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October Issue

2017



2017 Vision

Mission

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2017 Vision

INVITE *To cultivate a culture of invitation to Christian community*

GROW

To commit to an ever-deepening relationship with God

TRANSFORM

To form life-changing relationships while serving others



Stewardship

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." Peter 4:10

As we come together during the month of October to celebrate the blessings of our faith and our church, the Stewardship Campaign reminds us that everything we have and everything we are and will be comes from God. While the Stewardship Campaign is often associated with financial pledges - and that is an important part - it is also a time when we reflect on our stewardship of the gifts given to us by God. Are we being good caretakers and using our gifts wisely? Are we sharing generously? Are we confirming the love of Christ in our lives?

This October we will focus on the many ways that **Our Hands Are Christ's Hands**, through the **prayers** we lift up, our **presence** in worship and in fellowship with one another, the **gifts** we give, the loving **service** we offer to our church and our community, and as **witness** to the love and joy of being a part of Christ's church. Your financial pledges and service commitments that are requested as part of the Stewardship Campaign are essential to support our operating budget and *all* the ministries of Maple Grove. Our financial goal for 2018 is a 6% increase in pledged giving so that we can expand our youth programs and support other critical needs to ensure that Maple Grove continues to be an inviting, growing and transforming church community.

You should receive your Every Member in Ministry booklet and EMIM commitment card, including the financial pledge card, by early October. If you do not receive them, please stop by or call the church office. Please prayerfully consider how you are being called to love and serve in 2018.

We are excited about the opportunity to worship together in October and to joyfully commit to supporting Maple Grove in 2018 and beyond with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. *All* the ministries of Maple Grove are made possible by your faithful and generous giving - thank you for all that you do!

day, October 8

Why is it important for Christians to be together?

Sunday, October 15

Gifts

What is the greatest gift you've ever received? Given?

Sunday, October 22

**Service & Commitment
Sunday**

Why do you serve others?

Turn in commitment & pledge cards during worship - ring the bell!

Celebration Breakfast in Fellowship Hall from 9:30-10:30--Donuts & Cider!

A Message from Pastor Glenn:

I encourage you to give your financial support to adding a part-time Youth Minister to Maple Grove's staff. Along with her other work, for over five years Cathy Davis has led our youth ministry. During that time it has grown in numbers and vitality. Cathy has developed a group of skilled and dedicated young adult volunteers. The effectiveness of the TMI group in reaching 4th-6th graders means that the Youth Group has new 7th graders entering each fall. Youth ministry is strong, spiritual and growing at Maple Grove! Now it's time for Cathy to rededicate her gifts and energy to other needs of the church--pastoral care, Every Member in Ministry, and social justice. And it's time to find a part-time person to lead our youth ministries in new ways and to new levels. This new staff position can only happen, however, if we have increased funding to support it. Carolyn and I will increase our own giving in order to help make this a reality. As you are able, I hope that you will do so too. Our youth are, and will be for years to come, the hands of Christ.



October Worship

Stewardship Season
Our Hands Are Christ's Hands

October 8 - **Presence**

Mark 6b-13, 30-33

Not Alone

October 15 - **Gifts**

Mark 14:3-9

For the Love of Jesus

October 22 - **Service
Commitment Sunday**

Mark 9:33-37

First of All Is Servant of All

October 29 - **Children's Sunday**

Queen Esther

Oh, I'm Just a Girl - What's My Destiny?



Children & Youth Ministries {grow}

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY SCHOOL

**PROJECT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS FROM 9:45 - 10:45 Sunday mornings
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 10.**

Kids ages 4 - 6th grade are welcome to join us in the upper education wing!

Sunday school at Maple Grove is unlike Sunday school anywhere else. We will have periods of traditional curriculum with a craft or activity related to a bible story. And sometimes we will embark on a project-based period where kids will read a bible story or a scripture and then put together a performance for the congregation. These performances are like mini-musicals with a live band, kids singing songs they've heard on the radio among props they've created and a feeling that kids can tell us best what we need to know about God. **This year's first project will begin right away. The performance will be in worship on October 29.**

T.M.I. (Tween Ministry Incorporated)

T.M.I. is a ministry for kids in grades 4-6.

Together we share God's word,
complete mission activities and have fellowship together.

JOIN US: SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS FROM 9:45- 10:

October 8 & 22 Meet from 4 - 5:30 PM Upper Education Wing

October 21: Saturday Night Soiree 5:00 - 9:30 PM

Bring a snack or drink to share, finish up our project, have pizza together and play Capture the Flag!

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP is held during the second worship service each Sunday except the first Sunday of the month. Children begin in the congregation with their parents and head into Children's worship half way through. There they enjoy their own version of the worship service, with books, videos, music and games that tie in developmentally appropriate and meaningful way. Kids are picked up in the chapel at the end of worship.

