan. It is much more difficult when we are walking through disappointment, sickness, loss, uncertainty, or circumstances we simply don't understand.

Yet Scripture doesn't tell us that we have to be thankful for every circumstance. Rather, we can be thankful in every circumstance because our gratitude is ultimately rooted in something that our circumstances cannot change.

We belong to Jesus Christ.

No matter what kind of season we are walking through, God is still good. Christ is still our Savior. Our sins are still forgiven. God's Word is still true. His promises have not changed. And for those who have placed their faith in Christ, our eternal hope is secure.

Psalm 107:1 says:

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.”

Our thanksgiving begins not simply with what God has given us, but with who God is.

This November, I would encourage each of us to slow down and intentionally recognize God's blessings. Thank Him for your family. Thank Him for your church. Thank Him for the food on your table and the roof over your head. Thank Him for answered prayers—and even for the prayers where His answer was different from what you wanted.

But most importantly, thank Him for Jesus.

Long after the turkey is gone, the leftovers are eaten, and Thanksgiving Day has passed, may we still be people who live with grateful hearts.

And once again, from me personally, thank you, Maple Grove. Thank you for your encouragement, generosity, prayers, and support. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity God has given me to serve alongside you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Worship Schedule

November 1- Asst. Pastor Brent will continue our *Guard the Gospel* Series with a message on *How to Live the Good Life* and the Young Girl's Group will sing *God Story*.

November 8- Erin Berkeypile will sing *The More I Seek You* as Dwayne talks to us about *How to Renew Our Vision* from 2 Timothy 1:1-10.

November 15- *How to Trust God?* will be the theme of the day with Asst. Pastor Brent speaking. Our *Guard the Gospel* series will continue on January 10th.

November 22- THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

November 29- Advent begins with Youth Sunday and a message from Asst. Pastor Brent on *Zechariah: When Waiting Meets God's Promise*.

Evangelism Challenge

We will be serving breakfast for the staff at the New Paris Elementary School on Wednesday, November 18th. What a great way to show our educators that we appreciate them. There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Center for donations and help soon.

Outreach Opportunities

Fairfield Food Pantry:
We will be collecting food for the Fairfield Food Pantry on November 1st. They are in need of **cereal, Spaghettios and tuna.** Please place your donations in the shopping cart as you enter the sanctuary. FYI, The Food Pantry no longer takes clothing.

Two Cents Worth Offering:
The children will be taking up the Two Cents Worth Offering the first Sunday in November. 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:

Nov. 1 Lauren & Reagann Carrick
Nov. 8 Linda & Brian Snider
Nov. 15 Crystal Dunlap & Lana Cripe
Nov. 22 Marla Snider & Jeanie Stuckman
Nov. 29 Lauren & Reagann Carrick

Children's Church:

Nov. 1 Crystal & Michael Dunlap
Nov. 8 Tricia Stilwell & Vicki Becker
Nov. 15 Leah Herschberger & Chloe Cripe
Nov. 22 Jessica & Derek Gilreath
Nov. 29 Tonda Carrick & Jessie Kreider

Men's Bible in the Barn

This month we will meet on Thurs., Nov. 19th at 6:30 pm. The place is to be determined and will be announced. Remember to bring your Bible and a chair and come join us.

Sister's In Christ

This month we will be doing our annual service project at *Starfish Project* in Goshen on Sat., Nov. 28th. *Starfish Project* employs formerly trafficked women so they can experience freedom, and develop careers through their jewelry. We will go to the *Starfish Project* warehouse to get jewelry boxed up from their Thanksgiving sales. You will also be able to shop for jewelry while you are there. The location is in the Industrial Park at 1010 Eisenhower Dr. S. It will be from 9:00 am to Noon. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you can come.

Women in the Word

They are continuing their Bible Study with the book called "Jesus is Better" a study of the book of Hebrews by the Daily Grace Company. Karis Cripe is leading it and Phyllis Kirkdorffer is hosting. They will meet on Monday, November 9th & 23rd. All are welcome and it's not to late to join in.

