



## September 2009

The Adult Christian Education team is excited about the upcoming classes and group studies. We're committed to providing opportunities for all people to take the next step on their journey of faith. Our prayer is that these adult educational opportunities will be a meaningful experience for all who will participate. Please feel free to join any of the Sunday School classes – no registration is necessary. For the Discipleship 101 study, please register at least one week prior to the study start date either online through the church website, by calling the church office or by signing up in the main lobby.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

*All Sunday School classes meet on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45.*

**Word Among Us** This class is based on the Revised Common Lectionary. Each week, the 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. This class shares leadership and meets in Room 4.

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

**Kitchen Class** This class engages in topical Christian conversation and occasional book study. Class time always includes time to share individual cares and concerns. People are welcome to be regular or irregular attendees of this class. The class shares leadership (coordinated by Dave & Ann Elder) and meets in the Kitchen.

**The Bible From Scratch** This class will introduce basic tools and skills for Bible study for adults who have – or fear they have – little or no Bible knowledge. There will be eight sessions on the New Testament followed by seven sessions on the Old Testament. The goal of the class is for participants to become biblically literate so that they will be comfortable reading and studying the Bible and be able to enter into conversation with others about the Bible. This class will be led by Pastor Jeff and meets in Room 6.

### DISCIPLESHIP 100

Discipleship 101 is the first in a series of courses intended to help us better understand our ministry in the world – ourselves as disciples of Jesus Christ. This first course will embark on a more in-depth examination of our ministry model. The Every Member in Ministry emphasis we organize our life together around is not just some catchy, unique way to get things done around the church. It's the way the early church functioned – it's how it came into being – long before there was any such thing as an ordained, paid clergy. Led by Pastor Bill

With the help of Greg Ogden's book Unfinished Business: Returning the Ministry to the People of God we will spend time each week discussing together how we can even more effectively be the disciples God calls us to be. The format will involve participants reading during the week and then getting together for a time of sharing, either during the Sunday School hour (9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays) or on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

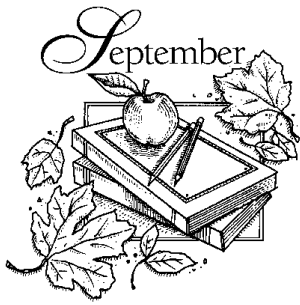
The first course will start on Labor Day Sunday, September 6, or Tuesday, September 8. The books will be passed out on these days and assignments provided. If you cannot be present at the first meeting, you are asked to pick up your material in the office prior to the next week's meeting time. The course will be 10 weeks in duration. The last sessions for this first course will be Sunday, November 8, and Tuesday, November 10.

Other upcoming Discipleship 101 courses this first year include:

102 Our Spiritual Selves - Memories of God by Roberta Bondi

103 Gifts, Skills, Interests - Strength Finders and Other Gift Inventories





## Sunday Worship Schedule

September 6, 2009  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
*A Different Side of Jesus?*  
Mark 7:24-37  
Rev. Jeff Allen

September 13, 2009  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
*Who Are We?*  
Mark 8:27-38  
Rev. Bill Croy

September 20, 2009  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
*Who Is Welcome Here?*  
Mark 9:30-37  
Rev. Bill Croy

September 27, 2009  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
*Whose Side Are You On?*  
Mark 9:38-50  
Rev. Bill Croy

## BIRTHS

08/18 Lily Adele LaShelle

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9/02 SPRC  
9/09 Board of Trustees

## FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The Fellowship Group will meet at the Upper Arlington MCL on Monday, September 21 at 5:15 p.m.

## HANNAH CIRCLE

Hannah Circle will have their Chocolate Chat Wednesday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in Room 8.

## PRISCILLA CIRCLE

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, September 14, at 6 p.m. at Bob Evans Restaurant.

## RECENT DEATHS

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

...Kathleen Kingzett who passed away on July 23.

...Margaret Walden who passed away on August 12.

