



February 2012

## THANK YOU

Youth With  
A Purpose!

\$4,000 to  
NEMAP &  
CRC!

Increased Donations  
to B.O.B.  
& Thanksgiving  
Meal!

Balanced  
Budget  
2012!

Balanced  
Budget  
2011!

More Kids In  
VBS,  
CROSS &  
Worship!

21 New Members  
In November!



Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. *Philippians 1:3*



## February Sunday Worship Schedule

February 5, 2012  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
*What NOT to Believe: God is Anti-Gay*  
Bill Brownson

February 12, 2012  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
*A Mini-Pageant on Jonah*

February 19, 2012  
Last Sunday after Epiphany  
*What NOT to Believe:  
Evolution is Unchristian*  
Genesis 1

### BAPTIZED

12/25/11 Meghan Walters

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2/01 7 p.m. SPRC  
2/08 7 p.m. Trustees  
2/15 7 p.m. Finance

### DIAPER DRIVE

To celebrate Jesus' birth, Hannah Circle is sponsoring a diaper drive during the month of February for the Free Store. All sizes will be appreciated.

### DIRECTORIES

The new Maple Grove church directory are available in the church office! A free copy is reserved for every individual or family who had their picture taken for the directory. If you did not have your picture taken, you may purchase a copy for \$6.



### FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group will meet at the MCL on Monday, February 20, at 5:15 p.m.

### RECENT DEATHS

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of...  
...Lillian Tupes who passed away on December 24, 2011.  
...Jean Matthaes, mother of Mike Matthaes, who passed away on December 30, 2011.  
...Dale Baker, uncle of Michelle Baker and brother of Bernard Baker, who passed away on January 18.

### RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Dorothy Shoemaker Nancy Gay  
Byrl Shoemaker Jean Bowman  
Deb Widener Helen Turner

### THANK YOU

THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the Pastor's Pantry ministry team in preparing emergency meals each month for CRC. With your donations, we were able to send more than 1,200 food bags last year! We continue to make 100 each month; CRC is giving out up to 15 a day. They don't last long! Please place your food contributions in the small crate in the lobby -- individual servings of fruit or pudding, juice boxes, crackers and raisins (especially needed). Financial contributions are used to purchase the beans & franks that complete the meal.

*KayAnn Rutter*



### THANK YOU

Maple Grove Family and Friends,  
Thanks for your prayers, cards, thoughts of healing, meals, visits, and telephone calls. These all made a difference in my journey of healing before, during, and after my recent surgery. Love and Peace, Your Sister In Christ,

*Nancy Gay*

Let me thank everyone who helped decorate the church building and grounds in November and remove the greens in January. The turnout was fantastic. Hanging the greens in conjunction with the Advent Fair, as well as having tasty pizza for lunch, lent a festive spirit to the occasion. The youth, the Hanging of the Greens team, and volunteers from the congregation had the church decorated in record time. Rumor has it that a certain resident of the North Pole was even a bit envious of how beautiful the building looked for Advent and Christmas. Again, many thanks to all who planned the lunch and participated in the decorating.

*Jim Northstine*

### WEBSITE

Visit our website at  
[www.maplegroveumc.org](http://www.maplegroveumc.org)

### WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.  
in the church parlor

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

●●●  
Sunday Mornings  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

TM  
Sunday School  
9:45 a.m.



# 2012

## Ash Wednesday

February 22

7:00 am & 7:30 pm

a service of repentance and imposition of ashes

### **Partnering in Prayer**

During the 40 days of Lent,  
you are encouraged to choose a Prayer Partner,  
someone to share and pray with at least once a week  
(over the phone is fine).  
Choose your own Partner or ask to be paired with someone.  
To signal your commitment,  
sign your name on the prayer wall.



### **Prayer 101: Becoming Comfortable with Prayer**

Led by Nancy Gay and Pastor Glenn,  
a Sunday school class for anyone who wants to grow in prayer.  
From rookie to expert, we will learn and practice together.  
9:45-10:45 -- Come to one session or come to all.

February 26: Getting started--What has prayer been like in your life?

