

June 2010



It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Pastor Jeff Allen and his family. Jeff arrived at Maple Grove in July, 2007, after five years as the Youth Minister at Scioto Ridge UMC. On Sunday, June 13 we will say our goodbyes to the

Allens with a special program in the sanctuary beginning at noon. Jeff will preach his last sermon that morning at the one worship service at 10:00 a.m. A "Potluck Luncheon" of finger food will be enjoyed from 11 – noon in fellowship hall. Members are asked to bring their favorite appetizer, snack, or hors-d'oeuvre to share.

Jeff's first Sunday as the senior pastor at High St. UMC in Springfield, Ohio will be June 27. Jeff will

be ordained a full elder in the United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 9, at the West Ohio Annual Conference session at Lakeside, Ohio. For those who might be interested in attending, the service will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Jeff, Sandi, Luke & Robert; we love you and will miss you!

Welcome Jenifer Schronce

While we will not be filling the associate pastor position we have hired Jenifer Schronce as the Director of Youth and Young Adult ministries. The position will be a part-time one. Jenifer is finishing her second year of a four-year program at METHESCO. She received a BFA in Theatre Education and BA in Psychology from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She served on the Leadership Team of the Wesley-Luther Campus Ministry while an undergraduate student as well as served as a Youth Ministry and Christian Education Intern at the Greensboro Christ UMC. Most recently she has served as a chaplain intern at Ohio Wesleyan University and has been helping organize the ministry to young adults at Worthington UMC while also working with the team planning their emerge worship service. Jenifer is a member of the Exploration 2011 Design Team, the Young Adult Seminarians Network, and the Capital Area North Next Generation Leadership Task Force. Jenifer is married to Devon.





Sunday Worship Schedule

June 6, 2010
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Is Change Possible?
Luke 7:11-17
Rev. Bill Croy

June 13, 2010
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sharing in the Gospel
Philippians 1:3-11
Rev. Jeff Allen

June 20, 2010
4th Sunday after Pentecost
The Status Quo or Something Better?
Luke 8:26-39
Rev. Alan Sippel

June 27, 2010
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Don Dixon

BIRTHS

5/19 Claire Elizabeth Lowe
5/19 Daniel Alan Solis

CONGRATULATIONS



Katherine
Tobin
June 2

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6/02 7 p.m. SPRC
6/16 7 p.m. Trustees

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Monday, June 21 at 5 p.m.
at the Kingsdale MCL

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Monday, June 7 @ 6 p.m.
at Bob Evans Graceland

RECENT DEATHS

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

...Clare Winship who passed away
on April 28.

...Helen Hale who passed away on
May 4.

...Amy Erickson who passed away
on May 14.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Edie Wyatt
Linda Kelch

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle picnic
Wednesday, June 16
at the home of Alice Loughead.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU! Dorothy and I
would like to thank all of you for
your cards, emails, words of
encouragement, prayers and
especially your understanding as
we continue to seek answers to
my health issues. We don't know
anything new but the doctors
continue to seek solutions. We
will do our best to keep you
informed but assume that
nothing reported means there is
nothing new. Sincerely,

Pastor Bill and Dorothy Croy

I wish to thank Cathy Davis,
Trevor and all the children of
Maple Grove Sunday school for
the Easter card. I think it is
wonderful that Maple Grove has
such an active group of children.
Thanks for thinking of me.

Marjorie Arnold

Dear Friends,
What a pleasant surprise it was to
receive your gift of flowers. The
message on the card was
especially meaningful. I quite
often think of your services, and
wish that I could participate.

Thank you for your
thoughtfulness. Paul Kindinger

Dear Friends of Maple Grove,
We can't thank you enough for
the wonderful luncheon after the
funeral service. We felt very
fortunate to have received such
comfort and support from the
Maple Grove community.

Milt Campbell & Family

WEDDINGS

Congratulations & Best Wishes to...

...Komang Suardani & Brandon
Morgan who were married on
April 25.

...Tiffany Moledor & Tom
Ringenbach who were married on
May 8.

...Lora Williamson & Jonathan
Farley who were married on May
22.

...Laura Edwards and Scott Divens
who were married on May 28.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 26 at 9 a.m.
in the church parlor



**BEGINS: June 6
8:30 & 10 a.m.**



Maple Grove VBS and Whittaker Dental present

Justin Roberts
& the Not Ready for Naptime Trio in
A Free Concert for Children

Maple Grove United Methodist Church
Community Park - 7 W. Henderson Road
Sunday, June 6, 2010
4:00 p.m. show

Games, P.T.Reptiles, Fun Activities,
& Train Display at 3:00 p.m.



