



July 2011

Welcome Pastor Glenn Schwerdtfeger and family



Dear Maple Grove Church,

Grace to you and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Please pray for me "that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company" (Romans 16:32). I have long admired Maple Grove Church, and am honored now to serve as your pastor.

A native of Kansas, I have been a clergy member of West Ohio Conference for 21 years, the last 17 years in Columbus. My wife of more than 20 years—Carolyn Wahlmark—is a librarian at OCLC in Dublin. We have two daughters—Emily, a junior at Columbus Alternative H.S. and Rachel, entering 8th grade at Indianola K-8. We are all excited about coming to Clintonville and the Maple Grove family.

Let me share with you some of my emphases in ministry:

- Preaching and Worship Worship should honor God and change lives; I work hard to see that happen.
- Diversity My mission is *to foster diverse community in Christ*. The church's diversity is a witness to the power and inclusive love of God. "There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).
- Children and Youth Young people are not only the future of the church; they *are* the church. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me . . . for to such as these the kingdom of God belongs" (Mark 10:14). I will do all I can to reach and disciple children and their families.
- Partnerships There is no reason to fly solo or reinvent the wheel. If others are doing good work, let's join them. If we are doing good work, let's share it. Jesus said, "Whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

I am eager to see your faces, hear your stories, and partner with you in ministry.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Glenn

Join us on Sunday, July 3 at 10 a.m. for our first worship service with Pastor Glenn and then gather in the fellowship Hall for a welcome reception for Pastor Glenn and his family. Only one service July 3 at 10 a.m.



Sunday Worship Schedule

July 3, 2011
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Declaration of Dependence on God
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Pastor Glenn

July 10, 2011
4th Sunday after Pentecost
A Future with Hope
Jeremiah 29:10-14
Pastor Glenn

July 17, 2011
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Invest in Hope
Jeremiah 32:6-15
Pastor Glenn

July 24, 2011
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Getting to Hope
Romans 5:1-5
Pastor Glenn

July 31, 2011
7th Sunday after Pentecost
The Source of Hope
Romans 8:24-25, 31-39
Pastor Glenn

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

7/06 7 p.m. SPRC
7/13 7 p.m. Board of Trustees

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Join the fun - help tend the Maple Grove community garden behind 49 W. Henderson Rd. every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. All are welcome! No experience necessary!

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Monday, July 18, at 5:15 p.m.
at the Upper Arlington MCL



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INDEPENDENCE Day

Office & Building Closed
@ Noon – July 1st
All Day – July 4th

RECENT DEATHS

Mary Stoneburner who passed away on June 18.

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Dottie Trax Debbie Widener
David Uhrick Larry Loughead
Bob Batory



THANK YOU

Thank you for the nice birthday card. It's nice to be remembered.
Alice Wisecarver

SUMMER WORSHIP



Sunday Mornings
June through August
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

WEDDINGS

Congratulations & Best Wishes to...

...Debby Jados & Greg Muir who were married on June 17.

...Kasi Loftis & Jason Orcutt who were married on June 25.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 30, at 9 a.m.
in the church parlor



July Events!

Sunday, July 10
at 5 p.m.



Looking for some great outdoor music this summer? Why not come to the Maple Grove Community Park and hear some cool music on a hot summer night! In conjunction with Vacation Bible School there will be a concert presented by the Worthington Chorus from the gazebo. You are invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets, your own table service, and some wonderful food to share. Drinks will be provided. Don't miss this opportunity for fun, fellowship, and music at Maple Grove.

Vacation Bible School 2011

Sunday, July 10 – Thursday, July 14
6 to 8:30 p.m. nightly



We are inviting all children ages 4-12
to get cookin' at Shake It up Café:

Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe Vacation Bible School.
Explore and experience recipes for living out God's Word.
The recipe at our café includes heaping helpings of
Bible fun and special servings of creative crafts,
hands-on mission work, food science, and great
music. To be a part of all the excitement at
Shake It up Café:
Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe.



contact Brenda Buchy at 262-1163 or
bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org
or visit the church's website at
www.maplegroveumc.org
to register for VBS!



Justin Roberts is coming!
A Free! Concert for Children
Maple Grove Community Park
Sunday, July 24
Children's Activities begin at 3 p.m.
Music starts at 4 p.m.

Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of fun, fellowship, and great music.
If you would like to donate to the concert so we can continue to keep this free event,
please use the form below.

INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED!!