March 4: Models and ways of praying

March 11: Overcoming blocks to prayer

March 18: Meditation and centering prayer

March 25: Praying out loud

April 1: Praying throughout the day



### **A Lenten Study**

Beginning Sunday, February 26, from 9:45 to 10:45 am

### **Pilgrim Road: A Benedictine Journey Through Lent**

In the view of St. Benedict of Nursia, the Lenten journey is an inner pilgrimage with Christ into the deepest parts of ourselves, to be marked not so much by external observances such as fasting and self-denial as by a deepening of our relationship with God.

Benedictine Monk Albert Holtz develops that journey theme through meditations written during a fifteen-country pilgrimage during a sabbatical year. At the heart of each reflection is the lesson it teaches about our inner spiritual journey.

By applying Benedict's monastic wisdom to the everyday concerns and aspirations of modern Christians, Pilgrim Road helps contemporary spiritual seekers keep Lent as a positive, meaningful, and fruitful experience. Jan Williamson and Sue Frost will lead this study.



## Thank You

Dear Maple Grove Family

Let me start out by saying I'm sorry for taking so long to say THANK YOU. It's been just over five months since we lost Todd and I am starting to feel like I am beginning to get the hang of our new lives, most days! Five months seems like a lifetime ago, but we still feel like he still surrounds us with his love. Thank you so much for your wonderful generosity, love, prayers, and friendship. We feel so honored to belong to such a wonderful church community. The gift cards and meals have been a blessing as I figure out how to manage working full-time and two very busy kids. Meal planning has been the last thing on my mind!

Thank you also for the generous donations to the Buchy Education Trust Fund, Todd would be so grateful for you helping with Liam & Tara's education, which is important to both of us.

The love offering you gave to me for my role as Director of Children's Ministry for over six years was much appreciated. It was very helpful during the time when I was in-between jobs and had no income coming in; it was truly a life saver!

Also, thank you for your support through conversation, Facebook posts, and the various other ways I feel your love and friendship on a weekly basis. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, *B renda B uchy*

## Feed My Sheep Ministry

I want to thank all who donated and delivered sandwiches to Faith on 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as canned goods and non-perishable food items for NNEMAP and CRC.

The need to help feed the hungry keeps growing; so it is disappointing that our donations decreased in 2011.

The First Sunday has been designated "Bring A Can" Sunday. If you are not present, donations can be left anytime during the week in the marked boxes at each entrance.

Sandwiches should be made fresh and can be meat, meat & cheese, chicken, tuna, or ham salad. No condiments. Wrap sandwiches individually, place back in bread bag and mark: Feed My Sheep, date, number of sandwiches and place them in the refrigerator downstairs. Other items, such as cookies, apples, oranges & boiled eggs can also be donated.

We really need your help. Please consider donating in 2012. *Craig Preston*, Feed My Sheep Coordinator

## Chapel Prayer & Meditation

Beginning FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 3 9:00-10:00 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.

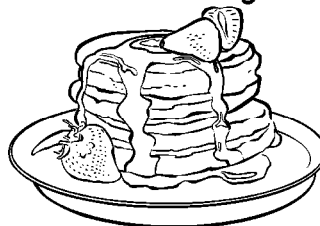
Perhaps it is a friend, a relative, or even yourself.

We all need additional prayers at some time in our lives.

Come join us.

## Shrove Tuesday

Shrove  
Tuesday



*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*

Please join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper seasoned with a taste of Mardi Gras. We will gather in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 21, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. for pancakes, bacon, sausage and much more. Whole grain, low-fat

and sugarless options will be available. Tickets are \$6 for adults or \$3 for children under 12. Bring the whole family and your neighbors, too.

## In Your Heart



If there is peace in your heart, you will find it impossible to hate.

If there is honesty in your heart, you will find it impossible to judge another.

If there is love in your heart, then that is all there is.

Fear is gone, as is judgment  
And the desire for violence.

—Kim Hauenstein





# GOING DEEPER

A Five-Part Lenten Worship Series by Rev. Glenn Schwerdtfeger

It is easy to skim the surface of faith, but our hearts long to go deeper—to see God more clearly, love God more dearly, and follow God more nearly. During Lent we will encourage one another to go deeper through worship, prayer and devotion.