...Martha Wright who passed away on August 24.

## RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Betty Lipsky                      Toni Eversole  
Pat Caston                        Marjorie Durst  
Nancy Anderton                Jim Anderton  
Bill Graessle                     Ellie Cox

## RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice Loughead.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all that you have done for us over the past few months, especially the dinner at home, the baptism of Cedric, and all of your prayers and blessings. *Sherry & Matt Otey*

Thanks to Nancy and the other ladies who prepared and served the luncheon for my father's memorial service. The delicious food and kind service was really appreciated. Our family and friends truly felt the Christian spirit alive at your church.

*Tom & Sheri Smith*

Thanks to Norma Mills for collection and delivery of pop tabs to The Ronald McDonald House. We are so grateful for your contribution.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated all of the toiletry articles. The ability to "give" rather than say "sorry, we are out" was a nice experience for us. It has been fun giving families enough soap and toothpaste for everyone in the family. Things we take for granted are luxury items for so many of our folks. Bless you all as you continue to support the ministry of *UM Free Store*.

Thanks to your generous support of Earth Day in April, the Recycling Team has over \$150 to put towards making our Maple Grove home more environmentally friendly.

September's Tip:  
Switching to cloth napkins is a great way to reduce your use of paper napkins.

## WEDDINGS

*Congratulations & Best Wishes to...*

...Deborah Asmo & Gary Vanderson who were married on August 7.

...Leslie Wilson & Bradley Kammer who were married on August 22.

...Lindsey Williams and Andrew Taylor who were married on August 29.

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, September 26  
at 9 a.m.  
in the church parlor



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## New Life Annual Kick-off Tailgate Party

Once again it will be held at The Buckeye Hall of Fame Café. This year's event will be on Thursday, September 3, from 5 to 8 p.m. (the night before the season opener with Navy). This annual event benefits people who are homeless and poor in Columbus through the ministries of New Life. The buffet dinner includes burgers and brats, chips and beans, salad and dessert, sodas and coffee. Tickets are \$20 each for adults 18 and over, \$10 for kids 5 – 17, and free for kids under 5. Tickets are available in the church office.



## Over 80 Luncheon

Our second "Over 80 Luncheon" to celebrate our senior members and friends at Maple Grove will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 12, from 11:30 to 2:30 p.m. Your meal, table service and entertainment will be provided. Transportation will be arranged for those not driving at this time. Please call Nancy Fogle at 459-8200 or you can sign up after worship on September 6. Plan to bring your spouse or one guest.

This will be a fun event for reunion, reminiscing and enjoying the company of friends.

## Sip And Savor



Come out and join us on the lawn for Sip and Savor on Saturday, September 19 at 7 p.m.!! We've put together a wonderfully fun tasting menu for all to enjoy. Bev Pettit will be sharing her beautiful voice reading short stories and we've got some great music planned as well.

We will be accepting reservations between services in September. The cost is \$7 per person. Take a peek at the menu below and see if you can guess which one will taste like Thanksgiving? Which one is sophisticated Peanut Butter and Jelly? Pizza?

Sip and Savor Menu

Boule De Fromage & Apple Juice

Parmesan Wedges & Basil Tomato Juice

Thai Peanut Noodle Salda and Grape Soda

Sage Turkey Pinwheels & Cranberry Juice

Cookies & Ice Cold Milk

Proceeds will go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund as we continue to help those in need.

## The Gift Of Music

I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them. Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music.



Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther

## A New Year For The Chancel Choir

On September 10, The Chancel Choir and Wesley Bell Choir will "kick-off" their new year of singing, ringing, service, fellowship, and fun with a 6 p.m. potluck at Patty Chandler's house, 240 W. Cooke Rd (note revised time and location). In a variety of music from the Renaissance to the music of today, the groups will lead worship throughout the church year with assistance from instrumental soloists, large ensembles, and Greg. New members are always welcome--for more information, call Len or Ann in the church office.

