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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT MAPLE GROVE:

TODAY March 7	8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	12:15 p.m.	<i>NewSong</i> Rehearsal (Room 2)
	5:30 p.m.	Sprouts
	5:30-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	8:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY March 8	9:00 a.m.	Free Store
	6:00 p.m.	Pricilla Circle @ Bob Evans
	7:00 p.m.	MGPlayers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:00 p.m.	A Course in Miracles (Chapel)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study (Parlor)
TUESDAY March 9	10:30 a.m.	Prayer Chain (Parlor)
	Noon	Bulletin Announcement Deadline
	1:00 p.m.	Quilters (Room 4)
	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Study @ Morgans' Home
	8:00 p.m.	AA (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY March 10	7:00 p.m.	Canned Goods to NNEMAP Board of Trustees (Parlor)
THURSDAY March 11	11:00 a.m.	Children Needing Love Team (Parlor)
	1:00 p.m.	Study Group (Parlor)
	6:30 p.m.	Wesley Handbells (Room 7)
	6:30 p.m.	Family to Family (Room 8)
	7:00 p.m.	Bipolar Support Group (Room 6)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Room 2)
FRIDAY March 12	7:15 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans
	9:30 a.m.	Talk and Play Two (Room 125B)
	<i>April Maple Leaf Newsletter Deadline</i>	
SATURDAY March 13	10:00 a.m.	Calligraphy Guild (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	MGPlayers Rehearsal (Sanctuary)



Daylight-Saving Time begins Sunday, March 14!

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 7, 2010

THE TIME OF GATHERING

As we gather, you are invited to review the announcements, fill out a prayer request card and register your presence on a Ministry of Friendship pad. When the Prelude begins, you are invited to prepare yourself for worship by pausing for a few moments of prayer.

THE PRELUDE *On My Heart Imprint Your Image* Benjamin Culli

WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (11:00 a.m.) Owen Rutter

THE INTROIT (11:00 a.m.) *The People Are Gathered Together* John Ness Beck

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP Wayne Williams/Rocki Strader

Leader: The season rolls around again.

People: Deep calls to deep.

Leader: Settle down. Look within.

People: Be quiet. Listen.

Leader: Are you on the right path? Are you drawing closer to God? Are you more loving?

People: Now is the time to reflect and pray.

Leader: Now is the season for silence and giving.

People: Thank God for Lent and the fact that we do not journey alone.¹

*THE OPENING HYMN *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* No. 339

*THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we have tried to live without you amid the idols we have created. We have closed our minds and hearts to your presence and your invitation. Our advantages have oppressed unknown multitudes of our sisters and brothers who receive only token leftovers from our hands. Our immorality is killing us, and them. O God, is there any way out of the prisons we have built around ourselves? Amen.²

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Response

The Gloria Patri

No. 70

THE MINISTRY MOMENTS

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

No. 895

THE CHILDREN'S MOMENTS (11:00 a.m.)

Kathy Renick

[Following the Children's Moments, children 3 to 5 years may leave for Grace Kids (room 127) & children 6 years thru 5th grade may leave for the Chapel.]

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory

Trio on "Leoni"

Richard Proulx

*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

One Day, the News Was Grim

Insert

*THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC (11:00 a.m.)

Shepherd Psalm

Don Hall and Jaree Hall, Arr. Mary McDonald

THE MESSAGE

Does God Grade on a Curve?

Rev. Bill Croy

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (8:30 a.m.)

*Response

Pledge, No. 48

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be

No. 399

THE BENEDICTION

Please be seated until the Postlude has ended.

THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 a.m.) *Grace and Peace Be Multiplied* John Ness Beck

THE POSTLUDE

Healer of Our Every Ill

Jeffrey Honoré

Let us now pass the peace of Christ to those who have worshipped with us.

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

1. Lavon Bayler, Refreshing Rains of the Living Word (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1988), p. 50.
2. Lisa R. Withrow, Sourcebook of Worship Resources: Volume 3 (Canton: Communication Resources, Inc., 2001), # 32, p. 13.
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Hearing Amplifiers, Large Type Bulletins & Hymnals are Available. Ask an usher for assistance.

Personal Prayer Time – The Chapel is open for personal prayer time from 8 until 10:45 a.m.

Refreshments are served in the lobby after each service by members of the Hospitality Ministry Team. While we attempt to make this a nut-free event, families & individuals should still use care when consuming items from the table.

Greeters:	8:30 a.m.	Willard & Judy Becker, Wayne & Cheryl Williams
	11:00 a.m.	Sara Garnes, Dimitri & Amy Kargiotis

Music Leadership:	8:30 a.m.	Nancy Foulger & Chalice Taylor
	11:00 a.m.	Chalice Taylor & The Chancel Choir

Sunday Secretary: Connie Burns & Doris Ann Batory

Recently Hospitalized: Jeanne Browne, Barbara Clegg, Paul Kindinger, Evangeline Vickers, & Nancy Young

The flowers on the altar are given by the Deborah Carpenter family in memory of parents & grandparents.

Attendance Last Sunday, February 28: 319

Tithing Our Consumption – Extending the Table Looking for a new way to make the observation of Lent different than the rest of the year? Want a different way to think about the abundance in our lives while doing something about the needs of others? Here's an idea: Place in a jar or bowl in the center of your dining room table each week 10% of whatever you spend on groceries or eating out that week. When you do, say a prayer for those who are in need of food. AND THEN: Bring a special offering to share with our Extending the Table effort. The intent of this two-year old ministry team is to raise food in community gardens for the poor and to supply certificates for clients of the Clintonville/Beechwood Community Resource Center to use at the food market during the summer. Again this year at the conclusion of each worship service during Lent, there will be an opportunity for persons to bring their weekly tithe to the front of the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yummy Cupcakes are needed for the Cupcake Walk at Maple Grove's Easter Egg Hunt. You are asked to sign up in the lobby TODAY. Thank you for helping us out with this great event!