Sunday, February 26

## “Come To The Water”

*“The Woman At The Well” by MGPlayers*

Sunday, March 4

## “Into Deep Water”

*That’s Where the Fish are!*

Sunday, March 11

## “Peace! Be Still!”

*In the boat with Jesus!*

Sunday, March 18

## “Dealing With Unanswered Prayer”

*“In The Garden” by MGPlayers*

Sunday, March 25

## “Friends of God”

*Explore our close spiritual relationship!*

### VISIT THE

**CONGREGATIONAL**  
*Beginning February 26*



**PRAYER WALL**  
*in the Lobby Hallway.*

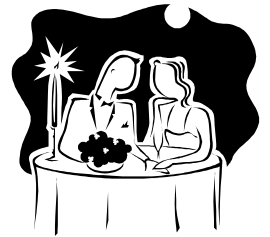


Celebrate Valentines Day with us at  
Maple Grove United Methodist Church's Annual  
**CANDLELIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER  
AND SILENT AUCTION**



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012**  
♥♥♥ IN FELLOWSHIP HALL ♥♥♥

**Dinner Served at 5 and 6:30 p.m.**  
**Silent Auction Bidding until 8 p.m.**  
**Adult tickets \$9. Children's tickets \$4.**



Please consider donating to the Silent Auction.  
Vacations, Dinners, Antiques, Floral Arrangements, Toys, Artwork, Crafts,  
Collectables and a variety of Products and Services have  
been offered in previous years.  
Be Creative! Use your Imagination! Donate!

To donate an item or service, please complete the form below. You may put the form and the  
donated items in the marked box in the Church Office until February 8<sup>th</sup>, or call Norma Mills (262-  
8145) to schedule a pick-up time.

-----detach here and submit bottom portion with your item-----

**SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

APPROXIMATE VALUE:

**THE GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION  
MINISTRY THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

Proceeds Go To The Continued  
Maintenance And Beautification Of The  
Community Park And Grounds Of Maple  
Grove United Methodist Church.



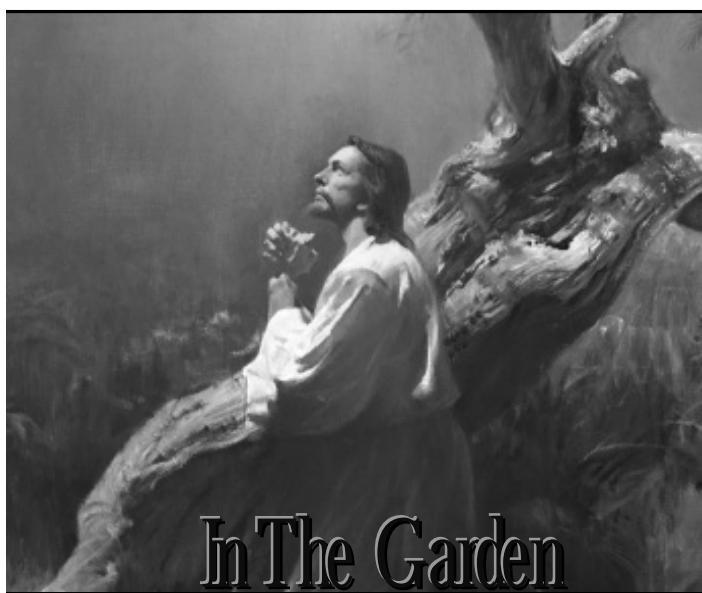
# MGPlayers

thoughtful theatre.



## Woman at the Well

February 26



## In The Garden

March 18

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

## GOING DEEPER

Lenten Worship Series by Rev. Glenn Schwerdtfeger



Maple Leaf

### Thanks for your generosity!

- In November Maple Grove faced a serious financial shortfall. But thanks to your incredible generosity in December, we were able to meet all of our 2011 expenses, pay 100% of our apportionments, and have a little money to carry over. And for the first time in several years, we did this without having to take money from Trustees' funds! Thanks be to God, and to you!
- There's more: Pledges for 2012 are up \$32,000 (about 8%) from the year before. Along with the Finance Committee's careful control of expenses, this has allowed us to approve a balanced budget for 2012, again without using any Trustees' funds. Thanks be to God, and to you!
- There's even more: giving to our Thanksgiving meal and Bethlehem on Broad Street was up by \$2000 in 2011. We continued to support neighborhood food pantries with \$4000 a year. Total giving by the people of Maple Grove to missions beyond our church totaled \$21,852 in 2011. Thanks be to God, and to you!  
2012 budget can be found on page 9.