## Hello to all the ringers (and want-to-be ringers)!!!

The first rehearsal of Maple Grove's bell choir will be held in conjunction with the Chancel Choir potluck on Thursday, September 10, at 6 p.m. at Patty Chandler's. If you don't know how to get there, check in with a choir member or drop me (Ann) a note and I will send you directions ([annmarie\\_hicks@yahoo.com](mailto:annmarie_hicks@yahoo.com)). The bell choir will then resume regular rehearsals the following week: Thursday, September 17, 6:30 p.m. in Room 7.

I am extremely excited about this year, so ringers be ready!!! And, bring any friends and neighbors who might be interested...The only prerequisite is an interest in fun and fellowship. Hope to see you soon!



## Middle School Youth Room



The room across the hall from the nursery in the education wing has been transformed into a new youth room just for middle school youth. The grand unveiling will be on September 13. Feel free to stop by and check it out whenever you like! Thanks to the quilting team for their help with the curtains and cushions and to middle school youth leaders Sandi Allen and Sean Gill for their vision for the room.

## Maple Grove Softball Team

The MG Softball Team had another fun season this year. We started off strong and struggled in the middle. We finished strong as we played three games losing in the "B" tournament final. We didn't always score the most runs. In the end, we didn't win the most games. However, we did lead the league in swollen knees and pulled hamstrings. So whether you are old or YOUNG, why not come out and play some ball next spring and summer. We'd love to have you.

## Hospitalized? When We Know, We Go!

It is always distressing when your pastors learn that a member of our church has been in the hospital, and we in the church office never knew. Unfortunately, this happens far too often. Current privacy laws and policies have made it necessary for hospitals to discontinue earlier traditions of informing churches when members were admitted. Even though hospital admissions staff may continue to ask about church membership as though they were going to inform the church, you and your family need to know that the hospital does not always pass along this information to your church.



Your pastors visit the hospital regularly. If you are in the hospital for more than two days and no one from the church has come to see you, you can be sure that the church office is not aware that you are there.

Please help our church to be the caring congregation we all want to be. If you or a family member needs to go to the hospital, please phone or email the church office at 614-262-1163 or [Office@MapleGroveUMC.org](mailto:Office@MapleGroveUMC.org). Thank you for your help!

# Ministry Teams

This section was added to the Maple Leaf so that more people are aware of the important ministries being accomplished by our many ministry teams. In each monthly issue, we will highlight a few of these ministry teams. This month the spotlight is on:



## Cancer Care Ministry Team

*"Serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received."*

Having spent several months with my fellow ministry team members I am reminded that one of the blessings I experienced because of my leukemia experience is the support and caring I received from others. Our Cancer Care Ministry Team members want to share with you and help you in your journey facing cancer.

The Maple Grove UMC Cancer Care Ministry Team has been meeting during the past few months and we want to share some of our activities and services with you.

Our main focus will be to offer one-to-one sharing and support between an individual ministry team member and anyone who requests care giving or who wants to visit. Our team members are cancer survivors who understand and appreciate some of what patients experience while facing cancer. We realize that individuals will have their own walk and experience; yet we hope to provide comfort and support partially because we have had a similar walk and because we have survived with the grace of God.

*Confidentiality:* We will only share your information as required and as authorized by you.

If you wish to visit with a ministry team member, please reach out either to one of our members or reach out to a staff member. You can choose which team member you want to share with or church staff will help you select and will contact a team member for you. Our current ministry team members are listed below.

In addition, we will participate in the October 18 Health Fair here at Maple Grove to visit, share information and to answer questions. Some of us will be participating in the 'Light the Night' Leukemia & Lymphoma Society walk, October 3 at Fred Beekman Park on OSU's west campus.

Following are several ministry team members' comments on why they have chosen to participate.