Make check payable to Maple Grove UMC with "Children's Concert" on the Memo Line

Family/Individual Name: _____

Sponsorship Amount: \$20 or _____ (fill in)

Thank you for your generous support!
For further information on sponsorship or volunteering to help, contact Janet Thode
at (614) 436-1760 or janetthode@insight.rr.com



Our New Multifunction Machine

Our office has been operating with a seven-year-old black and white multifunction and the maintenance cost was \$490 per month. Those maintenance costs increased 15% every year. In addition, we used a color laser printer with a per copy cost of about \$0.19, with maintenance costs also increasing by 15% per year. To control these costs we used the color copier sparingly, only about 8,000 copies last year, and outsourced much of our color printing to a commercial printer, at additional cost.

So, to save operating costs, we have replaced these two machines with a newer leased color multifunction machine that can copy, print, scan, fold, staple, store documents and do other things we haven't even figured out yet. Based on the 15% increasing maintenance costs on the two older machines (even with limiting color copies and not counting the savings from outsourcing the color printing) our calculations show that with the new machine and its advanced technology, we can make close to 35,500 color copies (eliminating outsourcing) and brighten up the Maple Leaf and the bulletins and still save over \$21,000 over five years.

Plus, since we own the old machines, we are still using them as backups."

A Reminder from the Friendly Patrol

Sometimes our good intentions to greet someone we don't know are interrupted because one of our fellow members starts talking to us, and the visitor leaves before we have had a chance to speak to them at the end of the church service. One way to work with this issue is to look around and see who is within ten of feet of you before the church service begins, make a point at that time to introduce yourself and find out their name/s.

During this time of transitions and changes in our congregation let's make a point of wearing our name tags, also to help our new pastor and family to learn our names more quickly.

Back to School Drive

United Methodist Free Store is collecting school supplies again for three neighborhood schools. A list of school supplies needed is posted on the main lobby bulletin board. We will collect these items until Sunday, August 7.



Set-Up and Tear-Down Help Needed

If you are strong and able bodied, please join the team! Custodians need help several times a year at our events that require a large number of tables and chairs, and/or the stage to be setup and then put away...often within hours of each other. When events occur, we will contact everyone on the team to see who is available to help with either the set-up or tear-down. Please contact the church office, if you are willing to help with this work.

Lonely?
Depressed?
Anxious?

a Maple Grove
Stephen Minister
will listen.



contact the church office

Art Opening

Sunday, July 10

A new show featuring artists from the Rembrandt Painting Group of the Clintonville Women's Club will start Sunday, July 10. Refreshments will be provided by the Hospitality Ministry after each service.

Please come and join us for some fellowship and to view the beautiful new art work in the Hallway Gallery.

Sharing Our Gifts

The Art Ministry is inviting you to participate in our annual SHARING OUR GIFTS show during the months of September and October.

The show is open to members of Maple Grove UMC, their families and friends.

We are looking for one to two pieces per person in photography, paintings, drawings, and anything fibers. If you have any questions or you would like to sign up, please contact a member of the Art Ministry team.

CHRISTIANE CURRY at cacurry@columbus.rr.com;

GERRY HEPP at gahbucks1@yahoo.com;

STEPHEN CLARY at SteveClary@aol.com;

LINDA KELCH at lkelch@gmail.com



Youth Outing

Thursday, July 14

The first summer outing for the Maple Grove Youth Group will take place on July 14. We will be attending the midnight premier of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2* (the last movie in the Harry Potter series). We will work to secure a group ticket pass for discounts so interested youth and parents should contact Libby Steele at: LibbyEAW@gmail.com or 614-205-1698.

We realize that this outing will not be possible for all members of youth fellowship, and we are in the process of planning a second outing for later this summer, possibly to Skyzone Sports!



YOUTH GROUP

Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Kathy Renick will become Interim Director of Children's Ministries on July 18, 2011. This will continue to be a part-time position. We appreciate Kathy accepting this responsibility and look forward to working with her. Brenda Buchy, who has held that position, will leave Maple Grove's staff on July 17 to accept a full time position with See Kids Dream.

Third Tuesday Series of Presentations

Tuesday, July 19

Please join us on July 19 at 7 p.m. in the parlor for a presentation: *Child Abuse Investigation*. The presenter is Sergeant John Hurst of the Columbus Division of Police Special Victims Unit. Sergeant Hurst has many years experience in the field and will share with us the facts and fiction about this issue, which impacts so many families in our community. A PowerPoint presentation will be followed by a question and answer period. This presentation is being co-sponsored by the Abused Children Outreach Ministry.