Statements were mailed on January 26. If you don't receive yours soon, please let the office know. If you want offering envelopes and have not yet received them, let Mark know at 262-1163, 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. Thank you!

### Maple Grove 2012 Confirmation Class

Please keep these confirmands in your prayers:

Liam Buchy  
Tara Buchy  
Matthew Harrison  
Rachelle Hitt  
Chloe Kargiotis  
Jacob Miller  
Madilyn Parkey  
Christopher Thode  
Elizabeth Workman



# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, CHURCH OFFICERS, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you to the following members who have agreed to serve on the following committees:

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dwight Amberg – Chp	Janet Arbogast	Bob Batory	Jon Bennett	Donna Brown
Duane Casares	Albert Foulger	Linda Frank	Sandy Freer	Sue Frost
Alison Gill	Mary Hepp	John Hoppers	Nancy Manecke	Scott Morrison
Tony Palmer	Bev Pettit	Sherri Scholl	Bob Skinner	Cathy Gwynne
Pat Uhrick – Sec	Jim Welter	Cheryl Wharrey	David Widener	Beth Wiley
Wayne Williams				

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dwight Amberg	Joyce Bates	Bob Batory	Jon Bennett	Duane Casares
Albert Foulger	Douglas Frank	Brad Hughes	Sharon Montgomery	Brandon Morgan
Carolyn Morrison	Stew Rantz	Sherri Scholl	Bob Skinner - Chp	

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Dwight Amberg	Jon Bennett	Jim Davis - Chp	Ross Miller	Brandon Morgan
Bob Skinner	Tom Thompson			

## COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

(Formerly the Nominating Committee)

Laura Batdorf	Duane Casares	Ann Elder	Nancy Foulger	Sandy Freer
Nancy Gay	Alison Gill	Amy Kargiotis	Jack Price	David Rutter
Rob Schmidley				

## MEMORIALS COMMITTEE

Robert Agnew	Donna Brown	Sara Garnes	Alice Loughead	Susan Lowe
Evelyn Murray	Craig Preston	Bonnie Welty	Jane Wood	

## PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Winston Bash	Andy Garnes	Mike Matthaes	Gary Shoemaker	Lowell Smith
Jim Welter				

## STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Laura Batdorf	David Elder	Albert Foulger – Chp	Sandy Freer	Cathy Hughes
Daniel McDowell	Jim Nothstine	Sally Schmidley	Sherri Scholl	Judy Weaver
Susan Whitney				

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Bob Batory	Jon Bennett	Duane Casares	Ron Dwyer	Brian Freer
Andy Garnes	Barb Harrison - Chp	Dick Igo	Tyra LaPens	Mike Matthaes
Pat Uhrick – Sec	Carl Weaver	Garry Wilcox	Emily Winters	

## EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Bill Croy	Sue Frost	Nancy Manecke	Patti Rottenbiller	Monica Tenney
Susan Lowe	Kay Ann Rutter			