*"I have been blessed to survive cancer at two different times in my life. Although everyone has different life experiences, I hope that I can offer some insight and possibly hope to someone experiencing cancer in their life."*

*"I felt this was an opportunity to help somebody who is going through a difficult time in their life and to walk with them through this journey."*

*"I am a 30 year survivor of a melanoma... I will be glad to visit with anyone who needs a visit."*

*"I was a young wife and mother when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was a very frightening time. I was blessed to have great support, including my Maple Grove family. It was comforting and calming to have a relationship with other cancer patients and survivors, someone who had experienced what I was going through. I hope through my participation on the cancer support ministry team that I can provide that same comfort to others."*

Please let us know if we can help you. Also, let us know if you want to help others and participate in our ministry team.

*Cancer Care Ministry Team: Jeanne Browne, Nancy Gay, Mike Gwynne, Patti Hirst, Patti Rottenbiller, Bill Lloyd, Jim Welter, Larry Boord*





Training for a new class of Stephen Ministers will start on Saturday, Sept. 20 thru Feb. 7. The Stephen Leaders from Overbrook Presbyterian Church and Maple Grove United Methodist Church will be sharing in the training of this class every other weekend with time off between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. At the end of the 50 hours of this initial training, there will be a service of commitment. Afterwards there will be a commission service at each individual church.

We are looking for people who are compassionate, full of faith, skilled and trustworthy for this class. Do you have these characteristics or are willing to grow in these areas? Do you know someone who fits this model? If so, invite them to prayerfully consider this call. If your answer is YES, or if you have questions about this ministry and training, please contact Cathy Davis at 262-1163 or Nancy Gay at 267-6418.

### Community Resource Center (CRC) News

The CRC had a busy July. They have seen an increase in the number of seniors seeking help (from 55 in June and 35 in May to 58 in July). The # of unduplicated households receiving help has risen from 245 in January to 347 in July. They are in need of items that cannot be purchased with their "food only" grants such as: toilet paper, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, dish soap, laundry detergent, shaving cream, etc. They could use some additional volunteers to unload the Mid-Ohio Food Bank truck on Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Persons available to help should call Angela at 614-268-3539 or email her at [angela.kypriotis@clintonvillecrc.org](mailto:angela.kypriotis@clintonvillecrc.org).

### Area Opportunities

Clinton Heights Lutheran Church will host screenwriter/humorist Jonathon Richard Cring and musician/conductor Janet Clazzy on Tuesday, September 8, at 7 p.m. More information is on the Community Bulletin Board in the lower lobby.

### This Day Is a Gift

This beautiful day is a gift of love  
 That's given to us from God above.  
 With twenty-four hours of time to use  
 In ways God is hoping we'll wisely choose.  
 So why not ask God for both guidance and grace?  
 Let God set the standards as well as the pace.  
 Then when the day's over, we'll find we've been  
 blessed with all that we needed in choosing what's  
 best!  
 —Peggy Ferrell

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## New Ministry Team Forming: Environmental Ministry Team

The Board of Trustees would like to issue a call for a new ministry team – an Environmental Ministry Team. Some of the things we've talked about being the focus of this ministry team include consideration of what a difference, keeping in mind that God created the earth as good, it makes when it comes to our making decisions about how we go about our ministry as a church? Are environmental certifications something we should consider? Should we have a rain garden? How should our being concerned about the environment impact decisions we make regarding our property – construction, landscaping, etc.? Should we install bike racks? Interested? Contact Pastor Croy and you will be informed when the initial meeting will be held to consider our ministry.



## Ministry Ideas Looking For Support And Leadership

### UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

The United Methodist Community Ministries is a cooperative venture of the Capital Areas North and South. *Our Purpose is to assist congregations in doing outreach ministry in and with the community where God has called them to serve.* Two new health ministries on the horizon include:

- 1) New Life UMC is on the verge of opening their new Health Center in an old parsonage, which will expand the health ministry they now offer on Sunday mornings.
- 2) Livingston UMC will be the home of a new Charitable Pharmacy starting in October. This will be a free store focused on pharmaceutical drugs, enabling low-income persons to fill their much-needed prescriptions at no cost.

