

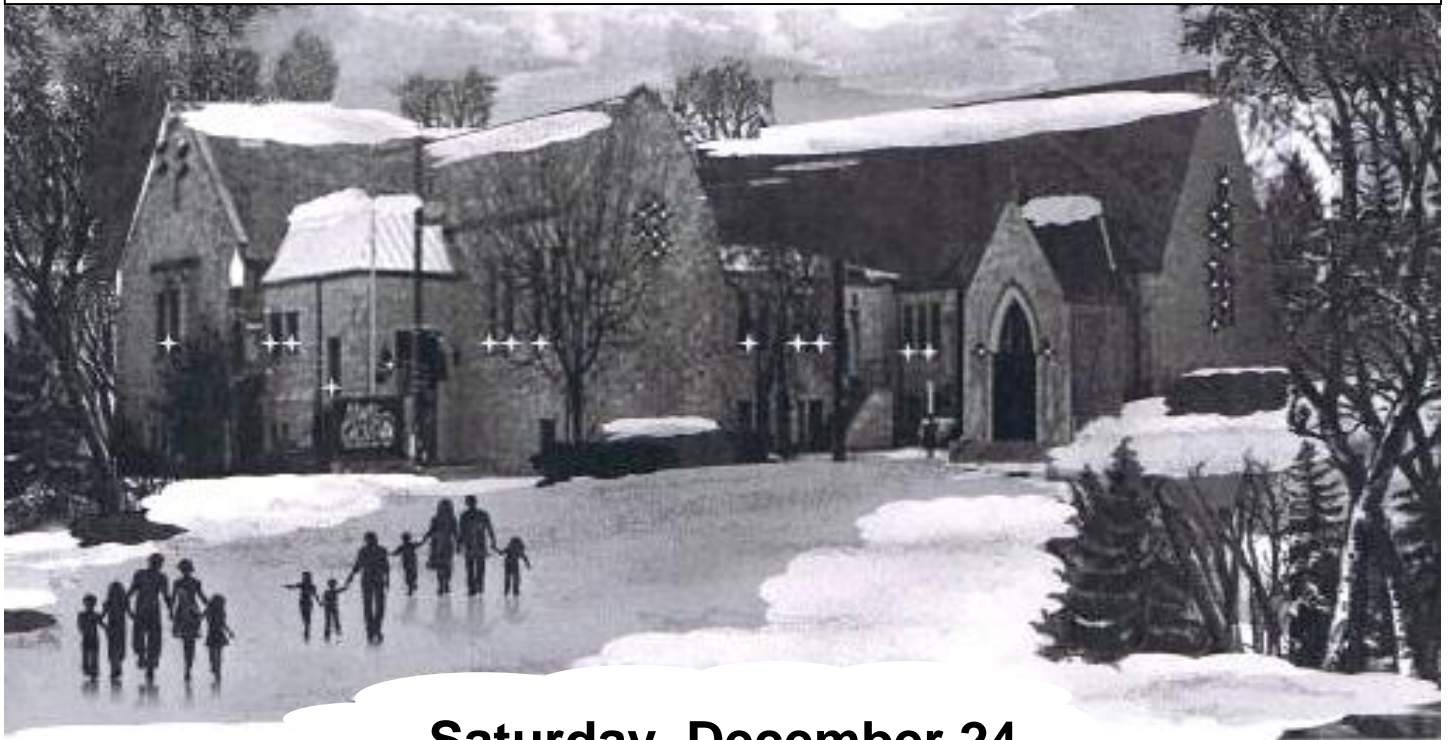


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Home for Christmas

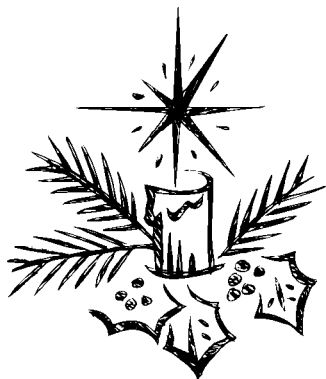


Saturday, December 24

Even a Stable is Home

2 PM HOLY COMMUNION & CANDLELIGHT
(Chapel)

10 PM CANDLELIGHT
(Sanctuary)



Tell me the Story of Jesus

7 PM SERVICE
PRESENTED BY THE YOUTH & CHILDREN
OF MAPLE GROVE
(Sanctuary)

ARTISTIC ADVENT VESPERS
The Heart's True Home
A Time to Journey and Share



On three Thursdays during Advent join us in the chapel at 7:00 pm for a 30-minute contemplative service of scripture, prayer, meditation, music and communion.