<i>Budget Line Content</i>	<b>Proposed Annual Operating Budget 2012</b>	<b>Annual Operating Budget - Actual 2011</b>	<b>Annual Operating Budget - Planned 2011</b>
		<b>INCOME</b>	
<b><i>Income from outside sources</i></b>			
Pledged Contributions	400,000.00	372,656.36	380,000.00
Unpledged Contributions	90,000.00	112,351.43	93,000.00
Loose Plate Collections	8,000.00	8,225.64	7,000.00
SS & Church School Offering	300.00	461.30	300.00
Prior Year Pledges	2,600.00	3,460.00	3,460.00
Building Use Donations	4,500.00	5,965.00	3,000.00
Holiday Offerings	14,000.00	11,885.00	14,000.00
Wedding Fees	2,500.00	2,355.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	0.00	189.74	1,000.00
Operating Bank Account Interest	50.00	45.46	50.00
<b><i>Income from church funds</i></b>			
<b><i>Trustees for Housing Allowance</i></b>	0.00	3,846.16	4,000.00
<b><i>Trustees Miscellaneous Funds</i></b>	0.00	0.00	14,000.00
<b><i>Children's Restricted Fund</i></b>	8,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b><i>Total income from outside and church</i></b>	<b>529,950.00</b>	<b>521,441.09</b>	<b>520,810.00</b>
		<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Administration	5,553.00	4,585.24	6,650.00
Office	18,750.00	19,050.10	19,000.00
<b>Total Administration &amp; Office Expense</b>	<b>24,303.00</b>	<b>23,635.34</b>	<b>25,650.00</b>
Health & Congressional Care	925.00	351.80	1,190.00
Membership & Evangelism	1,100.00	1,186.63	1,300.00
Child & Family Ministries	8,000.00	(76.00)	0.00
Youth Ministries	3,000.00	979.81	3,000.00
Adult Ministries	500.00	717.12	2,500.00
Missions from Operating Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Altar Supplies & Flowers	1,100.00	525.73	1,600.00
Music Ministry	5,750.00	4,602.87	6,257.00
<b>Total Ministries Expense</b>	<b>24,375.00</b>	<b>12,287.96</b>	<b>19,847.00</b>
Senior Pastor	81,670.00	78,196.07	87,230.00
Lay Employees	239,775.00	244,062.17	247,393.00
<b>Total Staffing Expense</b>	<b>321,445.00</b>	<b>322,258.24</b>	<b>334,623.00</b>
<b>Total Property Expense</b>	<b>72,814.00</b>	<b>71,677.19</b>	<b>66,800.00</b>
District Apportionments	11,257.00	11,128.00	11,128.00
Conference Apportionments	72,430.00	71,746.00	71,759.00
<b>Total District &amp; Conference Expense</b>	<b>83,687.00</b>	<b>82,874.00</b>	<b>82,887.00</b>
<b>Total All Expenses</b>	<b>526,624.00</b>	<b>512,732.73</b>	<b>529,807.00</b>
<b>Summary</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>	529,950.00	521,441.09	520,810.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	526,624.00	512,732.73	529,807.00
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>3,326.00</b>	<b>8,708.36</b>	<b>(8,997.00)</b>



# Maple Grove UMC Youth Group Happenings



*Wow, the start of a New Year!*

We have been part of some great happenings at Maple Grove this fall.

December brought us a new fundraiser, Parents Night Out, and we raised over \$220 for missions. We've had a progressive dinner and gone caroling to some of our home-bound members! We've also grown closer and have had a great time.

January has brought the making of a giant twister game and some acting/improve fun! We have seen about 18 youth a week, and have plenty of room to grow. We are also getting some new youth workers at the start of the new year! Praise be!

So if you are not attending, or know of a youth not attending, come join us! If you have any questions, please call or email Lisa Jones at 580-7954 or [ljones@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:ljones@maplegroveumc.org).

February will bring more fun, fellowship and service.

Sunday School will continue to meet each week at 9:45 in the Sr. High room.

Youth Fellowship will meet from 5:30 to 7 pm each week (unless noted) and we start in the Chapel.

Here's what's coming up for February for Youth Fellowship:

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Love, this is what it's all about, folks!

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Service Project

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** – Bowling, will probably start early and go late. Times to be announced.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Blues, dealing with the blues this and any time of the year. Ways to deal with others who are "down", as well (and how God tells us to deal.)