Persons interested in getting involved in either one of these exciting health ministries should contact the Community Ministries office at [bethweisbrod@wocumc.org](mailto:bethweisbrod@wocumc.org) or call her at 877-228-0521.

### STRENGTH FOR SERVICE DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The General Commission on United Methodist Men is behind an effort to send *Strength For Service* daily devotional books to our service men and women. If you would be interested in giving to this effort or organize fundraising in our congregation, contact Pastor Croy and you will be given further information about the project.

### COMMUNITY MINISTRY FESTIVAL AND MISSION FAIR

This year's Community Ministry Festival and Mission Fair is going to be held on Tuesday, September 22, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at North Broadway UMC. The Theme is *Expanding Community Circles of HOPE*. The cost is \$10 in advance. We will celebrate all the new partnering happening across counties, cultures, ages, races, religious affiliations, etc. A great meal, great inspirational speakers, dancers, music, displays, etc. will make for a wonderful evening. Persons interested in attending should contact the church office. Their newsletter is posted on the Community Bulletin Board in the lower lobby.

### MEN'S CUM CHRISTO WEEKEND

The next Men's Cum Christo weekend begins on Thursday, September 17. A Cum Christo weekend is for men who are looking for a renewal and a commitment to Christ. Cum Christo brings Christians together in an ecumenical environment to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and to motivate them to grow as disciples of Jesus in their churches and in their everyday life. For more information, either contact Sandi Allen (614-447-0528) or email her at [sandiallen@ameritech.net](mailto:sandiallen@ameritech.net).

### 2010 Entertainment Books

The 2010 Entertainment books are in! You can purchase your book for \$20 in the church office or by contacting Pastor Jeff. The proceeds from the sales will support the youth mission trip to Mexico next summer. Be sure to get your Entertainment book today and start saving!



MINISTRIES	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
<b>Acolyte</b>	M.Harrison	E.Workman	R.Hitt	D.Maston
<b>Flower Delivery</b>	S.Garnes	S.Garnes	S.Frost	C.Burns
<b>Greeters 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	T.&L.Boggs C.Burns & E.Davis	H.Turner B.Edmundson M.&C.Gwynne	N.Hein C.Hill G.&M.Hepp	D.Hirst R.Hirst S.&M.Jados
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b>	B.&D.Batory D.Croy W.Blozis	B.&S.Freer T.Eversole S.Garnes	T.&P.Hitt D.&A.Kargiotis	L.&A.Loughead K.Mizelle M.Mizelle
<b>Liturgist 1<sup>st</sup> Service</b>	W.Williams	D.Jados	S.Clary	M.Knight
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b>	K.Rutter	P.Rottenbiller	J.Nothing	P.Napoli
<b>Parish Visitor</b>	S.&A.Gill	K.Nash & F.Pierson	M.&C.Gwynne	D.&A.Elder
<b>Sunday Hospitality 1<sup>st</sup></b>	G.Bonsecour	M.&L.Matthaes	J.&K.Hoppers	E.&S.Wharrey
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	D.Nauman	G.&C.Wilcox	B.Pierpoint E.Wharrey	Open
<b>Sunday Secretary 1<sup>st</sup></b>	B.Cunningham	P.Walters	J.Young	P.Miller
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	E.Vickers	J.Thode	B.Saxman	E.Murray
	<b>September 7</b>	<b>September 9</b>	<b>September 21</b>	<b>September 23</b>
<b>Feed My Sheep</b>	B.Hirst	A.Foulger	M.Dornbusch	E.Murray
<b>Angel Delivery</b>	<b>For the Month of September: C.Notestine</b>			
<b>Angel Food Prep</b>	<b>For the Month of September: B.Pelleriti</b>			

LOOK  
Upcoming  
Events!