@ Maple Grove UMC

... MISSION TRIPS ...

Youth Mission Trip
Piedras Negras, Mexico
June 19-26
Cherokee, NC Mission Trip
June 19-27

**SACRED GROUNDS
COFFEEHOUSE**

@
Maple Grove UMC



JAZZ WORSHIP

Relax, enjoy the music and the coffee, offer your prayers, and be healed of the busyness of life!

FELLOWSHIP HALL
3rd Thursday
June 17, July 15, August 19
7 p.m.

**Galactic Blast:
A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!**



VBS 2010

July 11 – July 15
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

See page 7

SECOND SUNDAY IN THE SUN

Maple Grove Community Park
July 11 & August 8
8:30 a.m.



For more information, visit our website at

www.maplegroveumc.org

TRAVEL CLUB
Lunch Cruise on the Ohio
August 4



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Stephen Ministry

Be Somebody's Somebody

A few years ago, I was a guest at the Tennessee Titans' summer camp. I was standing next to Coach Jeff Fisher when a young boy came up to me and said, "Hey mister, are you anybody?" Apparently, if I was somebody, he wanted my autograph. That encounter made me think about what makes a person important. You don't have to be a sports star or a Hollywood celebrity to be somebody.

As a combat veteran of Vietnam, I attended group therapy at the Veterans' Outreach Center for a few years and became a mentor to several veterans dealing with PTSD and other related issues over the next few years. For the past few years, I have been a Stephen Minister at Maple Grove and have been a caregiver to veterans and other men who have encountered a tough time or a rough patch in their lives. Everybody needs somebody and I have been blessed to have been there for them in their times of need. As a Stephen Minister, I have grown spiritually as a caregiver, always keeping in mind that God is the cure giver.

We are each a piece in life's puzzle, and we often do not know what our piece of the puzzle has meant in the life of someone we have touched. Something we have said or done may have played an important role in someone else's life. We can all recall a special teacher, preacher, or other person who made a difference in our own lives. So in answer to the young boy who questioned me, "yes, I am somebody's somebody!" I hope you will all strive to be somebody's somebody.

If you need somebody or have a rough patch in your own life, don't hesitate to ask for help. Stephen Ministers are available to be your somebody.

Submitted by
Stephen Minister Bill Tenney



The Spirituality Network

You are Invited to join The Spirituality Network for
The River's Voice In Concert
Friday, June 18, 2010; 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For a Light Dinner, Music, and Celebration.
Tickets: \$35; Trish and Richard Bruxvoort Colligan are
The River's Voice and they will also lead a
Contemplative Musical Retreat on Saturday, June 19,
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$50 and
includes lunch, or \$75 for both events which are held
at the Martin de Porres Center, at Ohio Dominican
University, 2330 Airport Dr. Columbus, Ohio

A River's Voice concert is full of stories, laughter, and music for young and old. River's Voice retreats and workshops are sometimes playful, sometimes contemplative, integrating mind, body, and spirit. In music and in leadership, Trish and Richard bring a quality of wonder, gratitude, and reverence for what's alive and awakening. Proceeds benefit the Spirituality Network. Visit The River's Voice website to hear their music: www.riversvoice.com

Free Piano

One of our church members has informed us that he has a Howard piano available for a family that might be in need of one. It's in great condition but is in need of a new home. Contact the church office for more information.

Carillon Gifts

In 1994 Dorothy Barton gifted the church and community with the Carillon that fills the air with music many hours each day, as well as following weddings. Over the years Dorothy has continued to make contributions for its upkeep and repair of this beautiful asset and unique witness in our neighborhood. We are so appreciative of this gift and ongoing support of it.

She has recently reminded us that one of her original intentions was that others might be periodically invited to also support this special ministry of our church. Donations for this cause should be sent to the church office, c/o Mark Totten, financial secretary, and with the word "Carillon" in the memo line. We know Dorothy will greatly appreciate the gifts of others.

This month the spotlight is on the CRC Breakfast and a possible new ministry; the Angel Food Ministry.



New Ministry Idea! Angel Food Ministries

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the United States.

Angel Food Ministries is similar to a food co-op in that purchasing in bulk and large quantities gives the agency buying power. The goal is to furnish healthy meals for a family of four for a week. There are several menus to choose from at a very low cost of \$30 for the standard box. Orders may be placed in person at the pick-up site or online. Payment is in advance. Pick-up is on a Saturday morning at a specified one-hour period. Orders and distribution are handled by church host sites.