## Join us!



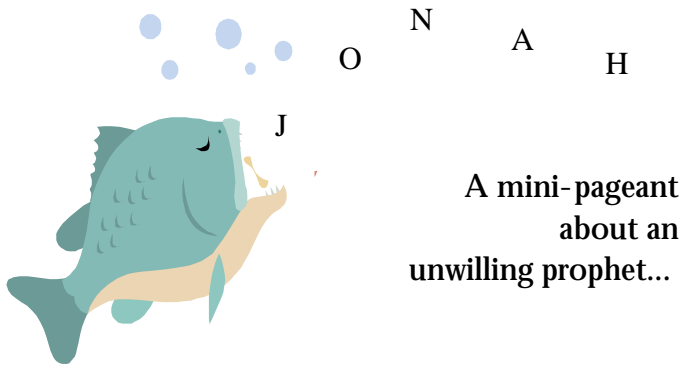
# YOUTH GROUP



## Christmas Pageant

"Tell me the Story of Jesus" was presented at the 7 pm. worship service on Christmas Eve, and it was a great success! Thank you to all the children who participated in this event and to the parents who worked so hard to make sure the event was a success. From costumes to sets to crowd control and food donations, the families of Maple Grove provided a truly special Christmas Eve for those who participated in and witnessed the pageant.

If you loved the pageant, or want to see more of what the children at Maple Grove can do, join us on February 12 at the 11:00 service for



## February Calendar

### Sunday, February 5

9:45 a.m. C.R.O.S.S.  
 11:30 a.m. Children's Worship  
 12:15 p.m. Lunch / Jonah Dress Rehearsal

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY HELP WANTED!

Do you have time on Tuesdays or Thursdays to support Children and Family ministries by helping with organization, communication and preparing materials? If so, please see Dawn Nauman or call 262-1163 or email Dawn at [Dnauman@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:Dnauman@maplegroveumc.org).



### Sunday, February 12

9:45 a.m. C.R.O.S.S.  
 11:30 a.m. Jonah Mini Pageant  
 NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 12

### Sunday, February 19

9:45 a.m. C.R.O.S.S.  
 11:30 a.m. Children's Worship

### Sunday, February 26 – First Sunday in Lent

9:45 a.m. C.R.O.S.S.  
 11:30 a.m. Children's Worship

## C.R.O.S.S.



Children's Rotational Sunday School

9:45 – 10:45 am Sundays

Ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:

### Jonah January 8 – February 19

February 5: Jonah Props, Sets, & Rehearsal  
 – with Susan Whitney

February 12: Jonah Props, Sets, & Rehearsal  
 – with Allison Gill

11:30 a.m. Jonah Mini Pageant (Sanctuary)

### February 19

Cinemax at Bible Theatre – with Kathy Renick

### Triumphal Entry February 26 – April 8

February 26 & March 5 Art or Cooking  
 with Alicia Oddi and Kim Workman

March 11 & March 18 Science or Games  
 With Kathy Renick and Susan Whitney

March 25 & April 1 Crafting or Video  
 2 Leaders Needed!



"Blessed is the one  
 who comes in the  
 name of the Lord!"

Mark 11:9

## FEBRUARY Children's Ministry Volunteers

Date	Acolyte	Little Lambs/ Cherubs	Children's Moments	Children's Worship
2/5	Owen Rutter	Dimitri Kargiotis	Dawn Nauman	Susan Whitney Julie Wells
2/12	Rachel Hitt	Judy Weaver	Barb Harrison	<b>NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP</b>
2/19	Michael Workman	Sara Garnes	Pastor Glenn	Kathy Renick Julie Wells
2/26	David Maston	Mary Graham	Children Singing	Alicia Oddi Amy Long



If you are in 3rd grade or older, and you love lighting candles in Children's Worship, then we'd LOVE having you light candles on Sundays in the Sanctuary!

Contact Dawn Nauman, Director of  
Child and Family Ministries  
262-1163 or  
[dnauman@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:dnauman@maplegroveumc.org)

SPROUTS for  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Sunday evenings from 5:30 – 7

**Leaders  
Needed!**

Join tweens like you and learn about God's love through lessons, activities, and mission projects focused on being stewards of God's creation.

February 26 – April 1: Care for yourself through nutrition and health.

April 7: Mission: Assist with Easter Egg Hunt

May 13 – June 17: Care for the earth and your community.

September 16 – October 21: Care for the animals that inhabit our earth.



For further information, contact  
Dawn Nauman at  
[Dnauman@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:Dnauman@maplegroveumc.org).



Maple Grove Children will be singing in worship on February 26! Mark your calendars so you can be sure to be here to listen to their lovely voices.

