



September 2011

Come Back to Sunday School!

CLASSES begin September 11th

Sunday school is the place to ask faith questions, discuss Christian beliefs, develop friendships and grow your relationship with God. Christian Education is more than education, it is more than information; it is spiritual formation and transformation. Sunday school is for people of ALL ages. Come back and grow with us!

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:45 to 10:45.

Drop in on any of these classes – *no registration is necessary.*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Little Lamb nursery care is available for infants through age 3.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade meet for Children's Rotational Sunday School (CROSS) in "The Garden" which is on the second floor of the education wing. This fall they will explore "Called to be Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament" through Bible stories, fun and fellowship.

Youth grades 6 through 12 meet in the Youth room (next to Fellowship Hall) to read scripture, ask questions, share views, fellowship, deepen and shape their faith.

The Adult Bible Study meets in the Parlor. This class is a Bible study that follows the International Sunday School Lesson scripture texts. Each week, participants begin with a Biblical text, and then move from a focus on the Word to reflection on personal, family, church, and community concerns.

The Kitchen Class meets in the Kitchen. This class engages in topical Christian conversation and occasional book study. Class time always includes time to share individual cares and concerns.

Word Among Us meets in the Chapel. This class is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week, this group studies one or more of the lectionary texts for the week, with an emphasis on group discussion of the historical context, as well as contemporary applications for living faithfully.

Beginning in October! Pastor Glenn will lead a 5-week Sunday School study in room 8. This class will read and explore Enough - Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity. *Enough* is an invitation to rediscover the Bible's wisdom when it comes to prudent financial practices. Join us to find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. This book could change your life, by changing your relationship with money.



September Worship Schedule

Last of a 3-Part Sermon Series:

focus on
the

Mission



September 4

"...And Serve Our Neighbors "

September 11

10th Anniversary of 9/11
A Time to Heal

2-Part Sermon Series:

FOCUS ON

**THE
VISION**

T O Z 3

L P E D 4

P E C F D 5

E D F C Z P 6

F E L O P Z D 7

D E F P O T E C 8

L E F O D P C T 9

F D P L T C E O 10

September 18

"Do You Look Like Your Picture, Church?"

September 25

Write the Vision, Make It Plain





This month marks the tenth anniversary of 9-11. Even though the ceremony at the World Trade Center site will include Pres. Obama, former Pres. Bush, NY Gov. Andrew Cuomo and former NY Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, no speeches will be given. Thank goodness. After the

debt ceiling debate, I have no stomach for politicians making points where thousands perished. Yes, we must find a time to discuss whether the expanded national security budget actually makes us safer, whether to hold accountable those who authorized torture, and how to take necessary precautions without violating civil rights. But on the anniversary, let it be enough to remember and give the dead their due.

That is what we will do in worship on 9-11-11 at Maple Grove. It will be "A Time to Heal." Scriptures will be read and candles lighted, our choir will sing the *Kyrie* from Clausen's *Memorial*, a magnificent piece. I invite you to come that day to remember, reflect and heal. And I ask you to invite others to come with you—it will be a time when many of our neighbors will be seeking solace and meaning. May they find their solace and meaning in the Word of God and the fellowship of the church.

I leave you with this glorious poem by the late Lucille Clifton:

Peace to you in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

Tuesday 9/11/01

thunder and lightning and our world
is another place no day
will ever be the same no blood
untouched

they know this storm in otherwheres
Israel Ireland Palestine
but God has blessed America
we sing

and God has blessed America
to learn that no one is exempt
the world is one all fear
is one all life all death
all one

Remember...



BIRTHS

08/07 Ava Grace Frank

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9/07 SPRC

9/14 Board of Trustees

FELLOWSHIP GROUP

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

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RECENT DEATHS

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

...Martha James, mother of Molly Ohsner, who passed away on August 3.

...Jim Shumaker, brother of Peggy Bowers, who passed away on August 4.

...Lois Palmer who passed away on August 18.

...Joan Scott who passed away on August 19.



RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Dick Bonsecour Joe Renicker
Georgene Wiggins Ralph Beale
Dick Pelleriti Byrl Shoemaker
Steve Williams Patty Chandler
Ruthanne Abbott Norma Hein
Ellie Cox

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Eileen Baker.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

Eat all the food you can . . .