Plan to attend  
Maple Grove's  
Seventh Annual  
Health Fair

*Sunday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

### Fellowship & Potluck Dinner

Monday, October 5, at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited & encouraged to attend a potluck dinner and to hear a presentation by Rev. Steven Putka.

Rev. Putka is the Director of Spiritual Life and Development at the United Methodist Children's Home.

Please join us! We assure you it will be time well spent!

Save the Date!  
**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**  
LaComedia Dinner Theatre  
Thursday, December 3  
Join the Travel Club for lunch and show  
\$59/person due November 1



## Sunday Morning Plugged-In

9:45-10:45 downstairs in the Youth Room  
For youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older

We're continuing our focus on "faith at the movies" this year. Like last year, we'll have some time to hang out together, and "plug-in" to one another's lives. We'll also "plug-in" to our faith by watching a movie clip and seeing how it can help us understand new things about our faith. Our clips will relate to the Gospel text used in worship each week. Check it out!!!



## Sunday Night Youth Group



Join us on Sunday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for youth group! We have separate groups for middle school youth (6th-8th grades) and high school youth (9th-12th grades). You'll have

to come to youth group to find out what we're doing each week...you never know what it might be! Join us and find out!



## FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 13  
5:30-7:00 p.m.  
at the Church

Join us for a picnic on Sunday night, September 13 from 5:30-7:00. We'll kick off the new year of youth group by grilling out, re-connecting, and playing some volleyball. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll provide the hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie-burgers, buns, condiments, paper products and drinks.

## New Middle School Youth Room!!

A room in the church just for you! We have a new Middle School Youth Room! Come to the unveiling on September 13, the first night of youth group for the fall. Bring your favorite (appropriate) poster to hang in the space to make it your own!

## HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Plans are continuing to develop for next summer's mission trip to Mexico! We'll be doing some construction work to assist the Casa de Misericordia (House of Mercy) orphanage in the border town of Piedras Negras (southwest of San Antonio). The trip will be the week of June 20-26, 2010, and will cost \$300 (due in three payments of \$100 in November, February and May). The registration deadline for the trip is November 1. If you are interested in participating, contact Pastor Jeff.



## HIGH SCHOOL CANOE TRIP



Grab your paddles and join us for a canoe (or kayak) trip on Saturday, September 12. We'll meet at the church at 10 a.m., and then head to Trapper John's Canoe livery in Grove City for a relaxing day floating down the waters of the scenic Darby Creek. We'll have a picnic lunch together during the trip and should be back to the church sometime between 2:00 and 3:00. The cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to Pastor Jeff by Sunday, September 6.

## "Weekly Wassup" Email

Do you know wassup? Each week, we send a weekly email to youth and parents that provides the latest updates regarding Youth Ministry @ Maple Grove. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please send an email to Pastor Jeff at [jallen@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:jallen@maplegroveumc.org).



## THE KIDS PAGE September

### September Calendar

- Sunday, Sept 6**    **REGULAR HOURS RESUME**  
11:30 a.m.    Children's Worship in the Chapel
- Monday, Sept 7** – **LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED**
- Friday, Sept 11**  
9:30 a.m.    Talk-n-Play Two
- Sunday, Sept 13**    **BIBLE Sunday & C.R.O.S.S. Begins!**  
9:45 a.m.    C.R.O.S.S. – *Mission Project*  
11:30 a.m.    Children's Worship in the Chapel
- Friday, Sept 18**  
9:30 a.m.    Talk-n-Play Two
- Sunday, Sept 20**  
9:45 a.m.    C.R.O.S.S. - *Joshua Leads the People*  
11:30 a.m.    Children's Worship in the Chapel  
4:00 p.m.    3rd Grade Bible Exploration Event
- Friday, Sept 25**  
9:30 a.m.    Talk-n-Play Two
- Sunday, Sept 27**  
9:45 a.m.    C.R.O.S.S. - *Joshua Leads the People*  
11:30 a.m.    Children's Worship in the Chapel  
5:30 p.m.    SPROUTS



## 3rd Grade Bible Sunday



The third graders will be presented their Bibles during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 13. They will also have a Bible Exploration Event on Sunday, September 20, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Buchy at 262-1163 or [bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org)

### Sprouts FALL 2009

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will start fall sessions beginning Sunday, September 27 and running thru Sunday, November 1. This year we will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the C.R.O.S.S. Garden on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. We will be working on "Building Skills for Christian Living" using LIVE IT: Growing Spiritually.



