



A New Year's Blessing

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

—Author unknown



COME AND WORSHIP

Sundays 8:30 & 11 am

January 8, 2012

Do You Need a Blessing?

January 15, 2012

Tears Are Worship Too

WHAT NOT TO believe

January 22, 2012

God Causes Cancer & Catastrophes

January 29, 2012

Everything in the Bible

The Pictorial Directories Have Arrived!

They will be distributed on Sunday, January 8 & 15, to members who had their pictures taken.

January 2012



Removing of the Greens

January 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Adult Christian Education

A NEW 6 Week Sunday Morning

(ACE) class begins January 15

Nancy Gay and Bill Tenney will lead a book study based on A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith by Brian McLaren. In this book, McLaren examines ten questions facing today's church. Here you will find a provocative and enticing introduction to the Christian faith of tomorrow.

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

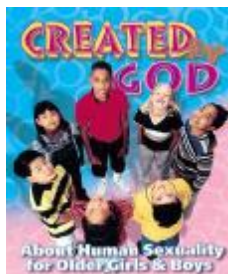


All are invited
There will be gifts for all children & youth

With warm regards,
Pastor Glenn, Carolyn
Emily & Rachel

Created By God

A study of human sexuality will be offered on January 27 & 28, for fifth and sixth graders and their parents. This year it will be held at the Worthington United Methodist Church. It is an overnight for the kids. Look for information that will be sent to you very soon. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 22, 2012. Cost is \$40 for one child and \$10 for each additional child in a family. For further information, contact Dawn Nauman



dnauman@maplegroveumc.org



Calling all Youth!

Here's the small version of what's going on in January.

Sunday School is at 9:45 am and YF is at 5:30-7 pm. Youth Fellowship on the 8th will do a service project at the church and on the 15th, we will have Improv Night at "Club YF"! Much more to come; check out the emails, FB site and calendar handed out at church for more info!

THE BOWL IS BACK!



Maple Grove will be proud to host the Clintonville Chili Bowl on Saturday, January 28, from 5 to 7 pm. Register your best crockpot of chili for the competition, or come as a member of the voting public. Voting rights and a spoon come with \$3 admission (competitors enter free). Winner of the cook-off is determined by the voting public and additional votes can be purchased for \$1 each. It all goes to a good cause; the Clintonville Community Resource Center!

Spread the word:
the bowl is BACK!

Register your crockpot with Miriam Abbott at allthedish@hotmail.com OR 795-0468.



Stephen Ministr

Maple Grove has an active Stephen Ministry of church members trained to help you to deal with life's difficult times. If you face events or decisions in your life that challenge your ability to cope, it can help to talk with a Stephen Minister. You can speak openly, without fear of judgment or being forced to make decisions that are not of your choosing. A Stephen Minister knows how to listen, to reflect what he or she hears you saying, to guide you to make your own decisions through love and prayer. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please call or ask to speak with Cathy Davis or Pastor Glenn. 262-1163



Committee Meetings

1/04/12 7 pm SPRC
1/11/12 7 pm Trustees
1/18/12 7 pm Admin Council

Computer Equipment

The church has an old PC that we are not using. If interested, contact the church office.
262-1163

Fellowship Group

The Fellowship Group will meet at the Upper Arlington MCL on Monday, January 16, at 5:15 pm.

Recent Deaths

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

...Anita Shaw, mother of Kip Shaw, who passed away on November 26, 2011.

...Helen Lucas who passed away on December 1, 2011.

...Edward Joseph Mekis, brother of Bernadine Hawksworth, who passed away on December 1, 2011.

...Dave Snyder who passed away on December 5, 2011.

Recently Hospitalized

Merle Johnson Judy Becker
Ellen Wharrey Adah Sutton
Deb Widener Dick Bonsecour

Thank You

Trustees of Maple Grove,
Thank you for allowing the Thomas Worthington H.S. baseball team to use the Fellowship Hall to build our subs for our annual sub sale. We made about 2,180 subs in a little over 2 hours! The space allows us to spread out and work efficiently. A big thank you also to Pastor Glenn for taking time out of his Friday to unlock and lock the church for us. Please accept the \$100 check as a sign of our gratitude and appreciation for the use of the church. The TWHS Baseball Team

Thank You

Thanks so much for the wonderful Thanksgiving Meal. The food was delicious and the congregation was so helpful and kind.

Sincerely, *Sue Humbert*

To our friends at Maple Grove:
How thankful we are you have continued to keep us in your thoughts and prayers. Your cards have been an encouragement on this healing journey. We've included a picture of the recently planted Maple Tree you gave us as a parting gift. Trust us, it IS a Maple Tree! Thanks again for your love and friendship.



Pat and Dave Trout

I want you to know how very, very, much I enjoyed the church carolers Sunday evening! I love music, especially Christmas music. Christmas has always been a magical time in my family's life. My sincerest thanks & love.

Jinnie Gorry

Women's Breakfast

The Women's Breakfast will be Saturday, January 28, @ 9 am in the Parlor. All women are invited.

A Suggestion from Friendly Patrol

Wear your name tag. Make it a point to introduce yourself to our new members & visitors. Invite them to the groups that mean a lot to you and share about the ministries that you are a part of.

Nancy Gay, team leader

Celebrate Valentine's Day with us at Maple Grove. ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dinner served at 5 and 6:30 pm
Silent Auction Bidding until 8 pm

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! Complete a donation form and attach it to your item and place it in the marked box in the office until February 9, or call Norma Mills (262-8145) to schedule a pick-up.

Congratulations, Kyle

Kyle Radabaugh, a member of the Whetstone HS football team, is on the 1st Team All City, 1st Team All Districts, Honorable Mention All State (Metro Team). Voted most valuable player for the 2011 season. Kyle was recently accepted at Capital and is looking for acceptance to additional colleges.