A friend in Florida introduced me to the program and I used the services several times during the past year. There are no questions asked, food is available to anyone and is good quality. A standard box lasts nearly a month for me. I supplement by adding fresh vegetables, fruit, milk, eggs and bread. This is a big boost to my limited income and also fun to prepare some foods I would not necessarily choose at the supermarket.

I believe Maple Grove would be doing a great community service by setting up a distribution center. The nearest are across I-71 and on West Broad Street. In order to bring this ministry to Maple Grove we need a team of people. I spend four to five months in the sunny south and need others in Maple Grove to help make this ministry happen. If you would like to learn more, call me (Evelyn Murray) at 614-766-1953 or log on to www.angelfoodministries.com

Evelyn Murray, a Maple Grove UMC member

CRC Breakfast

Sunday mornings in April and September will find members of the Maple Grove community serving breakfast at the Clintonville Community Resource Center. While Maple Grove has done this outreach for several years, this is the first year for me to be a part of this rewarding ministry team. It puts food in our neighbors' stomachs, and it feeds my soul.

Each year, when it comes time to give prayerful thought to how and where I can serve on a ministry team, I think about my sometimes all too comfortable "comfort zone." This year, pushing myself outside that zone finds me dishing up breakfast casserole, orange juice and coffee cake to people who live right here, right in our church neighborhood.

Serving on a ministry team can be an opportunity to "open doors" to new opportunities in experiencing your faith.

Nancy Manecke

Blood Drive Update

Thank you Maple Grove for donating blood to the American Red Cross.

Did you know that...

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- A total of 30 million blood components are transfused each year in the U.S. (2006).

On May 13th, 27 people came to the Maple Grove blood drive to donate blood and 23 units of blood were acquired. Thank you to all who donated blood, time, and snacks towards the Blood Drive.

Every donation is important!

Wayne Williams
Ministry Team Leader



Help Wanted!

The Database Updating team needs individuals with Excel and mail merge skills who can record visitor information, prepare first-time visitor letters, and provide that information to the Parish Visitor team. We'd love to have 3 to 4 volunteers who could work in the office approximately 1 hour every three to four weeks.



To find out more about these opportunities, please contact Cathy Davis at 262-1163 or cdavis@maplegroveumc.org.

A Community Garden

Gardening season is upon us. Maple Grove is planting a community garden again this year. Our products will again be shared with the friends of the Clintonville Community Resource Center. We could use some helpers on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. No experience is necessary. Contact Julie Wells or the church office. It's a great community activity and a good way to get to know others. Contact Julie Wells at atjwells12001@yahoo.com

West Ohio Annual Conference June 6 to 10

The theme this year is Love in Action: *Building Bridges Out of Poverty*. During Annual Conference, we will celebrate multiple ways the congregations of the West Ohio Conference are engaged in ministry with those living in poverty.

In keeping with the theme, a Love *First Miracle Offering* will be received for people who are poor. The needs are overwhelming, but God's grace is sufficient. Our state's economy continues to languish, but God's economy overflows with abundant life. Alone our impact is minimal, but together we can be used by God to accomplish a miracle.

Our *Love First Miracle Offering* will be used to support impoverished children being treated at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and at our own United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. We will be receiving a special offering for our delegates to take to annual conference on behalf of the Maple Grove community of faith.

Fair Trade

Next time you're browsing the fruit aisle, look for an Equal Exchange sticker on your banana bunch. By doing so, you're choosing to connect yourself to the courageous banana farmers in El Guabo co-op, located in Ecuador. They're making history for themselves, and quite possibly for the entire banana industry.

- 96% of US households purchase bananas at least once a month
- The average American consumes 28 pounds of bananas per year
- 96% of the banana industry is controlled by five large banana companies, with 50% being controlled by Dole and Chiquita, which have each been embroiled in lawsuits in past years for working with various para-military organizations and worker mistreatment in the countries in which they operate

Equal Exchange bananas can be found in stores across the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Minnesota. Ask your local store if they've heard about Equal Exchange/Fair-Trade bananas and encourage them to carry them in the future.

Summer Camp 2010

Summer Camp Brochures are available. You can also visit them online at www.westohiocamps.com! Our church is offering a \$150 camp scholarship to anyone who attends one of the United Methodist Camps thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Maple Grove. To receive your scholarship give a copy of your paid registration to Brenda Buchy and she will fill out the paperwork to get you reimbursed \$150 per camper. Look for updates in future Maple Leafs of who is going to camp!

