

**Maple Grove United Methodist Church**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT MAPLE GROVE:

TODAY March 14	8:30 and 11:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. Noon-2:30 p.m. Noon 5:30 p.m. 5:30-7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Worship Sunday School Artwork Display Opening (Lobby) Website Ministry Team Meeting (Conf Rm) Sprouts Youth Group AA (Fellowship Hall)
MONDAY March 15	9:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Free Store Sandwich Deadline Fellowship Group @ MCL Cafeteria Hannah Circle Chocolate Chat (FH) Lenten Study (Parlor) Stephen Ministry (Room 3)
TUESDAY March 16	Noon 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Bulletin Announcement Deadline Quilters (Room 4) Lenten Study @ Morgan's Home Over 80 Planning Mtg (Parlor) AA (Fellowship Hall)
WEDNESDAY March 17	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Young Adults @ Buffalo Wild Wings Graceland Administrative Council (Parlor) Ruth Circle @ Patti Hirst's home
THURSDAY March 18	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Study Group (Parlor) Wesley Handbells (Room 7) Family to Family (Room 8) Bipolar Support Group (Room 6) Chancel Choir (Room 2)
FRIDAY March 19	7:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ Bob Evans Talk and Play Two (Room 125B)
SATURDAY March 20	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Strength Finders (Parlor & Fellowship Hall) PAWS Dog Therapy @ Wesley Glen

**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.

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

Sunday, March 14, 2010

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**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** (8:30 a.m.)  
(11:00 a.m.)

*Jesu, Priceless Treasure*  
*Ah, Holy Jesus*

J. S. Bach  
Arr. Susan Ullom Hungerford

**WE WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

(11:00 a.m.) Matthew Harrison

**THE INTROIT** (11:00 a.m.)

*Be Still*

Words and Music by David Evans

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Steve Clary/Janet Thode

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.<sup>1</sup>

**\*THE OPENING HYMN**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

No. 140

**\*THE OPENING PRAYER**

How incredible is your love, O God! We have been made new in your love and reconciled to you and to each other in peace and joy. Be with us this day as we hear your words of comfort and hope. Guide our lives that we may serve you more fully all of our days. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

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 RITUAL OF HOLY BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)

Kyro Anthony Veltman – born January 13, 2009

Response

Pledge #2, No. 44

Hymn of Response

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

vss. 1 & 3, No. 611

## THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR (11:00 a.m.) *Kumbaya* Trad., African Guitar Soloist: Chris Thode

[Children 3 to 5 years may leave for Grace Kids & children 6 years thru 5th grade may leave for the Chapel.]

## THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation

Offertory (8:30 a.m.)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

James Biery

(11:00 a.m.)

*Lenten Spirituals*

Arr. Michael Helman

\*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 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* vs. 1, No. 340

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

*My Song Is Love Unknown*

Words by Samuel Crossman (1624-83) Music by Richard T. Gore

*My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me; Love to the loveless shown, That they might  
lovely be. O whom am I, That for my sake My Lord should take Frail flesh and die? Sometimes they  
strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then  
"crucify" is all their breath, and for His death they thirst and cry. Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet  
injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease and 'gainst Him rise. They rise, and needs must  
have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful He to  
suff'ring goes, That He His foes From thence might free. Here might I stay and sing, No story so  
divine; Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet  
praise I all my days could gladly spend. Amen.*

## THE GOSPEL INTERPRETATION

*The Prodigal Son*

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

People: Thanks be to God.

## THE MESSAGE

*Grumbling or Celebration?*

Rev. Jeff Allen

## THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*THE CLOSING HYMN

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

No. 348

*EXTENDING THE TABLE*

Those who have been saving offering based on their consumption are invited to come forward during the singing of our closing hymn and place their bags in the Extending the Table basket.

## THE BENEDICTION

*Please be seated until the Postlude has ended.*

## THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00 a.m.)

*Amen*

## THE POSTLUDE

*You are the Way*

Austin Lovelace

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

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

1. The United Methodist Book of Worship, No. 454.
2. Rev. Nancy C. Townley, "Fourth Sunday in Lent (Mar. 14)," [worshipconnection.cokesbury.com](http://worshipconnection.cokesbury.com).

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 are attempting to make this a nut-free event, families & individuals should still use care when consuming items from the table.

Greeters: 8:30 a.m. Jennifer & Nancy Young, Ellen & Sandy Wharrey  
11:00 a.m. Patty Hitt, Gordon & Mary Jo Lanum

Music Leadership: 11:00 a.m. The Chancel Choir, The Wesley Handbell Choir  
We welcome Carol Hofer as our guest organist and appreciate her participation in worship today.

MGPlayers: Steve Clary, Terry Howard, Eric Robinson and Bonnie Welty.

Sunday Secretary: Ann Leighty & Louise Kelley

Recently Hospitalized: Chuck Turner & Annabelle Campbell

The flowers on the altar are given by Barbara Murray in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Harry Stewart and husband, Rev. W. Robert Murray.

The white rose on the altar is in memory of Harry Carsey who passed away on March 9.

Attendance Last Sunday, March 7: 333

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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