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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# January 2010

## Where You Serve in 2010

Letters were sent out at the beginning of December to everyone who turned in a 2010 Commitment Card and signed-up for service on a ministry team. Each individual's letter included a list of the teams we have entered in our church database.

- If there was an error on your list of ministries, please contact the church office to make a correction.
- If you did not receive a letter and turned in a commitment card, please let us know.
- If you have not turned in a commitment card and would still like to participate on a ministry team, call the office for a commitment card or go to [www.maplegroveumc.org/2010commitment](http://www.maplegroveumc.org/2010commitment) to make a commitment to serve. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in the world today.



## R&R Retreat

Join us on Saturday morning January 23 from 9:00 a.m.-noon for a mini-retreat. Together we will spend time in worship, study, silence and reflection. We will take time to still our minds and spirits so that our souls can be transformed by the love of God and we can be strengthened for the journey of faith. If you are interested in participating, please register online at [www.maplegroveumc.org/retreat](http://www.maplegroveumc.org/retreat) or by contacting Pastor Jeff in the office by January 17. Childcare is available upon request.

## Blanket Sunday

Martin Luther King Jr. said "*Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?*" Our response on January 24 can be found in our celebration of Blanket Sunday. Watch for more information throughout January.

## Young Adult Opportunities

If you would like to get to know other young adults at Maple Grove, we have several opportunities to do so! Each week we meet for a casual gathering at a local eatery after the 11 a.m. service. Feel free to come to those gatherings that fit your schedule. No RSVP required and children are welcome. Please meet us in the library and we will decide together where to go. We also have a regularly scheduled outing at Buffalo Wild Wings in the Graceland shopping center on the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30. If you can't make it to lunch on Sundays, we hope you can join us for dinner at BW-3's!

## Mitten Tree Ministry

During January we will collect hats, gloves, mittens, and earmuffs for New Life, the Free Store and CRC. Items are needed for all ages. Donations may be dropped off at the chest of drawers in the church lobby or by making a cash donation to Maple Grove UMC and note *Mitten Tree* on the memo line.



## Worship Schedule

January 3, 2010

*Middle School Jesus*

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Jeff Allen

January 10, 2010

*God Calls Us By Name*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Rev. Bill Croy

January 17, 2010

*Good News for the Oppressed,  
Poor, and Blind*

Luke 4:14-21

Rev. Bill Croy

January 24, 2010

*What's All This Talk about Gifts?*

I Corinthians 12:1-31a

Rev. Bill Croy

January 31, 2010

*Passion-Driven Ministry*

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Rev. Bill Croy



Removing of the Greens

January 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

## The God Factor at Work

Do you struggle to bring the substance of your faith into the reality of your workplace? Join us for a six-week Sunday School class where you will learn ways to determine a personal vision for your life and work, find God's presence in a stressful workplace, manage time from a God-centered perspective, deal with conflict, listen more effectively and lead by empowering others. The class starts January 10 and will be led by Pastor Jeff.

## Christianity and World Religions

In this six-week study, we will journey with Adam Hamilton in an examination of Christianity and four world religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism). We will address questions including: Why are there so many different religions? How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions? What is the fate of those who earnestly pursue God through other religions? The study will be led by Pastor Jeff on Tuesday nights in Room 8, starting January 12. Please register by January 10 either online at [www.maplegroveumc.org/ace](http://www.maplegroveumc.org/ace) or in the main lobby after worship. Childcare is available upon request.

## Artwork Display Ministry

Through the years, Beethoven's '*Ode to Joy*' has been a source of inspiration to peoples and cultures around the world.

During the months of January and February, Maple Grove will host a new Art Show in the Hallway Gallery. Ten artists will show their work inspired by their experience visiting different places in the world: i.e. China, France, US, Turkey and more.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, from noon to 2:30 p.m. is the opening of this new show.

Please join us and meet the artists. Refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality Ministry and music by several Maple Grove youth.



# MAPLE LEAF

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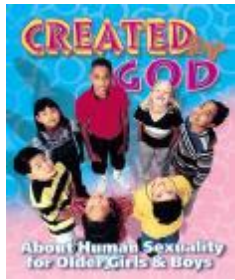
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## Created By God



A study of Human Sexuality will be offered on January 29 & 30 for fifth and sixth graders and their parents.

This year it will be held at North Broadway United Methodist Church and will be an overnight for the kids. Please look for information being sent to you very soon. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 17, 2010. Cost is \$40 for one child and \$10 for each additional child. Scholarships are available. We are in need of male and female small group leaders for this event. If you have any questions or wish to help with this event, contact Brenda Buchy at 262-1163 or [bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org).

## Parking Lot Update

Due to the high cost and complicated process to setup receiving loans from church members, the Board of Trustees has reconsidered the idea and decided not to pursue this option for the parking lot improvement. We continue to welcome though additional outright gifts. Currently we have received nearly \$40,000 toward the \$81,000 project. Another 40 - \$1,000 or 80 - \$500 or 160 - \$250 gifts or some combination of these will help us replenish our trustee funds for future projects and ongoing care of our property.

Thank you for all of your support and the numerous compliments and words of thanks for the parking lot improvements.

Sincerely, *Kip Shaw* Trustee Chp.

## Stephen Ministry

Please hold our Stephen Ministry trainees in your prayers as they complete their training on February 6. A commissioning service will be held at both services on Sunday, February 7.

### 10 Minutes

#### That Could Save Your Life

WHAT: Life Line Screening

WHERE: Maple Grove Fellowship Hall

WHEN: Thursday, February 25, at 9 a.m.

Life Line Screening screens the carotid arteries in the neck for Stroke (75% of all strokes are linked to Carotid Artery Blockage) and the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), which is linked to heart disease. They offer a third test for Aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen: screening for Atrial Fibrillation (Afib), irregular heartbeat. They also offer an Osteoporosis bone density screening.

These tests can reveal problems early so that the issues can be addressed and taken care of before they become life threatening. Results are mailed back to you and you are referred back to your own doctor. These non-invasive, completely painless screenings take about 10 minutes each and are offered for \$45 each (\$35 for the Osteoporosis screening) or have all 5 screenings for \$149. Take care of your own health and pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851!



COME TO COMPETE...

OR JUST TO EAT!

Saturday, January 30, 2010

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Watch the weekly bulletin and website for the new wrinkles for this year's event.  
[www.MapleGroveUMC.org](http://www.MapleGroveUMC.org)



### Baptized

11/29 Ethan David Villa

### Committee Meetings

1/13 7 p.m. Board of Trustees

1/20 7 p.m. Admin Council

### Congratulations...

...to Dick & Ginny Bonsecour who were married for 65 years on December 11, 2009.

### Recent Deaths

*We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...*

...Kyle Colello who passed away on November 29. Grandson of Harv and Kay Covert.

...Cinda Wood Jones who passed away on December 2.

...Arthur Seesholtz who passed away on December 2.

...Betty Lipsky who passed away on December 8.

### Recently Hospitalized

Sally Pierson

Chuck Blake

### Thank You

Maple Grove Players and United Methodist Women,

Your Dessert Theatre was a smashing success! Thanks for all your efforts and talents. We don't know when we've laughed so hard. *Jack & Marlene Price*

### Women's Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 30 @ 9 a.m. in the Parlor. All ladies are invited.