SAVE THE DATE

Advent Fair and Hanging of the Greens: Noon November 26:

Make Christmas crafts for your family, enjoy lunch together and kick off the season.

Christmas Pageant for age 4 - 6th grade:

Rehearsals Sundays November 26 - December 17 from 4 - 5:30 PM

Performance Christmas Eve 7:00 PM service.

Family.Faith.Fun Children's Ministry Maple Grove Member Beth Wiley has created a fellowship and service group for younger elementary kids at Maple Grove. This ministry is geared toward kids and their parents and will include fellowship and service opportunities. For Grades K-3. Please contact [Beth Wiley](#) at 614-256-8461 if you are interested in participating.

Youth Ministry

Youth Sunday School meets each Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 in room 125. Using the thought-provoking, scripture-reflecting curriculum *52 Great Bible Studies for Youth* we talk about living true to The Spirit and our spirit.

October Youth Group schedule and activities:

October 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for an **improv** workshop with Robin Starr of Starr Workshop. In this workshop we'll learn principles of improv to help each other succeed, bring out our unique genius, be creative, and gain confidence through safe practice in social situations. All in fun!

October 8 noon to 2:00 CROP Hunger Walk - we're raising funds and walking to end hunger at home and around the world.

October 15, 22 and 29 - Youth Room from 4:00 to 5:30.

Friends are always welcome!

Youth love and serve: On Sunday, September 24, the Maple Grove Youth and Confirmation groups worshiped with our friends at St. John's Episcopal Street Church at the corner of Broad & Central and after worship we provided and served lunch.

Confirmation meets on Sunday, October 1, 15, and 29 from 12:15 to 2:15 in Fellowship Hall. These thirteen Maple Grove 7th and 8th graders are participating in confirmation: Wyatt Abbott, Eamon Aveni, Nina Blanton, Helen Hughes, Matthew Hughes, Julian Kargiotis, Sasha Kushner, Jamie McDaniel, Maxwell Nauman, Joey Ponziani, Jennie Raynes, Brendan Scholl and

Simon Zimmerman. During this eight-month journey they will learn about the Christian faith, explore their beliefs and spiritual life, and choose for themselves the next step in their faith journey. Please keep them all in your prayers.

To receive Youth updates: please contact [Cathy Davis](#) and join the Maple Grove UMC Youth group on [Facebook](#).



Spiritual Formation & Wellbeing {grow}

The Intersection of Racial & LGBTQ Identity **Sunday, October 1 @ 7 PM** **King Avenue UMC**

King Avenue United Methodist Church will host a presentation on *The Intersection of Racial & LGBTQ Identity* on **October 1 at 7 PM**. Darren Calhoun, a Chicago-based justice advocate and worship leader, will provide insights and practical ways the church can become a place where all feel welcomed and loved. Several community organizations will be available before and after the presentation to provide resources about sexuality, gender, race, and how communities of faith can better open their doors about spreading the message of love. This program, which is free and open to everyone, is part of King Avenue's "Changing the Conversation" Speaker Series, which features Christian thought leaders striving for inclusion of traditionally-marginalized people and communities. More information is available [here](#).

New Member Classes **Beginning October 22**

New or Renew Membership Are you interested in becoming a member of Maple Grove or do you want to renew and refresh your faith journey? Join Pastor Glenn for *A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church*, starting Sunday, Oct. 22. *A Disciple's Path* is a seven-week introduction to the life of faith and to Maple Grove. We will meet during the Sunday School hour (9:45 to 10:45 AM) **Oct. 22 through Dec. 3**. New members will be received at either service on **Sunday, Dec. 3**. Study manuals and new member packets are available in the church office. If this schedule does not accommodate you, contact Pastor Glenn to make alternate arrangements.

Oct. 22 - Sharing our Spiritual Journeys

Oct. 29 - Service: Spiritual Gifts and Gifts-Based Service

Nov. 5 - Prayers: Prayer & Scripture Meditation
Nov. 12- Presence: Worship and Small-Group Community
Nov. 19 - Gifts: Financial Generosity
Nov. 26 - Witness: Invitational Evangelism
Dec. 3 - The United Methodist Way

God-Centered Wellbeing @ the Heart of Maple Grove

Wellbeing Connection: Your Wellbeing Matters!

Human Connection Groups, Wellness Tips

[Click here](#) to see what is happening with all of the God-Centered Wellbeing Groups at Maple Grove!