### Talk-n-Play @ Maple Grove UMC!!

With the growing number of little ones at Maple Grove, we want to extend a new invitation to join the Talk-n-Play group. We meet on Fridays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or so in the church nursery. Talk-n-Play is exactly like it sounds – a chance for the kids to play and the adults to talk and get to know each other. If you would like to get involved with Talk-n-Play, please email Sandi Allen at [sandiallen@ameritech.net](mailto:sandiallen@ameritech.net) or call her at 614-447-0528.





Hey Parents! Let your kids give  
C.R.O.S.S. a try this fall!

### Children's Rotational Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, September 13, drop off your kids ages 6 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the Garden (now located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Education Wing) at 9:45 a.m. and then pick them up at 10:45 a.m. at their workshop. Workshop locations are posted outside the classrooms. Or better yet, volunteer for a week or two to share in C.R.O.S.S. with your child doing something you enjoy!

If your kids love...

- o Art
- o Movie theaters and popcorn
- o Science experiments
- o Games
- o Cooking and eating
- o VBS

...then they will love CROSS workshop!

### Joshua Leads the People

*Mission Project - September 13*

*Rotation I: September 20 & 27*

*Rotation II: October 4 & 11*

*Cinema - October 18*

Sept 13 - MISSION @ The Garden Refugee relief Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
STORYTELLING @ Stages of Faith If You're Afraid of the Dark Remember the Night Rainbow, The Great Big Wall, Letters from the Other Side Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
GAMES @ Arcade of the Covenant Where's My Stone, Stepping Stones, "I Was Crossing the Jordan" Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
ART @ Thou Art! Studio Sand Story Jars, Memorial Stones, Story Puzzles, Tracing the Footsteps Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
SCIENCE @ Holy Lab Orienteering, Nothing's Impossible for God, The Shofar, How Did the Wall Fall? Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
OCT 18 - CINEMA @ BibleMax Theater If Stones Could Talk, Veggie Tales: Josh and the Big Wall Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
Shepherd Sept 13: <b>NEEDED!</b> Shepherd Rotation I: <b>NEEDED!</b> Shepherd Rotation II: <b>NEEDED!</b> Shepherd Oct 18: <b>NEEDED!</b>

### Peacemakers

*Mission Project - October 25*

*Rotation I: November 1 & 8*

*Rotation II: November 15 & 22*

Oct 25 - MISSION @ The Garden Making blankets for kids in foster care Leader: <b>NEEDED</b>
COOKING @ Lord's Kitchen Make Peace Tea, Stripe the Zebra, Make a Cookie Bowl Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
MUSIC @ Stages of Faith Harmony & Discord, Words of Peace, Musical Hot Potato Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
ART @ Thou Art! Studio Water Music, Weave Peace, Take Steps for Justice Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
GAMES @ Arcade of the Covenant Dunk it!, Peace Ball, Blanket Ball, Tug-of-Peace Leader: <b>NEEDED!</b>
Shepherd Oct 25: <b>NEEDED!</b> Shepherd Rotation I: <b>NEEDED!</b> Shepherd Rotation II: <b>NEEDED!</b>

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to teach C.R.O.S.S.: Children's Rotational Sunday School. With our rotational Sunday school program we use many ways to get the story across to the children. If you love food, cooking, crafts, science, art, music, or have another area of interest you would love to share with the children of Maple Grove, then C.R.O.S.S. is for you! We would like to expand our pool of volunteers to include non-parents, grandparents, and parents of youth with their youth! There are no gender restrictions, men and women are both invited to teach! C.R.O.S.S. is important in order to help develop the children's love of learning about the Bible and so that we can continue to offer a wonderful array of Adult classes to those with and without children. It doesn't matter how much you know about a particular Bible story, it's that you are willing to share and learn right along with the kids. Please consider volunteering today! You can commit for as little as 2 weeks at a time! Contact Brenda Buchy at [bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org) or 262-1163 to volunteer or to find out more!