Tuesday, August 17

On July 19 at 6:45 p.m. join us for this special presentation: *King James Bible Translation of the Bible*. This year marks the 400th anniversary of the translating of the Bible into the KJV. The Rare Books and Manuscripts Department of OSU will have a display on the Thompson Library Gallery throughout the summer. We will meet at Maple Grove at 6:45 on this night to carpool to the library together to hear a special presentation by exhibit curator, Eric J. Johnson, and to view the extensive display. This exhibition should feature something to suit everyone's taste, including medieval manuscripts, original copies of the many different English Bible translations produced during the sixteenth century, literature and art inspired by the style, language and content of the Bible. Please call the church office or email Bill Croy @ bcroy22@gmail.com so that we are sure to have enough transportation.

Abused Children Outreach Ministry

During the month of July, show a child you care by donating a stuffed animal and/or book to the Maple Grove Child Abuse Outreach Ministry collection for the Family Violence Coalition at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The stuffed animal or book you donate may be the only item an abused child has ever received and been able to keep. When children receive something to hold and love, they are shown that not all adults will hurt them and that someone cares.



This year we are excited to promote our cause through a partnership with the Children's Concert on July 24. At the concert, we will collect stuffed animals and books. Stuffed animals, books and monetary donations will also be collected during all worship services in

July. (Box provided in the lobby).

The Family Violence Coalition at Nationwide Children's Hospital is the first facility in the country to bring together, under one roof, comprehensive intervention and prevention services. The Center partners with many different agencies including: CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence, Columbus Division of Police, and Franklin County Children Services. During a tour of the Center with Director of Administration and Programs, Dr. Nancy Cunningham, Psy.D, our committee learned that most recently there has been an increase in child abuse, due in part to the frustration of parents/caregivers losing their jobs. In Franklin County, approximately 8,000 child abuse cases are reported each year. Approximately 1500 children are treated each year for sex abuse or physical abuse at the Center alone.

You can make a difference in an abused child's life.

When: During the month of July, donations will be received in the lobby or bring a donation to the Children's Concert on July 24.

What: Stuffed animals must be new, with tags attached and no larger than 12 inches. New books for toddlers and older children are also needed.

You can be Christ's hands and feet in the world by donating a gift to an abused child.

Please contact Carol Igo at 848-5701 with questions.

2011 West Ohio Annual Conference: June 5-9, Lakeside



"Unleashing New Life: New Places, New People, Renewed Churches" was this year's theme for annual conference. This theme was emphasized in messages from three visiting preachers; Vance P. Ross, Martha Grace Reese, and Terry Teykl. It was also seen throughout

the conference in video reports from churches who are living this theme, as well as in workshops where we practiced ways to Unleash New Life.

Maple Grove was represented this year by Dave Trout as our clergy, and Sherri Scholl as lay member. Alison Gill and Sandy Freer represented Maple Grove as Capital Area North District lay members. Pastor Glenn was also there, representing Christ UMC. We were able to have a few fun get acquainted visits with him during the week.

As General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference is this year, we voted for delegates to represent The West Ohio Conference. And we voted over and over until nine lay members and nine clergy members were chosen to represent us at each conference. (There were also 10 alternates chosen - we voted A LOT!)

As always, recommendations were brought before us to amend, approve, or disapprove. As always, many points of view were shared, representing the diversity of the members of our conference. A few of the items we discussed were Ethics of Conference Staff, the purchase of a new Episcopal residence, aligning UMC investments to represent our views of justice in the Israel/Palestine conflict, and encouraging our State leaders to consider the budget with justice in mind.

Besides the weather being HOT, it was an enjoyable week of worship, fellowship, discussion, and church business. We beat the heat with ice cream!

You may visit the Conference website at: <http://www.wocumcsecure.org/ac/2011> and read the recommendations and decisions made. There are also videos of each day and a compilation video for the week.



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**VBS Teacher
Training Event**

**Teachers and Volunteers
for VBS**

Join us in Room 8 on Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. to learn all about this year's VBS!



Friday, July 1 – OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

Sunday, July 3 – Pastor Glenn's 1st Sunday
NO Children's Worship

Monday, July 4 – OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, July 7

7:00 p.m. VBS Volunteer Training

Sunday, July 10 **VBS BEGINS!**

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship

5:00 p.m. Potluck (see VBS info for details)