The Priscilla Circle will meet on Monday, March 8, at 6 p.m. at Graceland's Bob Evans restaurant.

Do you want to help A Concert for Children stay a free event? On March 14, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. *Noodles and Company* at Graceland is offering a fundraiser lunch to help support the June 6 Concert for Children. We earned more than \$275 last year. Please consider helping us again this year. Questions: Janet Thode (436-1760 or janetthode@insight.rr.com)

Scrip Ministry PICK UP your *Noodles* gift cards in the lobby after each service today and March 14. They are \$10.00 each, and \$.80 of each \$10.00 will go to support the Justin Roberts Children's Concert. Other cards may be ordered during March and April that will also benefit the concert.

The Easter Bunny needs your help! We are collecting in the lobby individually-wrapped candies (nut free), small toys and stickers to fill the eggs for the Egg Hunt, and small-to-medium-sized prizes for giveaways until March 14. When shopping for Easter, please keep the kids of Maple Grove in mind! Cash donations are also welcome to cover other purchases. Thank you!

The Pastor's Pantry is in need of beanie weenies, canned fruit or pudding, drink boxes, and individually packaged crackers, cookies, and raisins. If you could pick up a box of one of these on your next shopping trip, we will put them in next month's emergency food bags.

Travel Club – Thursday, May 20

La Comedia Dinner Theatre presents *Church Basement Ladies*. This comedy musical is about four women, from the matriarch of the kitchen to the bride-to-be, as they hold off potential disaster, share and debate recipes, instruct the young, and keep the pastor on course in a rural Minnesota church in 1964. The cost is \$59/person and includes a delicious lunch. Payment due April 18. Please make your check payable to Maple Grove and note Travel Club on the memo line. The bus leaves the church at 9 a.m. and returns at 5:15 p.m.

Questions? Contact: Gordon or Mary Jo Lanum (451-1701).

The Maple Grove Staff

Rev. William E. Croy, Jr., Senior Pastor; Rev. Jeff Allen, Associate Pastor; Cathy Davis, Every Member in Ministry and Congregational Care; Brenda Buchy, Children's Ministries; Kim Workman, Grace Kids; Rhonda Cline, Nursery/Cherubs; Greg White, Organist; Len Bussard, Chancel Choir; Ann Hicks, Wesley Handbells; Amy Garver Solis, Children's Music; SueAnn McColley, Office Administrator; Mark Totten, Financial Secretary; Skip Keeling/Pat Workman, Custodians.

One Day, the News Was Grim

1. One day, the news was grim: Some peo - ple sought the Lord
2. Then Je - sus turned to say: It's noth - ing they did wrong
3. O God, we pray for help to see what we should change,
4. In Christ, we see your grace: You give us one more day;

to tell of Gal - i - le - ans killed by Pi - late's sword.
that means their loved ones now are sing - ing mourn - ful songs.
to see the val - ues we our-selves should re - ar - range.
an - oth - er op - por - tun - i - ty to live your way.

"Is an - y - one to blame? Is this be - cause they sinned?"
And yet you know it's true that tra - gic things a - bound;
Now help us know our sin, the good we've left un - done,
May we a - gain re - pent and turn our lives to you,

When - ev - er there is trou - ble, peo - ple ask a - gain.
since life is fra - gile, now's the time to turn a - round!
the times when you have looked for fruit and we've borne none.
and may we love our neigh - bors more and bear much fruit.

MGPlayers
thoughtful theatre.

THE PRODIGAL SON



A Lenten Gospel Interpretation

Sunday, March 14, 2010
Both Worship Services

Welcome New Members

8:30 a.m. Service – February 28, 2010

Josh Halderman – Joined by Profession of Faith

Josh is a dentist with Northstone Dental Group. His wife's name is Erica. He enjoys traveling, cooking, reading, mixed martial arts, and working out.

Fellowship Friend: Don Palmer

Heather Jackson – Joined by Profession of Faith

Heather is an Oncology Certified Registered Nurse working at the James Cancer Hospital. She is engaged to church member Ross Wilcox. Her hobbies include exercising and weight training, reading, scrapbooking, card making, cross-stitching, and bicycling.

Fellowship Friend: Ross Wilcox

Brad & Jamee Parish – Joined by Transfer

Brad is an architect for Architectural Alliance and enjoys playing golf, tennis, volleyball, softball, kickball, hanging out with friends, and playing board games. Jamee is an architect with Richard Taylor Architects and enjoys historic houses and sites, American history, art, drawing, volleyball, kickball, working on our fixer-upper.

Fellowship Friends: Doug & Sherri Scholl

8:30 a.m. Service – March 7, 2010

Jena Rinker – Joining by Transfer

Jena is an accountant for Limited Brands. She enjoys reading, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, being outside when it's warm, traveling, being with friends and family, watching movies, and trying new things. She and fiancé Will will be married at Maple Grove on July 24, 2010.

Fellowship Friend: Erin Lloyd

William Will – Joining by Profession of Faith

Will is a Senior Internal Auditor with Alliance Data Systems. He enjoys sports, hanging out with friends, traveling, playing video and board games, and being outdoors. He and fiancé Jena Rinker will be married at Maple Grove on July 24, 2010.

Fellowship Friend: Jim Davis