Each vesper service you're invited to share poetry, music (even CD's), stories or other art forms that share the longing for home relating to this season.

Dec. 1 The Longing for Home
Isaiah 40:1-5, 43:1-7

Dec. 8 Emmanuel: When Home is Hard
Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 15 Home By Another Way
Matthew 2:1-12

Please contact Pastor Glenn,
if you have something you wish to share
for any of these services.

An Advent Sunday School Study
From Holidays to Holy Days
A Benedictine Walk through Advent
Meeting Four Sundays Beginning
November 27

Join us for one or for all four Sundays during the Sunday School hour in Room 8.

Rather than criticizing trappings of the holiday season, this book looks at them from the viewpoint of Christian contemplation, once aptly described as "a long, loving look at the real."

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m.



You have collected all my tears in a bottle . . .

Psalms 56:8

The Advent and Christmas season can be hard, whether because of the death of a loved one, the end of a marriage, the end of a job, or some other loss. It can be difficult to reconcile feelings of sadness and loss with the expected joy and cheeriness of the season. The Blue Christmas Service is a quiet, prayerful time to honor feelings of sadness and loss. We will offer to God our tears and our truth, and seek God's healing, light and presence.

Maple Grove's Blue Christmas Service is on the longest night of the year--Wednesday, December 21, at 7 pm in the chapel. Come and bring others who need their tears collected in God's bottle.



Home for Christmas

Sunday, December 4

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

EMMANUEL

GOD IS WITH US!

MGPlayers Dramatic Reading

Featuring Music by Ludwig Van Beethoven

Sunday, December 11

Home by Another Way

Sunday, December 18

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

A CHOIR FESTIVAL

featuring

APPALACHIAN Carols

by *Gwyneth Walker*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR
AND BRASS ENSEMBLE

Sunday, December 25

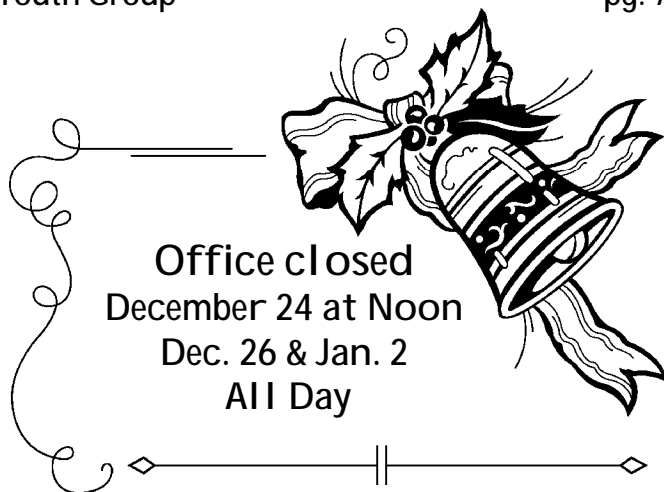
10 a.m. Worship Only!

Go Home Singing and Praising

HYMN SING

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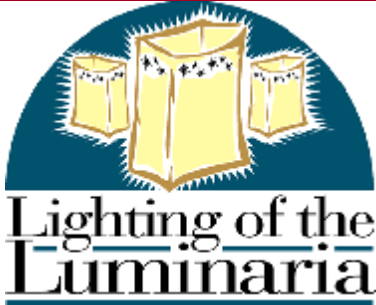
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10 am Service only!
Sunday, December 25
&
Sunday, January 1



CHRISTMAS EVE LUMINARIES



Maple Grove is known for the beautiful luminaries on Christmas Eve. Help is needed to make them a reality again this year. Volunteers are needed to prepare the luminaries and to place them on Christmas Eve. Please call Ed Weaver at 740-657-3515, if you can help. Thank you!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12/07 7 p.m. SPRC
12/14 7 p.m. Trustees
12/21 8 p.m. Ad Council

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group will meet at the Upper Arlington MCL on Monday, December 19 at 5:15 p.m.

FRIENDLY PATROL

The people of the Friendly Patrol Ministry will continue to reach out to others during this Christmas season, whether in a regular church service or other church events. Won't you join us? Take time to look around and introduce yourself to others. Here is a suggestion. "Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we have met. What's your name?" May God bless all our efforts to be welcoming to others.

Nancy Gay, team leader

MAIL DELIVERY PERSONS NEEDED

We are looking for someone to take our large mailings (Maple Leaf & letters) to the airport post office during the day, once and sometimes twice a month. Training will be available. Please contact the church @ office 262-1163.