**Saturday, April 7, 2012**  
**For toddlers – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders**

Join your Maple Grove family and friends on the Saturday before Easter for the Maple Grove UMC Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Enjoy crafts, games, face painting, refreshments, and hot coffee for the adults. Bring your camera for special Easter photo-ops! This is a holiday event you won't want to miss!



### February Ministry Schedule

MINISTRIES	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
<b>Acolyte</b>	O.Rutter	R.Hitt	M.Workman	D.Maston
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	C.Burns	C.Burns	C.Burns	C.Burns
<b>Greeters 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	D.Palmer R.Hirst L.&L.Smith	J.&J.Clary D.&S.Montgomery	J.&M.Burnham W.&C.Williams	E.Fletcher, D.Muir E.Wharrey K.Tolliver
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b>	J.Williamson M.Lanum N.Bobb K.Shaffer	C.Austin D.Croy E.Cox D.Casares	B.&D.Batory J.&J.Thode	K.&L.Nash M.Mizelle P.Uhrick
<b>Liturgist 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	C.Wahlmark	J.Hoppers	S.Clary	D.Muir
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b>	J.Thode	L.Batdorf	B.Harrison	K.Rutter
<b>Parish Visitor</b>	C.&J.Weaver	D.&A.Elder	M.Mizelle L.Nash	K.Rutter M.Hepp
<b>Pew Restocking</b>	B.Pelleriti	B.Edmundson H.Turner	L.Kelch	A.Leighty
<b>Sunday Hospitality 1<sup>st</sup></b>	J.&K.Hoppers	E.&S.Wharrey	S.&R.Schmidley	M.&J.Burnham
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	C.&G.Wilcox		S.&R.Schmidley	
<b>Sunday Secretary 1<sup>st</sup></b>	D.Brown	A.Leighty	J.Young	P.Uhrick
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	D.Brown	J.Williamson	A.Leighty	J.Thode
<b>Ushers 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Group 3	Group 8	Group 1	Group 2
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Group 7	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
<b>Angel Delivery</b>	<b>For the Month of February: J.Weaver</b>			
<b>Angel Food Prep</b>	<b>For the Month of February:</b>			
	<b>February 4</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
<b>Bulletin Stuffers</b>	C.Hill & B.Dearth	M.Jados J.Wood	L.&L.Smith	D.Brown L.Matthaes
	<b>February 6</b>	<b>February 8</b>	<b>February 20</b>	<b>February 22</b>
<b>Feed My Sheep</b>	P.Hirst	C.Igo	B.Pelleriti	M.Burnham

## Community Ministries Workshops in February

1) Saturday, Feb 4, 11, and 25 - Connecting with the Soul - Faith Sharing - see website for more info.

2) Sunday, Feb 26, Capitol Area South Mission Saturation Sunday - mission speakers sharing their stories throughout the district

Register at [www.umcommunityministries.org](http://www.umcommunityministries.org) – go to Registration on the left. Keep on learning!

Our Theme for 2012 is Sharing Stories  
of Perpetual Growth

## Fellowship Group

Please mark your calendars. The Fellowship Group will host a potluck supper on May 11.

Watch your Maple Leaf as more information will appear in the April and May editions.

## WELLSTREAMS Training Program

WELLSTREAMS is an Ecumenical Training Program in Spiritual Formation and Development and the Art of Spiritual Direction sponsored by the Spirituality Network. It is designed to enhance the personal spiritual growth of participants and provide training in the art of spiritual direction and companioning.

This program is open to women and men of all faith traditions who have a desire to enhance their own spiritual journey and wish to discern their call to share with others.

Some of the prerequisites for Wellstreams are:

- To be in spiritual direction, preferably before starting the program
- Satisfactory familiarity with one's own theological, religious and spiritual tradition
- Sufficient life experience to benefit from a training program of spiritual formation
- An ability to demonstrate self-reflection of one's life experience

The Wellstreams Program began in 1996 and opens a new class every other year. Applications are now being received for the ninth class which will begin in August 2012. The application deadline is

April 15, 2012.