At an all-church potluck to kick off our 2012 Stewardship Campaign. On Sunday, October 2, in Fellowship Hall after the 11:00 worship service, join in the celebration of Maple Grove's ministries with a potluck meal. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited!

Table service and drinks will be provided. Covered dishes and other food items for the potluck may be dropped off in the basement kitchen prior to the worship service.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all the women who prepared the food and set-up for the meal after my mom's funeral (Katherine Tobin). We all appreciate the care and concern that was shown. Love in Christ, *Jerry & Dottie Simonton*

Dear Angel Ministry,
Thank you for the delicious food. It was so appreciated as I was recovering from surgery. Also, an extra thank you to Sara & Andy Garnes for delivering the meal. Blessings, *Laura Amberg*

Evelyn Murray,
A special thanks to you and the Angel Ministry for the wonderful treats that you dropped off the other day. It was very thoughtful of you to drive all the way up here. Gladys and I enjoyed our little visit with you very much! Thanks again. Love in Christ.
Joe & Gladys Renicker

Hi! We recently attended the Justin Roberts concert with some of our neighborhood friends and just wanted to say a big THANK YOU for this wonderful free event. Despite the heat, it was a great time. Thanks to you and your sponsors for making this possible! Sincerely, *Colleen Speer*

WEDDINGS

Congratulations & Best Wishes to...

08/05 Laura Harp & David George

08/20 Alicia Abild & Sean Steele

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 24,
@ 9 a.m.

in the Church Parlor



A New Year For The Chancel Choir



Choir Rehearsals Resume

On September 8, the Chancel Choir will "kick-off" its new year of singing, service, fellowship, and fun by joining with the other adult music groups in a potluck dinner beginning at 6 p.m. in the Community Park (weather permitting). Praising God in a variety of styles from the Renaissance to the music of today, festival worship services this year will include Gwyneth Walker's "Appalachian Carols" with brass quintet in December and Mark Hayes' "Spirit Suite" with orchestra in the spring. The group normally rehearses at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and assists in leading worship at the 11 a.m. services from September through May. New members are always welcome! For more information, leave a message for Len in the church office.



Choir Members
Welcome!

NewSong, New Year, New Opportunities!

A new school year (and choir year) is upon us. With it comes new opportunities. *NewSong*, a small group of singers who have a passion for praising & worshipping God through contemporary Christian music, hopes to expand our horizons by expanding our membership. In keeping with our denomination's mantra of "Open hearts, open minds, open doors," this year we are opening the door of membership in *NewSong* to all ages from youth to middle-aged to senior citizens. If you like to listen to 104.9 *The River* and find yourself singing along with the radio, you should consider joining us. Typically, we sing one Sunday a month (usually the third Sunday of the month) in both worship services. We rehearse on the second Sunday immediately following the second service.

Come help *NewSong* kick-off the new year at the All-Choir Potluck on Thursday, September 8, at 6 p.m. in the community park. Our first rehearsal will be a 2-hour music reading session on Saturday, September 17, at 10 a.m. We will preview music to be sung in September-December. We will then sing in both worship services the next day on Sunday, September 18. If you have any questions, please contact Greg White at 638-4354 or via email at gpw43147@gmail.com.

Ding-a-lings Wanted!

Have you ever been teased because you talk with your hands? Did you play an instrument in the band when you were younger, but haven't touched it in years? Do you like to sing but have to limit your recitatives & arias to the confines of your shower for fear of embarrassing your family? If so, then the Wesley Handbell Choir may be just what you need.

We are a fun group of folks who come together for fellowship, food and ... oh, yeah - bell ringing! While it is essential that you be able to read music, handbell experience is not required. We have a wide range of abilities and experience levels. Typically, we ring one Sunday a month in worship and we rehearse most Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. There's always room for one more ding-a-ling. Why not give it a try?

Our first two rehearsals will be on Thursdays, August 25, and September 1, at 6:30 p.m. We will not rehearse on September 8, but you are invited to join us that evening at 6 p.m. for the All-Choir Potluck in the community park. We will then ring at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 11. If you have any questions, please contact Greg White at 638-4354 or via email at gpw43147@gmail.com.



Youth Group

The first Youth Group meeting of the fall is Sunday, September 11, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and every Sunday following.



Youth Group is for grade 6 through 12.

Please note that parents who have not completed an emergency contact sheet should plan to do so or drop one off that evening!

