



## **Bryan's Blurb: Saying Goodbye**

This week we're starting a new message series; my final one here at Maple Church. It's called "Saying Goodbye" and, well, you can guess what it talks about. We have just three weeks left together in worship and that means that over the next month there will be a lot of "last times" that we'll have together.

This Sunday will be the last time we celebrate communion together. The week after that will be the last time I go to Annual Conference as your pastor. Then in the next two weeks there will be a final children's message, a final sermon, a final blessing... and then I will be gone and another pastor will take up the responsibility and the privilege of doing those with you.

We've seen a lot happen over the last five years together. We've gone through HCI together and changed not only the way that we do worship, but also how our church building is used to further that worship experience on Sundays. On Wednesdays, we've started our Wired Wednesday fellowship meal and worship experience and several people have started to be a part of our family through it. We've started a children's church program, developed new classes for our youth, started new small groups and Bible studies, and new ways to have fellowship together from trivia nights to 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday themed meals. We've reached out in service in new ways like Feed My Starving Children, Angel Tree, Christmas Shoeboxes, The Shoeman Water Project, backpacks for kids, and a whole lot more. Yes, a lot has happened through our years together.

But you know what else? I believe there is a lot more still to happen at Maple Church in the years ahead. I see more radical hospitality, more risk-taking mission, more passionate worship, more extravagant generosity and even more growth. And when I say growth, I don't mean just in the number in worship, but also in the faith and spirituality of those who are a part of our family here.

I'm moving to Fredericktown UMC and am looking forward to serving that charge and all the great ministry that I will get to take part in there, but if you continue the hard work you all have done, if you continue to grow in your faith, if you continue to grow in your service, and if you continue to grow in your evangelism, just as you have over the last several years together and embrace change that has to come when it comes, then I have no doubt that what's been happening at Maple Church over these last several years is only the beginning of a great and joyous future.

I look forward to hearing through the connection of all the great works Maple Church has in the years ahead of it. I may be moving, but it is my heartfelt prayer that the ministry and mission of Maple Church are here to stay in more powerful ways than ever before.

Blessings & Peace, Always,

*Rev. Bryan Schaefer*

# ONE CHURCH COUNCIL

**MAY 23RD, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE:** Darryl Pannier, Becky Hann, Sue Batchelor, Frank Batchelor, Alex Niswonger, Gary Schaefer, Rhonda Campbell, Linda Dedert, Lavonna Biddle, Pastor Bryan, Ann Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darryl Pannier at 6:04 PM. Pastor Bryan voiced the opening prayer.

**LEARNING:** Learning time at this One Council meeting was led by Pastor Bryan. Instead of starting a new book, he will talk about the transition of new pastors and moving. He will be preaching every Sunday in June except for the weekend he is gone to Annual Conference. That Sunday Sue Batchelor will be delivering the message as it is her Sunday on the rotation of Lay servants. He noted that typically he would move on 26<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Jeff would move in on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Instead this time he will be moving sometime the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. He noted that the carpeting is in poor shape much of it due to the way it was laid. This early move by him will leave us more days to do what we would like to do to get the parsonage ready. He will be staying on Saturday night the 24<sup>th</sup> and will leave after church on Sunday to go to Fredericktown. He also had a baton that was given to Maple by the DS which he will be working into the sermon series as a blessing that can be passed to Pastor Jeff. Pastor Jeff will be able to put in his office with all the blessings attached. Pastor Bryan will leave on the communion table his last Sunday and Pastor Jeff will pick up from communion table his first Sunday. The object of the blessings and sermon series will be the new mission statement. The mission statement will not end with the transition that way.

**REPORTING:** Alex made a motion to accept the minutes as published. Frank seconded and motion carried. The calendar was updated and finalized. Financial reports were submitted by Becky Hann. Terry Biddle was absent from the meeting so there was no Memorial fund report. Frank made a motion to accept report as submitted and Lavonna seconded. Motion carried. Finance committee: no report.

**PPR:** The contract for Pastor Jeff was presented. Alex made a motion that we accept as presented. Lavonna seconded and motion carried. Trustees: The roof on the deck at the parsonage still needs to be fixed and the work to get the parsonage ready for Pastor Jeff is the current priority.

