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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT MAPLE GROVE:

TODAY January 29	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	12:00 p.m.	Confirmation (Fellowship Hall & Youth Rm)
	12:15 p.m.	Shawl Ministry Meeting (Parlor)
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
MONDAY January 30	8:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	9:00 a.m.	Free Store
	6:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
TUESDAY January 31	7:00 p.m.	MGPlayers Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
	Noon	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room 4)
	8:00 p.m.	Library Ministry Meeting (Library/ConfRm) AA (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY February 1	2:30 p.m.	New Life Servant Team @ New Life
	2:00 p.m.	Widows-Widower Support Group (Parlor)
	6:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	SPRC (Parlor)
THURSDAY February 2	4:00 p.m.	Kitchen Ministry Meeting (Kitchen)
	6:30 p.m.	Wesley Handbells (Room 7)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Room 2)
FRIDAY February 3	9:00 a.m.	Prayer & Meditation (Chapel)
	6:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
SATURDAY February 4		

The Maple Grove Staff

Rev. Glenn Schwerdtfeger, Pastor; Cathy Davis, Every Member in Ministry and Congregational Care; Dawn Nauman, Child & Family Ministries; Lisa Jones, Youth Group Ministry; Rhonda Cline, Nursery/Cherubs; Greg White, Organist & Wesley Handbells; Len Bussard, Chancel Choir; SueAnn McColley, Office Administrator; Mark Totten, Financial Secretary; Pat Workman/Kirk Miner, Custodians; Rev. Michelle Baker, Deacon in Residence



WELCOME

WE ARE AN OPEN COMMUNITY OF CHRISTIANS WHO LOVE GOD AND SERVE OUR NEIGHBORS . LUKE 10:27

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2012

THE TIME OF GATHERING

*As we gather, you are invited to review the announcements, fill out a prayer request card and register your presence on a Ministry of Friendship pad. When the Prelude begins, you are invited to prepare yourself for worship by pausing for a few moments of prayer.*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THE PRELUDE *Word of God, Come Down on Earth* Frederick Frahm

WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (11 a.m.) Michael Workman

THE INTROIT (11 a.m.) *Come and Let Us Sweetly Join* Charles Wesley / Orlando Gibbons

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) Marjorie Knight/Rocki Strader

Leader: Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.  
 People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.  
 Leader: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.  
 People: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.  
 Leader: Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead;  
 People: write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.  
 All: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

\*THE OPENING HYMN

*Wonderful Words of Life*

No. 600

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER**

Lord, open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that, as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Response *The Gloria Patri* No. 70

**THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC** (11 a.m.)

*Be Still and Know*  
Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson

*Be still and know that He is God. He will comfort you, keep and strengthen you. In your time of tribulation, He will be your strength. In your moments of loneliness, He will bring you peace.<sup>1</sup>*

**THE MINISTRY MOMENTS**

Joys and Concerns  
Prayers of the People  
Leader: Lord, in your mercy      People: Hear our prayer.  
The Lord's Prayer No. 895

**THE CHILDREN'S MOMENTS** (11 a.m.) Dawn Nauman

[Following the Children's Moments, children age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may leave for Children's Worship in the Chapel. Children under 4 are also welcome when accompanied by a parent or grandparent.]

**THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Invitation  
Offertory      An original composition by pianist Will Koehler  
\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving      No. 94  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

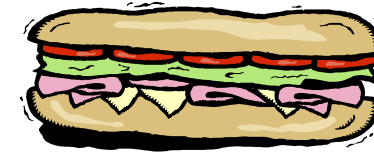
**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 20:16-18

**\*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION** *Break Thou the Bread of Life* No. 599

**THE EPISTLE READING** 1 Timothy 2:11-15

Leader: The Word of God from long ago for the people of God today.  
People: Thanks be to God.

***SUPER BOWL SUB SALE***



The youth of Maple Grove are selling delicious, handmade Italian sub sandwiches. The subs are made with salami, ham, sandwich pepperoni, and cheese on a bakery fresh 9" hoagie roll. Cost is \$5.00 per sub. They can be heated in the oven for your Super Bowl party or frozen for later use. Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the youth summer mission trip. Subs will be available for pick-up at Maple Grove on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5. Order yours after worship today!

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***SUPER BOWL SUB ORDER FORM***

Please return this form to one of the Maple Grove youth or the church office by Sunday, January 29, with full payment. Thank you for your order!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of subs \_\_\_\_\_ Donate \_\_\_\_ (# of subs) to the Food Pantry

@ \$5.00 each      x \$ 5.00

Total amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ (checks made payable to Maple Grove UMC)

*Subs will be available for pickup at Maple Grove on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5.*



**Come Celebrate Valentines with Us!**  
**Join us for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner**  
**and Silent Auction on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in Fellowship Hall.**

Adult tickets are \$9 and children \$4.