RECENT DEATHS

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

...Milliard Parks, uncle of Monica Tenney, who passed away on November 6.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Pat Caston Deb Widener

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Doris Ann Batory

THANK YOU

A very special thank you for all the meals, cards, diapers, and prayers from the generous hearts of Maple Grove on the arrival of Remmell & Luke. We are truly grateful for all your kindness and support. Sincerely,
Barbara Lipke & Chad Scholtisek



Thank you, so much, for the gift of the copier. St. Luke's has needed a new copier, but we do not have the financial means to buy or lease one. This copier comes to us as a tremendous gift, and we are so grateful. We were even able to use the same service contractor as MG. Since they know the machine they weren't afraid of the 2,000,000 "clicks". They say the machine is in great shape, and since St. Luke's never has more than about 600 copies a month our annual bill is \$250 --- which for us is a \$250 savings from what we were paying!!!

This is a lot of money for us. Plus it works great and the copies are awesome!

THANK YOU SO MUCH DEAF FRIENDS for your extraordinary generosity. You are such a deep blessing to me and us.

Peace of the Living Christ to you -

Laurie Clark

Thanks to everyone for the rousing send-off for my retirement. Your expressions of friendship, love and generosity are truly appreciated. I will miss working with everyone at Maple Grove, but I'm excited about the years ahead. Skip Keeling

TRAVEL CLUB REMINDER

Christmas Wonderland Light Tour
Wednesday, December 7

We will leave the church at 3 p.m. and return at 7:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Mary Jo Lanum at 451-1701.



Christmas Breakfast

Gentlemen of Maple Grove!



The Ladies of the Women's Breakfast Group invite you to join them for a Christmas breakfast Saturday, December 3, at 9 am in the parlor.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Fellowship Group's Annual

"Pork Roast" Dinner

Friday, December 9

6:00 pm Punch

6:45 pm Dinner

The program will feature Hunter Price, a historian, who is doing research on the history of Methodism in the little-known period between the circuit riding preachers and settled preachers. We are privileged that he will share some of his unpublished findings with us.

"Tall Tales and Methodist Preachers in the Settling of the West."

He says, *"he will describe the experience of riding circuits and the (sometimes hilarious) mythology this spawned...and then present some examples of things circuit riders were doing that didn't make it into the myth, but were actually more interesting."*

Cookie Walk

Saturday, December 10, 10 am in Room 8



Attention all bakers:

You are invited to participate in our 7th Annual Cookie Walk. This year's event will be on December 10 beginning at 10 am. Proceeds will provide educational technology for special needs students in poorer schools. We ask is that cookies/brownies be homemade. For more info: contact Janet Thode, 436-1760 or janetthode@insight.rr.com.

Poinsettias for Christmas

Orders for poinsettias to decorate the Sanctuary and Chapel for Christmas will be accepted until *December 11*. Look for order forms on a table in the lobby. The cost for each potted poinsettia is \$10. Checks should be made payable to Maple Grove with *Poinsettia* on the memo line. You may pick up the flowers you purchased after the 10 p.m. worship on Christmas Eve, December 24. Please leave plastic protectors. We re-use them for holiday flowers. Thank you!



Bethlehem On Broad Street



This year we will again be filling food boxes to donate to Bethlehem On Broad Street. There are three different ways you may participate:

- Make a financial donation toward the purchase of the food.
- Sign up to help build the boxes. (December 10 @ 10:30 a.m.)
- Sign up to help distribute the boxes to the customers. (December 17) time TBA

For more information, please call Shawn Law at 614-846-8103

3rd Annual Clintonville Tree Lighting

Presented by the Clintonville Rotary Park of Roses Shelter House at Whetstone Park
Sunday, December 18, 2011 6 to 8 pm
Visits with Santa, caroling, refreshments, crafts & more.
6:30 pm Pastor Glenn will say a prayer at the Tree Lighting
Event is open and free to the public.





MGPlayers presented Act III of Thornton Wilder's "OUR TOWN" for the *Witness Sunday* of the Fall Stewardship Campaign. Pictured from left to right are Bonnie Welty, Andy Garnes, Rick Innis, Owen Rutter, Craig Preston, Parker Brown, Carol Igo, Todd Covert, Jeff Nunemacher, Judy Weaver, Alison Gill, Emily Schwerdtfeger and Nathan Fissel. Also participating were Steve Clary, Angela Dean, Bev Pettit, Martha Preston, Kay Ann Rutter and Julie Wells.