**VISIONING:** Pastor's Report: Pastor Bryan noted most of his remarks were made during the Learning time. However, he noted that we need to think about our vision for Maple during the first 6 months of Pastor Jeff's leadership and during that time we need to find out what Pastor Jeff's vision for Maple looks like. This was Pastor Bryan's last meeting.

**NOW:** Sue B. noted that when we will be having Bible School as noted on the calendar. We will have VBS two evenings (14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) from 6 to 8:30 with light supper from 6 to 6:20. There will be a lock-in the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Sue B will be in charge of VBS and Alex the lock-in. We will need assistance from the members of the church and parents. There will be a meeting in early June for planning. We will also have our next meeting in July with the new pastor. The theme of VBS is SUPER HEROES.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:** We broke into a closed meeting as it had to do with employment issues. The next One Council meeting will be TUESDAY, July 11 at 6:00 PM in order to meet with the new Pastor early in the month.

Lavonna made a motion that meeting adjourn. Frank seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Batchelor*

Recording Secretary

# NOW NEWS

June has arrived, and Summer is to arrive later this month. We will be facing many changes over the next several months with the change of pastors and a new family in the parsonage. Please be in prayer for the transition of Bryan to Jeff. Please always remember that God will give us just what we need at the time we need it. The gifts and graces that each pastor brings are just what God thinks we need.

Our SMALL GROUPS on Sunday are still meeting. If you have been amiss at coming to your Sunday small group, your teachers have missed you. Please come and let us see your special faces. If you do not go to small groups on Sunday, please contact Sue Batchelor for a class that will fit your needs. The prayer group has been meeting and utilizing a book with John Wesley's thoughts on prayer. It has been a revealing book. Remember that if you don't ask God, God cannot answer your prayer. The prayer group has added more prayers to our list of prayers that we do together. Please pray the following prayer for the next month:

*I am grateful to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have established Your church on earth, where You bless me with love and mercy in the Word and the Sacraments. I am grateful that Your Word is proclaimed in our congregation in truth and purity. May the Holy Spirit fill the members of the Maple Church congregation that it may be said of us "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Help me to do my part to keep it so for my own spiritual good. Use Maple Church for the building of Your kingdom on earth. Make Maple Church a power for good in your community, and bless our efforts to bring Your saving Gospel to the unchurched, to the glory of your name. Hear my prayer, O God. Amen.*

**MAPLE KIDS MINISTRY:** Please save the dates of July 14 and 15<sup>th</sup> for **Super Hero VBS**. There will be a lock-in again on the night of July 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be participating in youth lead Sunday on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at 6 for a light supper. VBS will end each night at 8:30. There will be songs, games, stories and a "giant" super hero. Rumor has it that there will be capes for all the attendees at Bible School. Look for the registrations on the Welcome table. If you would like to help, please contact Sue or Alex with VBS or the lock in.

**OUTREACH:** We are *still* collecting pairs of shoes. This is for the **SHOEMAN MINISTRY**. The group working with **HOPE SEEDS MINISTRY** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:30 to 1:30 packing seeds. We meet in the fellowship hall and have fun, fellowship and a light meal for lunch. In May, we packed 1300 packages of tomato seeds. Please join us on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. We have such a good time. For the month of May we have collected for the **CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT** in the form of Hygiene kits and food boxes. Look in July's newsletter for the final count. The last Sunday we will collect is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Bryan and Alex will be transporting them to annual conference when they attend. During the month of June, the blessings basket is being designated for **BACK PACKS FOR KIDS**. We have done this before and it will provide a backpack full of food for the school children of Cape Girardeau during the school year for the weekend. This is an awesome program. Please help us with this project in June. We will be collecting **school supplies in July for Central Middle school**. Look for the barrel to stuff. We will be working with **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES** in October.