*Seating is limited* and this event sells out each year, so purchase your tickets early. We are looking for donations for the Silent Auction. Be creative! Use your imagination! Consider donating vacations, dinners, delicious edibles, antiques, artwork, crafts, toys, collectibles or products and services. All proceeds go to the continued maintenance and beautification of the Community Park and grounds of Maple Grove United Methodist Church.

The Grounds Beautification Ministry thanks you for your continued support.

**SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:**

NAME:

PHONE:

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

APPROXIMATE VALUE:

If you need any additional information or to schedule the pickup of a donated item, please contact Norma Mills (262-8145).

**1. You can love the Bible & not believe every word literally and eternally**

**2. The problems of doing so are overwhelming:**

There are many discrepancies and inconsistencies:

- Genesis 7:1-5 contradicts Genesis 6:19-22
- 2 Kings 16:20 contradicts 2 Chronicles 28:27
- Luke's genealogy (3:23-38) is different from Matthew's (1:1-17)
- When was the Last Supper? (John 13:1 v. Matt 26:17)

There are scriptures we do not accept as eternal truth:

- In Deuteronomy 20:18-20
- In 1 Timothy 2:11-15
- Leviticus 20:9
- Romans 13:1

**3. What the Bible is.**

- The Bible points to God but is not itself God
- There is debate *within* the Bible. See Joel 3:10 v. Micah 4:3, Deut. 23:1 v. Isa. 56:3-4, Eph. 2:8-9 v. James 2:17
- 1. The Bible is a human response to God
- 2. The Bible is sacred scripture because the church gives it that status
- 3. The Bible is a sacrament of the sacred--we find God there (Marcus Borg)

**4. Ways of Reading the Bible**

- Read one scripture in light of all of scripture
- Jesus Christ is the lens through which to interpret the Bible
- Be guided by the trajectory not by every detail of the Bible
- It is not necessary for all of us to agree

\*THE CLOSING HYMN

*I Love to Tell the Story*

No. 156

THE BENEDICTION

*Please be seated until the Postlude has ended.*

THE POSTLUDE

*Thy Strong Word*

Aaron David Miller

*\*All who are able are invited to stand.*

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Hearing Amplifiers, Large Type Bulletins & Hymnals are Available  
Ask an usher for assistance.

Refreshments are served in the lobby after each service by members of the Hospitality Ministry Team. While we are attempting to make this a nut-free event, families & individuals should still use care when consuming items from the table.

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Gerry & MaryAnn Hepp, Steve & Marilyn Jados  
11:00 a.m. Carl & Judy Weaver, Tony & Lindsey Palmer

Music Leadership: 8:30 a.m. Will Koehler  
11:00 a.m. Will Koehler, The Chancel Choir

Sunday Secretary: Mary Agnew & Kim Workman

Recently Hospitalized: Deb Widener, Byrl Shoemaker, Donn Keiper & Mary Alice Brand

The flowers on the altar are given in memory of John and Betty Bennett from the Bennett, LaPens and Morgan families.

Attendance Last Sunday, January 22: 285

*We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation*

**What NOT to Believe**  
February 5 – God Is Anti-Gay  
February 12 – God Can Only Use the Willing  
(a children's mini-pageant on Jonah)  
February 19 – Evolution Is Unchristian

REMINDER: *Feed My Sheep Bring A Can to Church* next Sunday February 5.  
These canned goods and non-perishable food items will be shared between CRC and NNEMAP

## Announcements

WELCOME ALL! Maple Grove wants to be ready to welcome visitors every Sunday. Greet everyone! Invite others to sit with you and join you for coffee hour. **TIPS for INVITING AND WELCOMING: 3 in 3** – In the first three minutes after the service, greet three people you don't know or do not know well. **Nametag** – Wear your nametag upon arrival and until you leave the building. **Hospitality** – By our words and actions, create a space where guests are free to be & become.

To celebrate Jesus birth, **Hannah Circle** is sponsoring a diaper drive during the month of February. All sizes are appreciated. Free Store even takes partial boxes.

**Usher Reminder:** Today there will be a meeting for all ushers in the back of the sanctuary between services at 10 am. Any questions? Please call Bob Hirst at 885-7880 or email [rqhirst@aol.com](mailto:rqhirst@aol.com).

**Statements** were mailed on January 26. If you do not receive yours soon, please let the church office know and we will get another in the mail to you.

If you want **offering envelopes** and have not yet received them, let Mark know and he can have them mailed to your home. Or if you are receiving offering envelopes and do not need them, let Mark know and he will cancel them.

### **SOMETHING NEW IS OFFERED**

#### **CHAPEL PRAYER & MEDITATION**

**Beginning FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 to 10:00 am**  
**and each Friday thereafter**

**In the quietness of our beautiful Chapel with candles lit**  
**you are invited to lift up those you know who are**  
**hurting and needing special prayer.**

**Perhaps it is a friend, a relative, or even yourself.**  
**We all need additional prayers at some time in our lives.**  
**Come join us.**