Indian Springs Secret Santa

Each year, the week before Christmas break, Indian Springs holds a Secret Santa workshop where children can come and shop for holiday gifts for their family members. Typically, a parent or caregiver will fill out a list and send a small amount of money to school with which the children can shop. However, there is a population of students at Indian Springs who don't have the ability to participate in this project due to lack of funds. Over the years, they have provided a "free" table from which children can choose items for their family members. Last year, Maple Grove took on the task of providing items for that free choice table and the response from the congregation was wonderful. It was an awesome thing to see children pick toys and gifts for their family members.

Donations for this ministry will be accepted on December 4 and 11 during the offertory for this great cause. Below is a list of suggested items for the table. Please do not donate used items; the purpose of this ministry is to provide new and inexpensive items. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Nauman at dawndn@att.net or 614-506-0388.

Women's Items

Key Chains
 Body Wash
 Lotions
 Calendars
 Gloves
 Pins
 Picture Frames
 Necklaces
 Candles
 Snowman Items
 Magnets
 Flavored Tea Bags
 Coffee/Travel Mugs
 Mini Photo Albums
 Decorative Knickknacks

Men's Items

Key Chains
 Golf Balls
 Golf Tees
 Calendars
 Work Gloves
 Picture Frames
 Puzzle Books
 Ball Caps
 Wallets
 Flashlights
 Sports Team Items
 Single Pot Flavored Coffee Packs
 Coffee/Travel Mugs

Sibling Items

Yo Yo's
 Coloring Books
 Matchbox Cars
 Baby Toys
 Army Men
 Lip Gloss
 Silly Putty
 Sm. Craft Kits
 Sm Jigsaw Puzzles
 Play Dough
 Hair Doodles
 Sticker Books
 Temporary Tattoos
 Sm. Stuffed Animals

Bubbles
 Colored Pencils
 Marker Sets
 Pez Dispensers
 Glow Sticks
 Activity Books
 Small Footballs





Maple Grove Youth Group News

Wow, I can't believe how quickly the year seems to be going! We have done so many things so far this year and have a jam-packed calendar for December and the rest of the year as well. Please join us in all the fun! Here is our upcoming schedule. If you have any questions about any of the events, please call or text Lisa Jones, Director of Youth Group Ministries, at (614) 580-7954 or email at ljones@maplegroveumc.org.

Unless noted below, all Sunday School meetings will start at 9:45 and meet in the Sr. High room, just off the fellowship hall, unless noted Sunday School will meet every Sunday. All Youth Fellowship meetings will be from 5:30 to 7 pm and will start in the Chapel, also unless noted. So, on to the schedule:

- December 3rd This Saturday evening, the youth are hosting a Parents Night Out as a fundraiser. The event will start in the Fellowship hall at 6:30 and run until 10:30. We will have games, crafts, movies and much fun. Please contact Lisa for more info.
- December 4th Youth Fellowship Progressive Dinner! We will go long tonight. 5:30 to 8 pm. We will start at the Church.
- December 11th Youth Fellowship Caroling to our home-bound members. 5:30 to 7 pm.
- December 18th Youth Fellowship will include some practice for the Christmas Eve service, as well as our annual "white-elephant" gift exchange. 5:30 to 7 pm.
- December 23rd Dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve. 10 am to noon.
- December 24th Christmas Eve Service starts at 7 pm. Arrival time for those involved in the service TBA.
- December 25th No Sunday School or Youth Fellowship. Enjoy Christmas with your family!

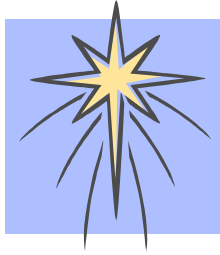
The Youth and Youth Workers are working together to plan out some fun activities and service projects for the rest of the year. We have a few items on board: bowling, a service project for the Children of Maple Grove, an over-night at a yet to be determined location (wink, wink) and a lot more. If you have any ideas for something for our youth to do, don't hesitate to let us know!