Youth Sunday School will also begin on the same day, September 11, at 9:45 am in the Youth room.

Sunday CRC Breakfast Servers Needed

Maple Grove is providing the Clintonville Resource Center (CRC) Sunday Breakfast the month of September. Although the largest responsibility of the CRC is to provide a food pantry, it also provides referrals and support to those who need medical assistance, child care assistance, energy assistance, and more.

This ministry team is responsible for making and serving food on Sunday mornings to residents of the Clintonville area who access the CRC. With the current economic climate the number coming for breakfast has increased dramatically. Volunteers provide breakfast casseroles, side dishes, fruit, juice, and milk. Volunteers are also invited to stay and help serve food or interact with the community residents. Breakfast is typically served from 9:30 to 11 a.m. If you are interested in donating food for the breakfast or serving one Sunday, please call Cathy or Brad Hughes at 614-581-9309.

Friendly Patrol

Our ministry team is continuing to greet people with the following words: "Hi, my name is _____. I don't think we have met. What's your name?" before the church service, during the welcoming part of the service and in the first three minutes after Greg has played the last note on the organ postlude. We are also wearing our name tags. All of this is to help us grow in our abilities and willingness to reach out to others. Won't you join us? Nancy Gay, team leader

Prayer Chain Ministry At Maple Grove United Methodist Church

The Prayer Chain receives prayer requests from the cards in the pews, or other contacts with the church office, as well as directly from members and friends of Maple Grove. We have made a commitment to pray for each person and situation on a regular basis.

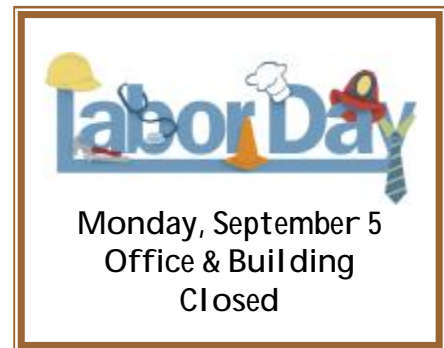
The Prayer Chain meets face-to-face every two months to go over the names of each person we have been praying for. Before the meeting, we contact the person we have been praying for or the person that gave us the request. At that meeting we read over each name rejoicing with those who are encouraged enough to have their names removed and feel the pain of those who are still struggling. The next meeting date is Tuesday, September 13, at 10 a.m. in the parlor

Our team is made up of Nancy Gay, Patti Hirst, Norma Mills, Ellen Wharrey, Mary Alice Brand, Adele Eierman, Dorothy Croy, Carol Igo, Winnie Blozis, Kathleen Shaffer, Betty Pierpoint, Margaret Wimer, Vonna Fissel, and Mary Bland. All requests are sent thru the chain either by e-mail or phone calls.

If you know of a person who needs prayer, please fill out the prayer request card found in the pew rack, or contact Cathy Davis, Pastor Glenn, or any of us on the prayer chain. Nancy Gay, team leader

Stephen Ministry

Everyone has their ups and downs. If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray and help you through a tough time. (It's confidential, too.) Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Cathy Davis 262-1163 or Nancy Gay 267-6418.





The Maple Grove
Art Ministry

Presents



The Second Annual

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Multi-Media Show
Featuring the works of members
of Maple Grove UMC
including photography, paintings,
drawings and fibers.

Opening Reception
12:00 Noon
Sunday, September 11

Art Hall Gallery
Through Friday,
November 11, 2011



Capitol Area North District Wings of the Morning Fundraiser at the Zoo

The West Ohio Conference has committed to raising \$1.6 Million to purchase a refurbished Cessna Grand Caravan to replace the existing airplane used by Wings of the Morning, an aviation ministry of The United Methodist Church in North Katanga Conference in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. This purchase will greatly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of Wings of the Morning in delivering medical supplies, Bibles, pastors, and mission teams, as well as evacuation of critically ill and injured villagers.

The Capitol Area North District is hosting a Wings of the Morning Fundraiser at the Columbus Zoo on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The evening will include: dinner; entertainment; live and silent auctions; and an address by Chris Spielman, Honorary Chair of the West Ohio Conference Wings of the Morning Campaign. The cost to sponsor a table for 8 is \$500. Individual tickets are \$75 and couples \$100. To purchase tickets or for questions about the event, contact the Capitol Area North District Office at (614) 222-0602 or email capitolareanorth@wocumc.org



Mark your calendar!