For more information or to access the application, please

visit: [www.wellstreamscolumbus.org](http://www.wellstreamscolumbus.org) or

contact Carol Ann Spencer, O.P. at

[carol.spencer1@juno.com](mailto:carol.spencer1@juno.com) or 614-228-8867.

## Maple Grove is proud to host Clintonville Celebrates Columbus!

Join us on March 3 for the community's celebration of the Columbus Bicentennial on March 3 from noon to 3 pm. Thanks to a grant from the Greater Columbus Arts Council and Chase, our 200 Columbus celebration will feature a history fair that showcases the work of neighborhood students -and the accomplishments of our city.

The event also features a photo expo. There's still time to enter (through February 15). Please consider submitting your own photos that mean "at home in Clintonville" to you. Entry details can be found at [www.maplegroveumc.org](http://www.maplegroveumc.org) Come help Maple Grove host a memorable marking of our city's big year in 2012!

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COLUMBUS  
THE BICENTENNIAL

## Are you a young adult interested in work in the mission field?



[Mission Interns Program](#) is a leadership development and social justice opportunity for young adults (20-30 years old). The three-year program is divided into a 18-month international work/study assignment and a 18-month action/education

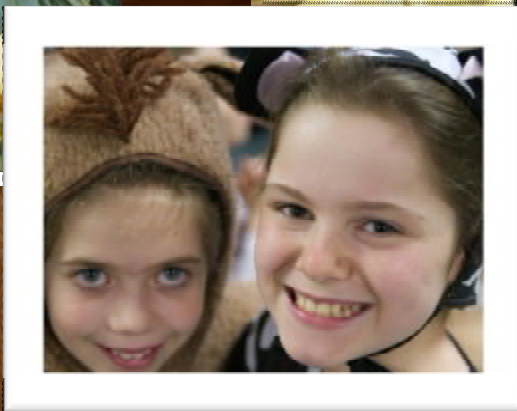
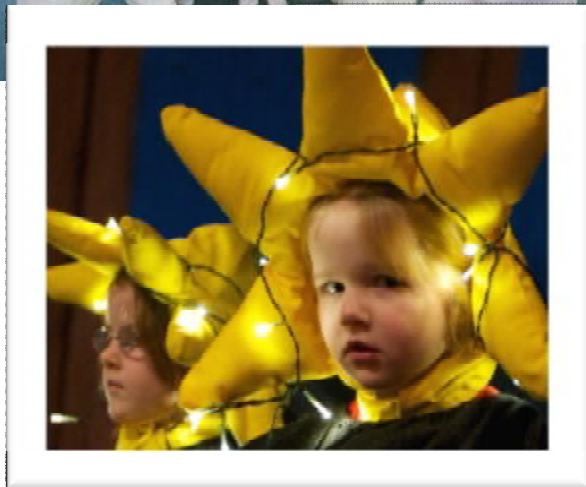
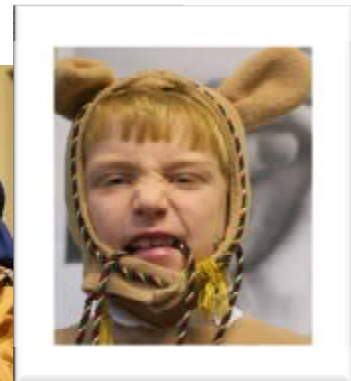
assignment in one's own country.

[US-2 Program](#) is a domestic, two-year, faith and justice-centered leadership-development and mission-service program for adults, ages 20-30, interested in partnering in solidarity with faith-based organizations. US-2s will integrate faith and justice by learning, walking, and working with communities in their struggles to address systemic injustice and human suffering.

[Global Justice Volunteers](#) is a short-term volunteer program for young adults aged 18-30. For eight weeks over the summer, GJVs serve abroad with grassroots organizations alongside other young adults from around the world. The volunteers may staff an HIV and AIDS clinic in East Africa, or advocate for sustainable life in Asia. Working in teams of two to five people, volunteers support the community with which they are assigned and one another.



# Tell me the story of Jesus



Thank you Michele Daniel for the beautiful pictures!  
To see more pictures of this year's Christmas Pageant, log onto Maple Grove's Facebook page!

# Christmas Pageant 2011