In the Peace the Jesus brings to the world,
Lisa

MINISTRIES	December 4	December 11	December 18	December 25 10 am Only!
Acolyte	O.Rutter	R.Hitt	M.Workman	
Flower Delivery	C.Burns	C.Burns	C.White	
Greeters 1 st Service	R.&K.Innis S.&M.Jados	H.&K.Covert B.Edmundson H.Turner	R.Hirst W.&J.Becker	
2 nd Service	T.&L.Palmer B.Tenney E.Brehm	L.&A.Loughead M.&K.Mizelle	K.&L.Nash J.&J.Thode	B.&D.Batory D.Casares C.Dunn
Liturgist 1 st Service	R.Innis	P.Holbrook	J.Hoppers	
2 nd Service	J.Thode	B.Harrison	K.Rutter	D.Rutter
Parish Visitor	S.&A.Gill	M.Matthaes K.Nash	C.&J.Weaver	M.Mizelle L.Nash
Pew Restocking	B.Pelleriti	B.Edmundson H.Turner	L.Kelch	D.Brown L.Matthaes
Sunday Hospitality 1 st	S.Wharrey	N.Fogle	J.&M.Burnham	J.&K.Hoppers
2 nd	S.&B.Freer	C.&G.Wilcox		
Sunday Secretary 1 st	B.Cunningham	L.Matthaes	P.Uhrick	
2 nd	K.Workman	D.Batory	J.Thode	A.Leighty
Ushers 1 st	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	
2 nd	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 5
Angel Delivery	For the Month of December: B.Morgan			
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of December: C.Wilcox			
	December 2	December 9	December 16	December 23
Bulletin Stuffers	M.Graham C.White	C.Hill J.Wood	M.&S.Jados P.Walters	M.Roush, D.Uhrick L.&L.Smith
	December 5	December 14	December 19	December 28
Feed My Sheep	L.Smith	B.Pelleriti	M.Preston	C.Igo

MINISTRIES	January 1 10 am Only	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Acolyte		D.Maston	E.Miller	K.Morrison	M.Workman
Greeters 1 st Service		D.Carpenter N.Hein T.&L.Boggs	J.&M.Burnham G.&L.Wall	W.&J.Becker B.&P.Hirst	G.&M.Hepp S.&M.Jados
2 nd Service	N.Bobb K.Shaffer G.Hoggard D.Brown	E.Meyers B.Pierpoint R.&J.Dwyer	B.&S.Freer D.Croy E.Cox	S.Garnes T.Radabaugh D.&L.Stuckey	C.&J.Weaver T.&L.Palmer
Liturgist 1 st		S.Scholl	D.Muir	R.Innis	M.Knight
2 nd	S.Clary	J.Weaver	D.Igo	L.Nash	R.Strader
Parish Visitor	D.&A.Elder	K.Rutter M.Hepp	B.&P.Hirst	A.&S.Gill	M.Matthaes K.Nash
Pew Restocking	C.Wimer	J.Reinaker	E.Vickers	C.White	
Hospitality 1 st		M.Burnham		M.Burnham	M.&L.Matthaes
2 nd		C.&G.Wilcox	T.&L.Palmer		
Secretary 1 st		M.Jados	L.Matthaes	K.Innis	M.Agnew
2 nd	J.Williamson	D.Batory	D.Trax	E.Vickers	K.Workman
Ushers 1 st	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 1	Group 2
2 nd	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 5	Group 6
Angel Delivery	For the Month of January : Sara Garnes				
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of January: Connie Austin & Ginny Shoemaker				
	December 30	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
Bulletin Stuffers	C.&M.Wimer	D.Brown L.Matthaes	E.Cox B.Dearth	B.Edmundson H.Turner	M.Graham C.White
	January 2	January 11	January 16	January 25	
Feed My Sheep	C.Preston	A.Foulger	B.Hirst	M.Burnham	





THE KID'S PAGE



Come Home to Christmas
Gifts Every Sunday!

Christmas Pageant

"Tell me the Story of Jesus" will be presented at the 7 p. worship service on Christmas Eve. Practices are on Sunday afternoons December 4, 11, and 18 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. Dress rehearsal is Friday, December 23, beginning at 10 a. until noon. Pizza will follow in Room 8. Childcare will be provided during all of the rehearsals and also during the pageant Christmas Eve. It's not too late to sign up, if you have a child age 4 – 5th grade who is interested in participating in the Christmas pageant, please contact Dawn Nauman at dnauman@maplegroveumc.org.

Pageant Pictures & Videos

If you would like to take pictures or video tape, please do so Friday, December 23, at the dress rehearsal. There are no cameras or video equipment allowed at the service Christmas Eve.



Each week of Advent, during children's moments in worship, we will unwrap a gift of advent. What will it be? Come and see! Then we'll take the gift to children's worship and unwrap a little deeper. For children, gifts are a symbol of Christmas... but these gifts tell the story of the coming of the Christ Child.