Birthday's and Anniversary's

NOVEMBER
1 Kathy Dallas
1 Randy Sizemore
4 Shelby Cripe
5 Bennett Berkeypile
8 Noble Coffing
11 Tyler Rensberger
11 Brian Snider
14 Garry & Melodee Bowlby, 1993
15 Heather Cripe
16 Ron Cripe
16 Steve & Marilyn Yoder, 1958
17 Brad & Mia Baker, 2012
18 Larry Keck
21 Andrea Keck
23 Megan Hunter
23 Richele Stoner
23 Susan Neff
30 Macy Morehouse

Attention Parents:

Children's Ministry has put together a basket of quiet items for children that don't go to Children's Church to use during worship if you forget to bring items from home. This basket will be at the Welcome Center each Sunday. Unused items can be placed back into the basket following worship.

You're Invited...

to Breakfast with the Chaplain at the Elkhart County Jail. Learn about the Jail Ministry and hear from one of their friends incarcerated in the jail. This month it is Tuesday, November 17 from 8:15-9:30 am. Please RSVP by contacting Cory Martin at 574-849-1494.

Christmas Decorating

We will be putting up Christmas decorations on Tuesday, November 24th starting at 9:00 am. If you have a couple of extra hours stop by and help, many hands makes it go much faster. Mel is always there to guide you.

Live Nativity Volunteers Needed

November 28 we will be doing a live nativity at the New Paris Community Christmas Walk at Sunnyside Park. Pam is looking for 12 people to participate. Please let her know if you're willing to be a part of this wonderful event!!

Poinsettias



It's time to order poinsettias! You may order red or white ones to help decorate the church and then take them home on Dec. 20th. There will be order forms on the Welcome Center soon. Please give completed orders to Sue Wilfong. If you have questions you may give her a call at 574-536-8861.

Looking Ahead:

"Journey through Bethlehem"

Sunday- December 13th
6:00 pm - Kid's Christmas Program
6:30-7:30 pm - Come take the 'Journey'

Come walk with us as we discover all that Mary and Joseph must have encountered as they made their 'Journey through Bethlehem'.

December Newsletter Articles

Please have your articles turned into Tonda by November 24th. You may email articles to carrick@bnin.net or text them to 574-596–6657.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Collection Two Cents Worth Offering	2	3	4 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-8pm Rooted Sr. High Youth to Feed My Hungry Children	5	6	7
8 Council Meeting after Worship	9 Pastor Dwayne out of the office 6:30 pm Women in the Word	10 Pastor Dwayne out of the office	11 Pastor Dwayne out of the office 6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study 6:30-8pm Rooted	12 Pastor Dwayne out of the office	13 Pastor Dwayne out of the office	14 4:30—6:30 pm Beef and Noodle Supper & Pie Auction
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22	23 Pastor Dwayne on vacation 6:30 pm Women in the Word	24 9:00 am Christmas Decorations going up Pastor Dwayne on vacation Newsletter articles due	25 No Rooted or Bible Study Pastor Dwayne on vacation	26 *Thanksgiving* Pastor Dwayne on vacation	27 Pastor Dwayne on vacation	28 9 am Sister's in Christ to Starfish Project Live Nativity @ New Paris Sunnyside Park
29 Youth Sunday	30					

Rooted– The younger kids will be wrapping up their "Extreme Faith without Limits" theme and working on their Christmas program. Here is their schedule:

Nov. 4 Ultra-Marathon from 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Nov. 11 A Bright Light, The Fiery Furnace, Daniel 3:8-28

Nov. 18 Thanks A Lot Lesson from Job 1

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Week – No Rooted This Week

The Children's Christmas program will be Sunday, December 13th at 6:00 pm, followed by the Journey Through Bethlehem at 6:30 pm.

Sr. High Youth...

will be doing a service project "Feed My Starving Children" on Wed., Nov. 4th in Nappanee.

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."