**FISH PANTRY:** Maple Church has a long history with the FISH PANTRY. When our church was located on South Ellis we housed the Fish Pantry. When we moved we were no longer able to do so but we have supported it monthly with your food donations. Reminder that when you feed a stranger you are feeding Jesus. That being said this last month we only donated 42 cans due to some problems with some of the products. They were out of date and some had been opened. If you would not eat them, please don't put them in the FISH baskets. The FISH PANTRY cannot and will not accept food that is out of date. Please check your products to make sure that they are in date by at least 3 months. If you do not understand the dates on some of the containers, please ask about reading some of them. If you have questions, ask Frank Batchelor as he worked in the grocery business for 43 years. Thanks for helping those less fortunate than you are. Be safe and don't you eat things that are extremely out of date. We want to keep you around for a long time.

**WITNESS:** Thank you greeters and ushers. We could not do it without you.

Our next **TRIVIA NIGHT** is on June 30<sup>th</sup>. The next one will be \$10 a person for a maximum of 8 per table. We will fill extras in as tables need them. Please sign up a team of 8!!!. See Alex or Sue if you have questions. Pick up a sign when placed on the table and post it. We need the help.

Dave Schaffner will be doing 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services at the Chateau Girardeau in July and on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays after that. He would like to have music and songs with his message. If you are interested, please see Dave at church or give him a call.

## ADDITIONAL DATES IN CHURCH LIFE

FISH FRY—**July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017; Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017; Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017; January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018; March 30th (Good Friday) 2018; May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018; July 27<sup>th</sup> 2018; September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018; November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

Fifth Sunday Dinners: **July 30 (Christmas in July), October 29<sup>th</sup> (pending theme) and December 31<sup>st</sup> (fun, fun, fun—New Year)**

HOPE SEEDS: 10:30 to 1:30--3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates: **6/20/17, 7/18/17, 8/15/17, 9/19/17, 10/17/17, 11/21/17, 12/19/17.....Be there!**

TRIVIA NIGHTS AT 7:00 PM: **June 30, 2017; August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 10/27/2017.**

Father's Day is **June 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**June 9-11** is annual conference.

Thanksgiving dinner for church: **11/19 after church**

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** is the Christmas Parade.

Our next meeting will be in July with the new pastor.

A further editorial remark: We need everyone to participate when an activity is sponsored by the church. We need you to be there to support the mission and ministry of our church and church family. We have folks putting in a lot of energy and effort to organize these events, and when you come and help, you not only make Maple Church look good, but you are uplifting to the organizers as well. We know that no one can make every event, but if everyone could come to at least half of them, it will be an enormous help to the future of our church family. We need you at the Youth events, and we need you at the Fish Frys. Please be in prayer about helping us at as **many** events as you can. Thank you!

**MAPLE UNITED METHODIST MEN'S CLUB**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017**  
**8 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Meeting called to order by Frank.  
 Prayer offered by Frank.



**No Old Business**

**New Business**

Fish & Chicken Fry is on Friday, May 19, 2017. Help is requested.

Smoked Pork Butts & Chickens will be available & delivered on Sunday, May 14,-20th following Church Service.

No further business. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

*Sam Conrad*

Recording Secretary

Thanks to Cooks for a great Breakfast.

There is an open invitation to all Men of the Congregation to attend our meetings.

**The next Men's Club Meeting will take place on June 10th, 2017 at 7:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
5-7	56
5-14	80
5-21	56
5-28	55
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>≈62</b>

**WIRED WEDNESDAY**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
5-3	19
5-10	30
5-17	20
5-24	18
5-31	29
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>≈23</b>



**AMEN CENTER**

**SUPPLIES NEEDED**

laundry detergent, fabric softener (dryer) sheets, body wash (no bar soap), shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet tissue, deodorant, combs and brushes, ketchup, cleaning supplies, paper towels



Your presence is requested for Dinner and Wired Wednesday Worship! Dinner begins at 6:00 PM. Worship begins at 7:00 PM. This worship is laity led. It will be a wonderful time for fellowship and mini midweek worship!!!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