December Calendar

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m. C.RO.S.S.
11:30 a.m. Children's Worship
4:00 p.m. Pageant Practice

Sunday, December 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m. C.RO.S.S.
11:30 a.m. Children's Worship
4:00 p.m. Pageant Practice

Sunday, December 18 – 4th Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m. C.RO.S.S.
11:30 a.m. Children's Worship
4:00 p.m. Pageant Practice

Friday, December 23

10:00 a.m. Pageant Practice
12:00 p.m. Pageant Pizza Party

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:15 p.m. Arrive for Pageant
7:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 25 – Only ONE Service

10:00 a.m. NO CROSS or CHILDREN'S WORSHIP
NO NURSERY CHILDCARE

Children are always welcome in worship!

Sunday, January 1 – New Years Day

9:45 a.m. NO CROSS
11:00 a.m. NO CROSS OR CHILDREN'S WORSHIP



DECEMBER/JANUARY Children's Ministry Volunteers				
Date	Acolyte	Little Lambs/ Cherubs	Children's Moments	Children's Worship
12/4	Owen Rutter	Andrea Reinaker Mary Ann Hepp	Glenn Schwerdtfeger	Allison Gill Becky Boord
12/11	Rachelle Hitt	Amy Long Stephanie Duffy	Janet Thode	Laura Batdorf Patty Hitt
12/18	Michael Workman	Dimitri Kargiotis Judy Weaver	Barb Harrison	Barbara Law Becky Boord
12/25	NO CROSS, CHILDRENS WORSHIP OR NURSERY CARE...CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN THE SANCTUARY			
1/1	NO CROSS or CHILDRENS WORSHIP			
1/8	David Maston	Sara Garnes	Kathy Renick	Laura Batdorf Julie Wells
1/15	Emily Miller	Mary Graham	David Rutter	Allison Gill Cindy Brigle
1/22	Kaitlyn Morrison	Andrea Reinaker Mary Ann Hepp	Barbara Law	Barbara Law Julie Wells
1/29	Michael Workman	Judy Weaver	Dawn Nauman	Patty Hitt Karyn Miller



C.R.O.S.S.

Children's Rotational Sunday School

9:45 – 10:45 am Sundays

Ages 4 – 5th grade:

ISAIAH

December 4-18

December 4 Cooking with Kim Workman

December 11 Art with Amy Kargiotis

December 18 Video with Susan Whitney

December 25 NO CROSS

JONAH

January 8-29

January 8 Science with Kathy Renick

January 11 Storytelling with Kim Workman

January 18 Cooking with Amy Kargiotis

January 22 Art with Alicia Oddi

COMING IN 2012:

CREATED BY GOD

Created by God is a study of Human Sexuality that is offered to 5th & 6th Graders and their parents. For the last several years, Maple Grove has partnered with other local United Methodist Churches to make this program available for families. We hope to make this program once again available in 2012, and further details will follow. If you have any questions or wish to help coordinate this event, please contact Dawn Nauman at church at 262-1163 or dnauman@maplegroveumc.org.

SPROUTS for 4/5th Graders

In past years, 4th and 5th graders have participated in SPROUTS, a ministry tweens. If you have a 4th or 5th grader and/or are interested in being involved with Sprouts in 2012, please contact Dawn Nauman at church at 262-1163 or dnauman@maplegroveumc.org.



Thank You Lowell & Mike



A BIG thank you to Lowell Smith and Mike Matthaes who spent many hours this fall sprucing up the outside of the church and preparing for this winter. Your labors are greatly appreciated!



Happy Holidays

From the Maple Grove Staff

Removing the Greens

Sunday, January 8 from 2 to 4 pm

Everyone is welcome to come & help!



Parsonage Open House

to express our appreciation to the people of Maple Grove we invite you to our home, your parsonage

Sunday, January 22
3:00 to 5:00 pm
459 E. Schreyer Place

All are invited
There will be gifts for all children & youth

With warm regards,
Pastor Glenn, Carolyn
Emily & Rachel





Stewardship CAMPAIGN

UPDATE

If you have not returned your 2011 Commitment card, please do so right away. We look forward to being in ministry with you.

My Hands Are Christ's Hands 2011 Stewardship Campaign:
Rooted in Faith Growing in Love

Results as of 11/19/2010

Households Returning Cards	187
Number of Persons These Cards Represent	240
Households Pledging to Pray for Ministries of the church	133
# of Service Units Pledged	1,144
# of Households Pledging to increase their giving by 10%	29
Amount Pledged so far	\$321,614

Welcome New Members