Fourth Annual

"Over 80's" Luncheon
Saturday, September 17
from 11:30 until 2:00
in the Fellowship Hall.

Call Bob and Patti Hirst at 885-7880
for reservation, or sign up on
Sunday, September 11, after both services.

Looking forward to honoring
our special members
who are 80 and older.



September Volunteer Schedule

MINISTRIES	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Acolyte	M.Workman	M.Harrison	E.Miller	R.Hitt
Flower Delivery	C.White	C.Burns	S.&D.Montgomery	C.Burns
Greeters 1st Service	R.&K.Innis S.&M.Jados	H.&K.Covert E.Davis B.Dearth	B.Edmundson H.Turner D.&R.Hirst	A.Leighty D.Muir D.&S.Montgomery
2nd Service	E.Meyers B.Pierpoint B.&S.Freer	S.Garnes T.Radabaugh D.&L.Stuckey	P.Uhrick E.Vickers C.&J.Weaver	T.&L.Palmer B.Tenney E.Brehm
Liturgist 1st Service	S.Scholl	J.Weaver	D.Muir	W.Williams
2nd Service	S.Freer	D.Igo	D.Casares	P.Rottenbillier
Parish Visitor	M.Matthaes K.Nash	J.&C.Weaver	M.Mizelle L.Nash	A.&D.Elders
Pew Restocking	J.Reinaker	E.Vickers	C.White	J.Williamson
Sunday Hospitality 1st	N.Fogle		S.&E.Wharrey	
2nd			E.Murray	C.&G.Wilcox
Sunday Secretary 1st	M.Jados	K.Innis	L.Matthaes	P.Walters
2nd	C.White	K.Workman	D.Trax	D.Batory
Ushers 1st	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4
2nd	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8
Angel Delivery	For the Month of September: C.Notestine			
Angel Food Prep	For the Month of September: M.Burnham			
	September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23
Bulletin Stuffers	C.&M.Wimer	D.Brown L.Matthaes	E.Cox B.Dearth	B.Edmundson H.Turner
	September 6	September 14	September 19	September 28
Feed My Sheep	C.Preston	L.Smith	B.Pelleriti	C.Igo

"Bill's Backers" in the WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

Together we invite you to be one of "Bill's Backers" in the WALK TO DEFEAT ALS--Sunday, September 25, 11 a.m. at Fred Beekman Park (corner of Kenny and Lane) with sign-in beginning at 10. The walk is 3 miles but this is in one mile loops. All walkers will be counted as being in worship with Maple Grove Church because, well, you will be, just in a different place. Everyone who walks will enjoy wonderful fellowship; receive an awesome (green!) T-shirt (\$7), and enjoy a meal together after the walk.

Even if you cannot be there to walk with Bill and Dorothy, you can still be a "Bill's Backer" by making a donation to the ALS Association. Go online to <http://web.alsa.org/goto/billsbackers> or see Bill and Dorothy at a table after worship on September 11.

Currently there is no cure of ALS (also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease), and in the meantime it costs an average of \$200,000 to provide the care ALS patients need. The proceeds from this walk go to the local ALS Southern and Central Ohio Chapter for their work holding support group meetings, providing a loan closet for specialized equipment, and needed research for the causes and possible cures of this dreaded disease. So, in addition to your generous and faithful support of the ministries of Maple Grove Church, we encourage you to make a contribution to the ALS Association in honor of Bill. We thank you for whatever you are able to do.

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn Schwerdtfeger and

Rev. Bill Croy



THE KIDS' PAGE SEPTEMBER 2011

What's new this fall?

- *The more the merrier!* 4 year-olds are invited to join us in CROSS Sunday School and in Children's Worship! Little Lambs nursery care will continue to be available for children birth-age 3 all morning.
- *Get ready to sing and praise God in Children's Worship!* We'll be featuring more music each week, including all of your old VBS favorites plus many new songs! Parents, our worship themes will be the same as the main worship service, so that families can talk about what they experienced in worship that day. Also, children under 4 are welcome to attend Children's Worship with a parent or grandparent.

CROSS explores "Called to be Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament" – Sundays @ 9:45am

We have a ton of fun planned for kids this fall in CROSS! Join us in "The Garden" (on the second floor of the education wing) for creative activities, Bible stories, and fellowship.