We all need someone to help us find peace and hope! Get connected with one of our Human Connection Groups. The groups currently in formation are:

- Pregnancy and Infant Loss, facilitator [Janet Thode](#)
- Coloring Connection Group, facilitator [Sandy Boger](#)
- Diabetes, facilitator [Bethany Glick](#)
- Chronic Pain and Fibromyalgia, facilitator [Beth Molino](#)
- Walking & Talking, facilitators [Sandy Freer](#) & [Mary Jo Weaver](#)
- Veterans/Military, facilitator [Bill Tenney](#)
- Caregivers, contact [Marialice Bennett](#)
- Personal Family & Friends of Addicts, facilitator [Jane Rantz](#)

You are invited to join any of these groups. Don't see what you are looking for? Suggest a new Human Connection Group! If you would like more information on a group contact the group facilitator or [Marialice Bennett](#).

Stephen Ministry: Transitions and Changes

Life involves a series of frequent changes. Some are welcomed; others uninvited and unwanted. Even positive changes can be difficult and letting go of the familiar can be uncomfortable. *Change* indicates something different in our situation and environment. We have always, and will always continue to experience changes. *Transition* however, refers to our psychological response to change. As we transition we undergo a process of inner-reorientation and meaning-redefinition to incorporate change.

Transition researchers from the University of Kentucky, state that "When we refuse to accept a transition, when the fear of what lies ahead prevents us from moving forward, we appear to stand still on life's busy road while life speeds past." And as we "refuse to accept a transition" our stress and anxiety builds. Recognizing, acknowledging and processing change in our lives enables us to begin to move faithfully and freely through change.

Stephen Ministers are trained to listen reflectively and confidentially to their care receivers and a dedicated listener enables us to process change. Maple Grove is a Stephen Ministry congregation and if you would like to receive the skilled care of a Stephen Minister please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Nancy Gay at 614-267-6418, Jane Rantz at 614-203-9869 or Cathy Davis at 614-263-0195.

I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue and bringing it to full completion in you.

~Philippians 1:6



Serving Our Neighbors {transform} 

CRC UPDATES

Monthly Dinner

The CRC Dinner will be **Thursday, October 5**, at 5:30 PM. Opportunities to provide food or volunteer to serve/interact with the community are available. Go to [Perfect Potluck](#) **Coordinator Last Name:** Norcross **Password:** MG CRC Contact Melessa Norcross at 614.725.8501 if you have questions.

Clothes for Colerain

Donations Accepted Sunday, October 22 & 29

Maple Grove Lobby between services

This year, thanks to the generosity of our congregation during our Back to School supply drive, Maple Grove was able to provide Colerain Elementary School with new socks and underwear for their staff to have on hand for needed changes during the school day. Because Colerain has a significant medically fragile population, these school supplies are important!

Colerain still has needs for socks and underwear and **elastic waist** pants and shorts in sizes 5 - 16 for both boys and girls. The *socks and underwear must be new*, but the pants and shorts can be clean and gently used. IF YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION OF ANY OF THESE ITEMS, WE WILL ACCEPT THEM IN THE LOBBY ON **OCTOBER 22 AND 29**. Please contact [Dawn](#) if you have any questions about what items are needed. *Please do not donate used socks and underwear, or items other than those identified above.*

Disaster Relief Supplies

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your generous response to the request for cleaning supplies and other disaster relief efforts. With your help, Maple Grove has supplied 6 complete flood buckets and, in partnership with other churches in the Capital North District, provided dish soap and household cleaner for another 200 buckets! Please continue to pray for all those affected by the storms, floods and wildfires. Truly, your hands are Christ's hands.

West Ohio Steps Up with Flood Bucket Response

Early this week, a semi truck carrying 1,863 flood buckets left Northridge UMC in Springfield, OH on its way to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL, which will distribute these cleaning kits to families and individuals in need in places like Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. An additional 171 flood buckets, along with numerous hygiene and school kits, will be delivered later this week. Thank you, West Ohio, for your incredibly generous response to the recent disasters in the southern U.S.! A second phase of flood bucket collections will be held in the coming weeks to be compiled at Rolling Plains UMC in Zanesville and shipped to the Eastbrook Mission Barn in New Castle, PA. More information will be made available on collection points soon!

Grooming Kit Collection, By Sunday, October 16, Pick up a bag to fill in the lobby

Maple Grove is collecting NNEMAP GROOMING KITS! Again this year NNEMAP will distribute family grooming kits to their clients during October and November. For years Maple Grove has generously helped provide these much needed items. On a table in the lobby are large plastic bags with a sticker list of the full-size items for the kits. Shop anywhere you like however, at Dollar Tree, these items can be purchased for \$1 each. Please take a bag, or two, to fill and return to the church by **Sunday, October 16**.