6:00 p.m. VBS

Monday, July 11

6:00 p.m. VBS

Tuesday, July 12

6:00 p.m. VBS

Wednesday, July 13

6:00 p.m. VBS

Thursday, July 14

6:00 p.m. VBS

Sunday, July 17 **VBS Sunday!**

10:00 a.m. Children Singing & Slideshow

10:30 a.m. Children's Worship

Sunday, July 24 Justin Roberts Concert

NO Children's 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
7/3	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW	Stephanie Duffy	Andrea Reinaker	Communion	No Children's Worship
7/10	Helen Hughes	Matthew Hughes	Kaitlyn Morrison	Ethan Rutter		Sara Games	Amy Long	Barbara Law	Kim Workman Barbara Law
7/17	Jack Miller	Julian Kargiotis	Lola Nauman	Emily Miller		Mary Graham	Dimitrios Kargiotis	VBS Sunday	Amy Kargiotis Dawn Nauman
7/24	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW		Mary Ann Hepp	Julie Wells	Barb Harrison	No Children's Worship
7/31	Jamie McDaniel	Joey Ponziani	Trevor Law	Abby Allen		Stephanie Duffy	Alison Gill	Janet Thode	Becky Boord Patty Hitt
8/7	Trevor Law	Daniel Whitney	Emily Miller	Lola Nauman	Caleb Brigle & Jillian Ponziani	Sara Games	Andrea Reinaker	Communion	Karyn Miller Laura Batdorf
8/14	Peri Kargiotis	Helen Hughes	Ethan Rutter	Kaitlyn Morrison		Judy Weaver	Amy Long	David Rutter	Kim Workman Barbara Law
8/21	No CW	No CW	No CW	No CW		Alicia Oddi	Julie Wells	Kathy Renick	No Children's Worship
8/28	Noah Workman	Jack Miller	Abby Allen	Trevor Law		Mary Graham	Dimitrios Kargiotis	Dawn Nauman	Amy Kargiotis Dawn Nauman

July Volunteer Schedule

MINISTRIES	July 3 - 10 am	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Acolyte	K.Morrison	E.Workman	M.Workman	M.Harrison	R.Hitt
Flower Delivery	E.Murray	E.Murray	S.Montgomery	C.Burns	C.Burns
Greeters	D.Carpenter	K.&P.Workman	H.&K.Covert	P.Holbrook	G.Shoemaker
1st Service	N.Hein B.&P.Hirst	J.&J.Clary	E.Davis B.Dearth	P.Walters	D.Brown
2nd Service	L.&A.Loughead M.&K.Mizelle	K.&L.Nash J.&J.Thode	B.&D.Batory T.&B.Buchy	R.&J.Dwyer D.Casares E.Brehm	D.Croy E.Cox G.Hoggard
Liturgist 1st		J.Hoppers	W.Williams	S.Clary	
2nd	B.Skinner	M.Bennett	B.Croy	L.Bussard	
Parish Visitor	B.&P.Hirst	A.&S.Gill	M.Matthaes K.Nash	C.&J.Weaver	M.Mizelle L.Nash
Pew Restocking	C.Wimer	J.Reinaker	E.Vickers	C.White	J.Williamson
Hospitality 1st		N.Fogle	J.&K.Hoppers		
2nd	B.&M.Tenney	D.Nauman	C.White M.Graham	A.&L.Loughead W.Blozis	C.&G.Wilcox
Secretary 1st		P.Miller	B.Cunningham	C.Hill	L.Matthaes
2nd	M.Agnew	E.Vickers	D.Trax	N.Fogle	N.Fogle
Ushers 1st		Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
2nd	Group 8	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Angel Delivery	For the Month of July: A.Garnes				
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of July: M.Welter				
	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Bulletin Stuffers	C.&M.Wimer	D.Brown L.Matthaes	E.Cox, B. Dearth	B.Edmundson H.Turner	M.Graham C.White
	July 5	July 13	July 18	July 27	
Feed My Sheep	C.Preston	C.Igo	B.Hirst	M.Burnham	

Travel Club

August 24

Come join us August 24 on a guided *Backroads Amish Tour*. Stops will be made at a home bakery, a chocolate shop, a basket making shop & Heini's cheese. Lunch will be in an Amish home. The bus will leave the Maple Grove parking lot at 7:30 a.m. and return at approx. 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$57 and is due by July 22. For reservation & information, call either Mary Jo Lanum (451-1701) or Caryl Mueller (851-8686). Make checks payable to Caryl Mueller and mail to 880 Thornview Drive, Galloway, OH 43116, or give to Mary Jo Lanum.



Spirituality Retreat

October 14 – 16

The Maple Grove Women's Spirituality Retreat.

Plan now to attend the Women's Retreat on the weekend of October 14 -16.

- We'll travel to the wonderful Hyde Park UMC Retreat Center, formerly a cloistered convent in Cincinnati.
 - Registration forms will be available this summer.
 - The cost of the weekend is \$50.
 - The program begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and ends at 12 p.m. Sunday.
 - Need *more* time away from your cares? Arrive Friday after 6 p.m. for "free for all fellowship." No structured activities - just interesting, beautiful, spiritual, strong Christian women sharing dinner, conversation, fellowship - whatever the Spirit moves us!
 - Call the church office to for additional information.
- 8Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink."*



John 7:37