Date	Topic	Rotation	CROSS Leader
Sept 11	Abraham & Sarah	Science	Lisa Ponziani
Sept 18		Art	Dawn Nauman
Sept 25		Games	Susan Whitney
Oct 2	Joseph	Video	Kim Workman
Oct 9		Art	Amy Kargiotis
Oct 16		Drama	Dawn Nauman
Oct 23	Ruth	Cooking	Kim Workman
Oct 30		Art	Susan Whitney
Nov 6	Samuel	Cooking	Lisa Ponziani
Nov 13		Art	Alison Gill
Nov 20		Games	Susan Whitney
Nov 27	<i>No CROSS</i>		
Dec 4	Isaiah	Cooking	Kim Workman
Dec 11		Art	Amy Kargiotis
Dec 18		Video	Susan Whitney
Dec 25	<i>No CROSS</i>		



Bible Sunday

We will be presenting Bibles to our third graders on Sunday, September 25. Join us in celebrating this special day with the following kids: Cole Abbott, Sylvia Boley, Caleb Brigle, Grace Brigle, Ethan Rutter, and Madison Shaw.

Children's Ministries Volunteers – Sundays @ 11:00am

Date	Little Lambs/Nursery	Children's Moments	Children's Worship	
Sept 4	Mary Ann Hepp	Glenn Schwerdtfeger	Kim Workman	Julie Wells
Sept 11	Judy Weaver	Barb Harrison	Laura Batdorf	Amy Kargiotis
Sept 18	Stephanie Duffy	Janet Thode	Karyn Miller	Alison Gill
Sept 25	Sara Garnes	<i>Third Grade Bibles</i>	Dawn Nauman	Patty Hitt
Oct 2	Mary Graham	Glenn Schwerdtfeger	Barbara Law	Julie Wells
Oct 9	Andrea Reinaker	Barbara Law	Laura Batdorf	Cindy Brigle
Oct 16	Amy Long	Barb Harrison	Amy Kargiotis	Karyn Miller
Oct 23	Dimitrios Kargiotis	David Rutter	Becky Boord	Laura Batdorf
Oct 30	Mary Ann Hepp	Janet Thode	Kim Workman	Barbara Law

OFFERED SUNDAY MORNINGS OR TUESDAY EVENINGS

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

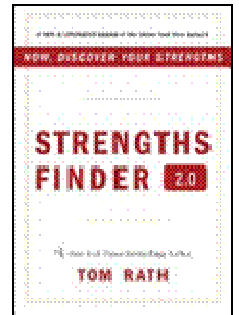
Beginning Sunday, September 11th or Tuesday, September 13th

The title Disciple includes both identity and purpose. The Disciple is a learner, believer, follower, proclaimer. In the Bible the word disciple is connected with instruction and training. Underlying the development of Disciple is the assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry as baptized, believing, committed Christians. Therefore, the purpose of Disciple is to develop strong Christian leaders through regular in-depth study of Scripture. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals. The purpose may be summarized in the words of Ephesians 4:12: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

During the course of *34 weeks*, Disciple study groups will move through the biblical story from Creation to the New Jerusalem. Each participant receives a manual and the Bible is the text for study. Each weekly session is two hours – on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Each session consists of a video segment and group discussion. The group members' commitment includes three to four hours of independent study each week in preparation for the weekly study session together. Prayerfully consider participating in Disciple. Registration is required.

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Living Your Strengths This course is based on StrengthsFinder 2.0, a survey that identifies your top five strengths from a list of 34 potential human strengths. These top strengths are your signature God-given talents, around which you organize who you are. If you really know what your greatest strengths are, they can become the best tools for building the unique ministry dreams God has called you to pursue. This course runs for 8 weeks; each class is one hour, and it will be offered Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning September 13. The book StrengthsFinder 2.0 is required for the class at a cost of \$15 and can be purchased in the church office. Because the completion of the survey is needed for the class, the book and registration are essential.



"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them." Romans 12:6

THE WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Retreat will be held on the weekend of October 14 - 16. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 15 and ends at 12:00 p.m. Sunday. This year we will once again return to the Hyde Park UMC Retreat Center, formerly a cloistered convent, in Cincinnati. The retreat cost is \$50 and participants are asked to bring either a breakfast or snack food to share.

Need *more* time away from your cares? Come on Friday after 6:00 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! Registration forms are available in the office.

