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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT MAPLE GROVE:

TODAY September 5	8:30 and 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 8:00 p.m.	Worship & Communion Pastor's Pantry (Room 8) Sunday School AA (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY September 6		Office & Building Closed
TUESDAY September 7	Noon 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bulletin Announcement Deadline Sandwich Deadline Priscilla Circle @ Bob Evans TAPP (Room 8) Community Garden AA (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY September 8	7:00 p.m.	Canned Goods to NNEMAP Board of Trustees (Parlor)
THURSDAY September 9	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	All-Choir Potluck (Community Park) Calligraphy Guild (Room 8) Bipolar Support Group (Room 6) Chancel Choir (Room 2)
FRIDAY September 10		
SATURDAY September 11	10:00 a.m.	Wesley Handbells Rehearsal (Room 7)

The Maple Grove Staff

Rev. William E. Croy, Jr., Senior Pastor; Cathy Davis, Every Member in Ministry and Congregational Care; Jenifer Schronce, Youth and Young Adults; Brenda Buchy, Children's Ministries; Rhonda Cline, Nursery/Cherubs; Greg White, Organist & Wesley Handbells; Len Bussard, Chancel Choir; Amy Garver Solis, Children's Music; SueAnn McColley, Office Administrator; Mark Totten, Financial Secretary; Skip Keeling/Pat Workman, Custodians.

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2010

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.

THE PRELUDE

Abide With Me

Arr. Chuck Marohnic

WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

(11:00 a.m.) David Maston

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Holbrook/Dick Igo

Leader:	This is quiet work in the world's terms -
People:	Hands kneading bread and washing off the child's scraped knee.
Leader:	This is quiet work in the world's terms -
People:	Hands extended to welcome the stranger, arms opened to embrace another, bread broken to share with a guest.
Leader:	This is quiet work in the world's terms -
People:	Hands to give a blessing to a departing friend, hands to hold a baby and wipe away another's tears.
Leader:	This is quiet work in the world's terms -
People:	Thanks be to God for all sizes and shapes of hands and the blessing and joy they give. ¹

*THE OPENING HYMN

Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 550

*THE OPENING PSALTER

Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18

No. 854

Response

The Gloria Patri

No. 70

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 RITUAL OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Nathaniel Hopping – born March 27, 2010

Parents: Leslie & Jeremy Hopping

Response

Hymn of Response

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Pledge #2, No. 44

vss. 1 & 3, No. 611

THE CHILDREN’S MOMENTS (11:00 a.m.)

[Following the Children’s Moments, children 3 to 5 years may leave for Grace Kids (room 127) & children 6 years thru 5th grade may leave for the Chapel.]

Dawn Nauman

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Meditation on *Wondrous Love*

Charles Callahan

*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 HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

vss. 1 & 2, No. 339

*THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Ludwig van Beethoven

Adagio Sostenuto from *Sonata No. 14 in C-Sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2 (Moonlight)*

THE MESSAGE

Is being ‘hemmed in’ by God a Good Thing?

Rev. Linda Middelburg

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE CLOSING HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City

vss. 1 – 3, No. 433

THE BENEDICTION

Please be seated until the Postlude has ended.

THE POSTLUDE

O Christ, Our Hope

Nickolaus Hermann

Let us now pass the peace of Christ to those who have worshipped with us.

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

1. Lisa R. Withrow, Sourcebook of Worship Resources: Volume 3 (Canton: Communication Resources, Inc., 2001), # 89, pg. 33.

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. Deb Carpenter, Norma Hein, Carolyn Hill & Virginia Shoemaker

11:00 a.m. Evelyn Meyers, Adele Eierman, Ron & Jan Dwyer

Pianist: Chalice Taylor

Sunday Secretary: Donna Brown

The flowers on the altar are given by Steve & Marilyn Jados in honor of their 40th Wedding anniversary.

The white rose on the altar is in memory of Helen Ridenour who passed away on September 1.

Attendance Last Sunday, August 29: 240

We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 7 @ 6 p.m. at Graceland's Bob Evans.

A New Choir Year Our adult singers and ringers will "kick-off" the new choir year at a family potluck on September 9 at 6 p.m. in our community park. Openings are available in all groups and new members are always welcome. For more information on adult, youth, and children's music opportunities, please leave a message in the church office and one of the music staff will respond.

Join a **Living Your Strengths** class this fall and find out your strengths. This class is based on StrengthsFinder 2.0, a survey that identifies your top five strengths from a list of 34 potential human strengths. This 8-week course is offered on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. beginning on Sunday, September 12 or Tuesday, September 14. Register and purchase your book (\$15) in the lobby.

September 12 is the first day for the new Sunday School Class geared specifically to Christians in their 20's, 30's, and 40's called "When Christians Get it Wrong." Read September's Maple Leaf for a full description of the class. Contact Jenifer Schronce if you have any questions.

Art Ministry "Sharing our Gifts" A multimedia exhibit featuring Maple Grove Members. This opening is scheduled for Sunday, September 12; from Noon to 2:30 p.m. Janet Thode and Pat Uhrick will be our Hospitality Ministry team. Make sure you pick up their cookies recipes.

The Wellness Team Presents: **Taking Care of Your Skin for Life!** On Monday, September 13 at 7 p.m. come join R.N. and wellness professional Amy Shaw in the parlor to learn about healthy hormones balance, detoxification for your health and nutrients you skin needs to stay young and vibrant. Find out how to feed your body from the outside in with potent antioxidants.

Kairos Cookies We are seeking volunteers to bake cookies for a Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend. Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc. is the parent organization of a body of ministries addressing the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women and children, their families and to those who work in the prison environment. During a weekend event inmates are challenged to accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service to one another and to staff during their stay in the institution and beyond. Between 5,000 and 10,000 dozen home baked cookies are provided for a Kairos weekend. The cookies are a very visible and powerful sign of God's love. Every inmate in the institution will personally receive cookies along with a handshake and the words "God bless you" or "God loves you". Inmates cannot believe that someone would take the time to bake cookies for them and it truly touches their hearts. A sign-up table and guidelines for bakers can be found in the lobby after the service. Cookies will be picked up at the church on Sunday, September 19. For more information please visit www.kairosOhio.org or contact Stewart and/or Jane Rantz @614-436-1812.

Community Ministry Festival and Bridges out of Poverty Training – Tuesday, September 21

Columbia Heights UMC, 775 Galloway Rd., Galloway, 43119

Rev. Lou Seipel, a certified trainer and UM pastor, will be facilitating the training at 2 p.m. Bridges reaches out to those who touch the lives of those living in poverty. And/Or Come at 5:30 p.m. for Dinner and the Mission Fair followed by our annual meeting. Phil DeVol, author of Bridges Out of Poverty will be our guest speaker in the evening. The cost is \$8 for dinner, please register at www.umcommunityministries.org.

On Thursday, September 23, NNEMAP is the beneficiary of Whole Foods 5% Donation Day at their Lane Ave location. NNEMAP will receive the donation based on sales that day. Please do your shopping at Whole Foods Lane Avenue that week. Thank you!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 2, for the 3rd Annual Over 80 Luncheon, which will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 until 2. Call Bob or Patti Hirst at 885-7880 or sign-up on Sunday, September 19 or 26, after both services. Looking forward to honoring our special members who are 80 and older.

Flu Shots will be available at Maple Grove on Sunday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the Kroger pharmacy.

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