## Prayer of the Children of Maple Grove

God help us to help people.  
Where people are hungry,  
let us bring food.

Where people are lonely, let us be their friend.

Where people are grumpy, let us show kindness & joy.

Where people are sick, let us help them.

Where people are cold, let us share warmth.

Amen.

Written in Children's Worship by: Abby Allen, Trevor Law, Chris Thode, Lola Nauman, Macey Elder, Michael Workman, Elizabeth Workman, Erin Jones, Caleb Brigle, & Grace Brigle

## Children Singing

Miss Amy has scheduled the Children's Worship Choir to sing during the Children's Moments on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and the Grace Kids Choir to sing on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars so you can be sure to be here to listen to their lovely voices!



## Children's Ministry Volunteers Fall Schedule

If you haven't received your copy of the volunteer schedule for September through December via email, please contact Brenda Buchy at 262-1163 or [bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org](mailto:bbuchy@maplegroveumc.org) to get a copy. You can also find the schedule for each month in the Maple Leaf and the entire schedule will be listed on our website at [www.MapleGroveUMC.org/CMVolunteers](http://www.MapleGroveUMC.org/CMVolunteers)

## 7 Reasons Why Your Service in Children's Ministries is Vital to Maple Grove\*

**Reason #1:** God is in Children's Ministries. This may come as a shock, but the Bible has specific promises about God's presence when children are welcomed and loved in Jesus' name.

**Reason #2:** Your service in Children's Ministries allows parents to focus on worship or Sunday school, rather than worrying about their children. In a very real sense your ministry makes it possible for everyone to fulfill their ministry.

**Reason #3:** The first (& sometimes lasting) feelings a child will have toward church are formed in Children's Ministry. We believe that a positive experience in Children's Ministry is essential.

**Reason #4:** When you serve in Children's Ministry, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of our church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us.

**Reason #5:** Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. A *growing* Christian is always a *servicing* Christian. Jesus was known for putting others first. When you serve in Children's Ministry you are walking in his example.

**Reason #6:** Children's Ministry is the first contact young families will have with Maple Grove. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for Maple Grove. If they don't feel like their children are safe, they will not return – and rightly so.

**Reason #7:** Your service in Children's Ministry is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every volunteer would spend several minutes praying for the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation. There is no better way to create an environment for spiritual nurture than to pray while you serve.

\*The idea for this article came from Tony Kummer *Ministry To Children* <http://ministry-to-children.com>

September Children's Worship Helpers						September Children's Ministry Volunteers			
Date	Acolyte	Usher	Prayer Leader	Reader	Communion	Little Lambs/Cherubs	Grace Kids	Children's Moments	Children's Worship
9/6	Abby Allen	Trevor Law	Tara Buchy	Jacob Welter	Erin Jones & Ethan Rutter	Evelyn Murray	Libby Steele	Janet Thode	Janet Thode Alicia Oddi
9/13	Macey Elder	Michael Workman	Alex McCann	Emily Miller		Dorothy Croy	Susan Whitney	<b>Bible Sunday</b>	Shira Elder KayAnn Rutter
9/20	Lauren Hitt	Jacob Welter	Kaitlyn Morrison	Chris Thode		Sara Garnes	Julie Wells	Barb Harrison	Patty Hitt Katrina Taylor
9/27	David Maple Leaf	Chris Thode	Lola Nauman	Erin Jones	12	Meg Anderton	Michael Steele	Dawn Nauman	Dawn Nauman Becky Boord

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