Date	Camp	Camper
?	?	YOU!
6/20-6/25	Splish Splash!	Owen Rutter
6/27 - 7/2	Movie Madness	Tara Buchy Chloe Kargiotis
7/6 - 7/9	Taste of Camp XXL	Lola Nauman Abby Allen
7/14 - 7/16	Taste of Camp	Ethan Rutter
8/1 - 8/6	Man Camp	David Maston Chase Maston Chris Thode



**THE KIDS
PAGE
JUNE**

**BLAST OFF! with our New
Summer Reading Program**



Ready for an adventure? Ready to travel far and wide? Join us to explore the fun of reading! This summer Children's Ministries has teamed up with the Maple Grove Library to offer you a summer reading program. We will Blast Off!

on Sunday, May 23, and continue our journey through Sunday, August 29, ending with a celebration for everyone on Sunday, September 12. Track your reading progress on your Space Adventure Log and receive prizes along the way! Bring your log in on Sundays during the summer to get stickers to mark your progress of your space journey! Be sure to check out Maple Grove's Library for lots of good books to read.

**Thursday morning Story Hour
for Preschool-3rd grade**

Join us on Thursday mornings for Story Hour beginning at 9:30 on the gazebo in the community park. We will have stories, finger plays, games, crafts, and fun reading and writing activities for children ages 3 thru 3rd grade with a caregiver. Each week will have a theme, from farm to space to reptiles and more! Story hour is a way to mingle with other kids, participate in Maple Grove's summer reading program, and encourage literacy amongst the other kids while keeping the skills up for the school-agers. Drop in and bring a friend, we're looking forward to reading with you! Little siblings are welcome to hang out with parents, in the event of inclement weather, story hour will be held indoors. For further information, contact Dawn Nauman at dawndn@att.net or 614-506-0388.

Maple Grove UMC invites all children to:



**Sunday, July 11, through
Thursday, July 15**

Potluck Sunday, July 11 at 5:00 p.m.

In the Community Park
Featuring the sound of the
Worthington Chorus

Dinner other evenings at 5:30 p.m.

In Fellowship Hall

VBS from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. nightly

Board the starship Galactic Praise to see our awesome universe—and our awesome God—in a whole new way. Each galactic mission includes a Bible story in the Good News Galaxy, along with science activities at the Orbital Observatory, music at Moons & Tunes, art projects at Cosmic Crafts, games at Rocket Rec, and a snack at the Astro Bistro.

Registration is underway, so be sure to check out our website at www.maplegroveumc.org for registration information and details about our nightly meal offering. Register online or pick up a registration form outside the Chapel.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

If you have questions, contact Brenda Buchy at 263-1163 or bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org.

Wanted: Space Explorers to join a cosmic adventure praising God!

Would you like to spend a whole week on the starship Galactic Praise traveling through the wonders of space & exploring God's incredible creation? Then volunteer at Vacation Bible School! If you are interested in helping, contact Brenda Buchy at 262-1163 or bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org!





Once again this summer on the fourth Sunday of each month, children will stay in worship rather than go to Children's Worship. This will help them see what we have been learning about in Children's Worship take place in the Sanctuary. We will still do a Children's Moment, but they will return to sit with their parents instead of going to the Chapel. The Sundays that they will stay in worship are June 27, July 25, and August 22. Sunday, July 4th will also be a "Children in Worship" Day.

Children Singing

Thanks to Beth Morgan for pitching in while Amy Garver is on maternity leave so the Children's Worship Choir will be singing during the Children's Moments on Sunday, June 6. Mark your calendars so you can be sure to be here to listen to their lovely voices!



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Sunday, June 6, Maple Grove will recognize all of those who have helped out in Christian Education this past year! Your support for our programs is so wonderful! Plan on being here that day so we can show our appreciation for all of the hard work that you do to help make our programs get better every year!



June Calendar

Friday, June 4

9:30 a.m. Talk-n-Play Two

Sunday, June 6 Summer Worship Hours Begin Christian Education Volunteer Appreciation

9:40 a.m. Meet in Chapel to warm up voices

10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Singing

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship

Friday, June 11

9:30 a.m. Talk-n-Play Two

Sunday, June 13 Pastor Jeff's Farewell Sunday

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship

11:00 a.m. Lunch & Program

Friday, June 18

9:30 a.m. Talk-n-Play Two

Sunday, June 20 Father's Day

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship

Friday, June 25

9:30 a.m. Talk-n-Play Two

Sunday, June 27 Children In Worship

Children's Worship Helpers						Children's Ministry Volunteers			
Date	Acolyte	Usher	Prayer Leader	Reader	Communion	Little Lambs/Cherubs	Grace Kids	Children's Moments	Children's Worship
6/6	David Boord	Noah Workman	Tara Buchy	Macey Elder	Owen Rutter & Lola Nauman	Stephanie Duffy	Libby Steele	Children's Choir	Shira Elder Becky Boord
6/13	Jack Miller	Max Nauman	Chris Thode	Emily Miller		Evelyn Murray	Julie Wells	Kathy Renick	Janet Thode Karyn Miller
6/20	Lauren Hitt	Peri Kargiotis	Chloe Kargiotis	Michael Workman		Jennie Dedmon	Dimitrius Kargiotis	Barb Harrison	Patty Hitt Amy Kargiotis
6/27	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW	Pat Uhrick	Julie Wells	David Rutter	No Children's Worship