***Sunday School Classes: May 2017***

**LOYAL AIDERS:** Bob Lemons, Frances Brotherton, Juanita Cook, & Dave and Barbara Schaffner

**BIBLE MONKEYS:** Sue Batchelor

**YOUNG ADULT CLASS:** Jesse Dunavan



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
5-7	26
5-14	18
5-21	15
5-28	21
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>20</b>

# June

## BIRTHDAYS

June 2	Destiny Matysik
June 3	Mary Jane Maxwell
June 5	Ashlyn Holdman
June 6	Virgil Bunch
June 6	Kade Campbell
June 6	Angela Dunavan
June 11	Marge Main
June 11	Hailey Yancey
June 12	John Clifton
June 12	Karen Marberry
June 12	Ron Ward
June 22	Justin Albright
June 24	Patsy Gould
June 25	Verna Bingenheimer
June 27	Clint Ticer
June 29	Ethel Mize
June 29	Nancy Wright

## ANNIVERSARIES

June 2	Jim & Phyllis Garstang
June 6	Thomas & Katie Rogers
June 8	Dean & Carolyn Whitesides
June 9	Adam & Ruby Morton
June 12	Sam & Mildred Conrad
June 21	Tim & Barbara Weatherly
June 24	Quen & Gayla Dace

## USHERS

Sam Conrad

## WORSHIP

### LEADER

Alex Niswonger

## COMMUNION

Ruth Ellen Holdman

## GREETERS

Frances Brotherton  
Ann Smith



## **FISH PANTRY**

1 small box oatmeal or ready-to-eat cereal, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly or jam, 1 can evaporated milk, 1 can fruit

# July

## BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Suzanne Batchelor
July 2	Mike Haas
July 2	Christopher Morton
July 4	Doug Norris
July 6	Paulette Shockley
July 11	Breanna Williams
July 12	Bonnie Deal
July 12	James Dedert
July 12	Jim Gunnin
July 15	Danny Conrad
July 15	Blaine Morton
July 15	Dale Spell
July 17	Jane Heuring
July 17	Gary Roth
July 18	Jesse Williams, Jr.
July 21	Jim Main
July 21	Bob Maxwell
July 25	Heather Campbell
July 29	Mildred Miget
July 29	Rich Summers
July 31	Karen Grayson
July 31	Gina Matysik

## ANNIVERSARIES

July 10	Brent & Kerrie Middleton
July 10	John & Judy Reilly
July 11	Gary & Jan Roth
July 14	Tom & Diane Taylor
July 16	Frank & Judy Criddle
July 27	Bill & Dee Jenkins
July 31	Mike & Paula Haas

## USHERS

Larry & Harriett George

## WORSHIP

### LEADER

Terry Biddle

## COMMUNION

Frank & Sue Batchelor

## GREETERS

Shirley Holland



## **FISH PANTRY**

1 box macaroni & cheese dinner, 1 can peaches (or other fruit), 1 can green beans, 1 box cake mix, 1 can frosting

# Homebound

Verna Bingenheimer

Eleanor Brown

Frieda Clark

Frank &

Jeanne Crites

Atlee Fulbright



Joy Grace

Mildred Miget

Glema Milligan

Andy & Carol Mouser

Mary Pannier

Wilma Seabaugh

Zeta Seabaugh

Howard Thomas

Adele Townsend

Pat Uptain

Wanda Williamson

Pat (Miller) Williams

# June 2017

\*June 9th-11th is Annual Conference

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>4</b> COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	<b>7</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>11*</b> Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM Choir Practice-6:00 PM	<b>14</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> FATHER'S DAY Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM Hope Seeds-10:30 AM	<b>21</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> BRYAN'S LAST SUNDAY Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM	<b>28</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Trivia Night-7:00 PM	

## DEADLINE FOR JULY NEWSLETTER IS TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH

# July 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>2</b> COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM <b>JEFF'S FIRST SUNDAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM	<b>5</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>9</b> Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM One Church Council Meeting-6:00 PM	<b>12</b> Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> VBS 6:00-8:30 PM  VBS Overnight Lock-In 8:30 PM-8:00 AM	<b>15</b> VBS 6:00-8:30 PM
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<b>30</b> Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM <b>POTLUCK:</b> Christmas in July	<b>31</b>					