Manna Café, Wednesday, November 1 @ dinnertime, Broad Street UMC

Maple Grove will be filling 200 hungry tummies at Manna Café at Broad Street UMC on Wednesday, November 1. Volunteers are needed to shop for, prepare, serve, and share this healthy and joyful meal. If you are available that evening, or can help prepare in the days leading up to the meal, contact [Kathy Renick](#). Serving others is what it's all about, so join us!



Church Events {invite}

Now more than ever...Take a Closer Look: An October Lunch and Learn Workshop

Come join us for on **Sunday, October 8** from 12:15 - 2:00 PM while we take a closer look at the importance recognizing bias and its role in promoting diversity and inclusion.

Everyone has biases, both positive and negative. Sometimes we aren't even aware that we have them. Our biases play a significant role in our lives and can have a larger impact on our criminal justice, health care and education systems. Recognizing and confronting our biases can create positive social change and help us to become closer to Jesus. Please sign up in the lobby or click [here](#). Childcare will be provided upon request. ***Now more than ever...Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8***

Better Business Bureau Presentation: Scams, Identity Theft and More! Wednesday, October 11 @ 1 PM, Sanctuary

Ruth Circle is hosting Better Business Bureau presenters Lee Anne Lanigan and Dean Pulliam who will discuss scams, identity theft and the ins and outs of the metal charitable donation drop off boxes. They will also offer information regarding the alphabetical listing of charities subject to BBB evaluations. This 90-minute program, including time for Q & A, will be presented in the Sanctuary. Bring your family and friends so they can be better informed and to share this information. Please contact to the [church office](#), 614.262.1163, by **Monday, October 2** to register.

Millennials Meetup with Fellowship Group, Monday, October 16 @ 6:30 PM, MCL Cafeteria

Are you a Maple Grove attendee between the age of 20 and 40? Are you interested in connection with other millennials at church? The Maple Grove Millennial group is joining the Maple Grove older adult Fellowship group at MCL for dinner on **Monday, October 16 at 6:30**. If you have questions regarding this dinner or would like to connect with other millennials and be on the email group, please contact [Bethany Glick](#) or [Emily Scarborough](#).

November Lunch & Learn, Sunday, November 19, 12:15 - 2 PM, Room 8

Take a Closer Look: Poverty Myths and Realities

A November Lunch and Learn Workshop

Come join as we continue to take a closer look at our world and our assumptions. On **Sunday, November 19 from 12:15 - 2:00 PM** we will challenge common myths about poverty. This is an opportunity to review the facts and have an open and honest discussion about the impact of poverty and how poverty myths actually contribute to keeping people in poverty.

Childcare will be provided upon request. Register by calling 614-262-1163.

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Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction, Saturday, February 10, 2018, Fellowship Hall

This annual event raises money for the Grounds Committee which is referred to as *God's Gardeners*. New plants, mulch, and ongoing upkeep of trees and shrubs are all a part of the committee's tasks. This fall the gazebo is scheduled to be painted and bushes that were lost to be replaced. Please plan to contribute an item or items for the auction. This is an important fund raiser that benefits the entire church. **We are asking EMIM groups to create a theme container or just purchase a gift certificate or two.** Need an example? Last year we had coffee and tea baskets, Italian night, Gardening, theater tickets, and chocolate. Think of things that you would like to have and then create it! This is a fun important evening that funds a beautiful area of our church.

Maple Grove Event Photos!

Bookmark this [link](#)! Maple Grove has a Shutterfly Share site for you to view photos of recent and past events. **Blessing of the Animals photos have been added!**



Church Calendars

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Church Business

One Service SURVEY

Please take a moment to complete [this survey](#) and provide your feedback for having one service during the month of August. Paper copies will be available in the October 1 bulletin and in the church office. Thank you for your time.

You can Advertise Your Business in the 2018 Maple Grove Guide Book

The FREE Maple Grove Guide Books is a church directory and church resource and will be mailed directly to every Maple Grove member thanks to Guide Book advertisers. If you have a business and wish to be in the Guide Book please contact [Cathy Davis](#) at 614-262-1163.



Congregational News

Deaths

Please pray for the friends and family of ...

We recently learned of the death last year of Maple Grove member, Reba Huffman, at 101.

Herbert Lawton, father of Maple Grove member Cheryl Lawton, who passed away on August 31.

Trent Holtsberry, brother of Maple Grove member Pam Holbrook, who passed away on September 24.

Joan Schlatter, mother of Maple Grove member Ann Schlatter, who passed away on September 26.

Births

Conratulations to Casey Chambers and Emily Samuelson on the birth of their son, Nathaniel (Nate) Thomas Chambers, on September 14.

Recently Hospitalized

Mary Jo Lanum, Beth Molino, Deb Muir