Reaching out to love and serve



Congratulations to the following graduates:

Alexa Alberts
Courtney Foster
Rachel Renick

Nina Anderton
Laura Payne
Melissa Tewart-Darwin

We will recognize our graduates during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 6. If we have missed someone, please contact the church office. College Graduates: Call the church office or send us an email informing us of your graduation and we will include this information in the July newsletter.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP

The following youth and adults will be participating in our summer mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico to assist with construction projects at the United Methodist Casa de Misericordia orphanage from June 19-26. Please remember our mission team in your prayers!

Youth

Caitlin Dillehay
Courtney Foster
Laura Payne
Grace Putka
Daniel Renick
Rachel Renick
Jenna Sprouse
Melissa Tewart-Darwin

Adults

Jeff Allen
Alison Gill
Barbara Law
Cami McAnarney
Brett Radulovich
Kathy Renick
Jenifer Schronce



COOKOUT PICTURES

Check out the following pictures from our end-of-year cookout.



Travel Club

On August 4, the Travel Club will go to Cincinnati for a 2-hour cruise on the Ohio River and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch aboard the B-B Riverboat. Afterwards, the group will go to Entertainment Junction to see the world's largest indoor train display. The price is \$67 and must be paid by July 1. Make check payable to Maple Grove UMC and note *Travel Club* on the memo line. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. Questions? Contact Gordon or Mary Jo Lanum at 451-1701.

Community Ministry Minute

Be informed! Read all about it! One of the many United Methodist Community Ministries outreach programs of our district is reviewed below.

ADENA – Adult Day Enrichment of New Albany is a much needed ministry on the northeast side of Franklin County. They provide care, activities and companionship for older adults as well as support for their care-givers. Their staff is trained to help persons with Alzheimers and dementia-related conditions.

ADENA's goal is to keep people out of nursing homes as long as they can. Many come and spend the day two or three times a week. Activities like this help stimulate people both physically and mentally. Volunteers from New Albany UMC assist with therapy dogs, music ministry, multi-generational family visits, and exercise programs.

You may contact ADENA by calling Marie Dilley at 614-939-0350 or email at adena.newalbany@yahoo.com. More information about older adult ministries can be found at www.ooads.com (Ohio Association of Adult Day Services)

Barbara Murray, CM Liaison
921-0472; bmnurse7@gmail.com

Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

MINISTRIES	June 6	10 a.m. June 13	June 20	June 27
Acolyte	O.Rutter	E.Workman	M.Harrison	R.Hitt
Flower Delivery	S.Linder	C.White	S.&D.Montgomery	S.Linder
Greeters 1st Service	M.Weaver,P.Holbrook G.&M.Hepp	R.&M.Agnew J.&M.Price	E.Davis, B.Dearth R.&P.Miller	H.&K.Covert K.&P.Workman
2nd Service	S.Garnes, L.Kelley, E.Meyers, P.Hitt		T.Eversole,S.&B.Law, G.Hoggard	L.&A.Loughead K.&M.Mizelle
Liturgist 1st Service	J.Hoppers	P.Brown	G.Knight	M.Knight
2nd Service	K.Rutter		B.Skinner	B.Pettit
Parish Visitor	K.Rutter & B.Welty	B.&P.Hirst	A.&S.Gill	M.Matthaes K.Nash
Pew Restocking	J.Williamson	C.White	L.Kelch	M.Bland G.Wiggins
Sunday Secretary 1st	P.Uhrick	L.Matthaes	K.Innis	P.Walters
2nd	J.Thode		J.Williamson	L.Kelley
Angel Delivery	For the Month of June: B.Pelleriti			
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of June: M.Burnham			
	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
Bulletin Stuffers	L.Matthaes, D.Brown J.Parady	H.Turner, C.Dunn, B.Edmundson,	C.White, J.Wood, C.Hill	C.& M.Wimer
	June 7	June 9	June 21	June 23
Feed My Sheep	M.Preston	B.Welty	L.&L. Smith	B.Pelleriti

