

Introducing Pastor Jeff Estes

Hello Cape Girardeau and Maple United Methodist Church family! My name is Jeff Estes, and I am the new pastor at the Maple. I am fifty-one, and I enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with family and friends. My wife's name is Sandy, and we have been married for 26 years. Sandy is a part-time pastor at the Ellington United Methodist Church in Ellington, Missouri. We have four children: Ashley, Natalie, Katie, and Jadon. Ashley lives in Wappapello with our 3 year old granddaughter, Rieghan. Ashley works as a Youth Specialist for the State. Natalie is married to Adam, and they live in Perryville. Natalie works as the Director of Family Ministries at Memorial UMC, and Adam works as the Video Producer at LaCroix UMC. Katie is twelve, and she enjoys watching TV, reading, and listening to music. Jadon is eleven, and he likes Lego's, playing video games, and going to Six Flags.

I grew up in Wayne County, Missouri. When I was 25, I started my own construction company, and I worked in construction until I was called into the ministry. My first appointment was at Lake Wappapello United Methodist Church in Wappapello, Missouri. I served there for two years as a part-time local pastor. In 2013, the District Office asked me to become a full-time local pastor. For the next four years I served the Williamsville United Methodist Church in Williamsville, and the Grace United Methodist Church in Greenville. This Spring, I was asked to come to Maple and I was honored to say, "Yes!"

Bryan has done a great job at Maple. I appreciate his work, and I know Bryan and his wife will be missed. I also appreciate the work of all those involved at the Maple UMC. Through your efforts, God is doing great things in spreading the gospel and transforming lives. I want to thank you all for your service, prayers, and support.

I also want to lift up those who are unable to attend due to health reasons. Although you are unable to attend, I know you are here in spirit. I want you to know that you are in my prayers, and I hope to visit you soon. I also want to encourage all the members at Maple to pray for and visit our shut-ins.

We are excited about coming to Maple and we are very excited to meet you all. Hope to see you soon.

Blessings & Peace,

Pastor Jeff Estes

NOW NEWS

July has arrived, and Summer is to arrive later this month. We will be facing many changes over July 4th is almost here. Weather is getting more like summer even with those days that felt like late spring. We celebrated Pastor Bryan's ministry with us on June 14th and the 25th. We will miss Pastor Bryan, but God has other plans for Pastor Bryan's talents. We rejoice with him on his new ministry. With that being said, we will be welcoming Pastor Jeff Estes and his family on July 2nd on his new ministry with Maple and to our church family. We will celebrate that coming with the carry-in dinner on **July 23rd** after church sending him off to classes in Kansas City for two weeks with a full stomach.

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. Reminder 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 our pastor for the next month:

Lord Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the sheep, I thank you for giving Maple church a pastor who is faithful and true. Keep me grateful to him—For preaching Your Word in truth, For his fellowship in the Gospel, For his influence in our community, For the example of his Christian life. May I always be aware of my obligation to pray for my pastor, to hone him and to support him in his ministry among us. Bless him and continue to make him a blessing to me and to the work of Your kingdom. Help my pastor and the people of Maple Church to be devoted to the faith and at last take us all to the Church Triumphant above. I pray in Your name. Amen.

MAPLE KIDS MINISTRY: VBS: Please save the dates of July 14 and 15th for **Super Hero Central VBS** from 6 to 8:30 PM. There will be a lock-in again on the night of July 14th for the youth from 8:30 PM to 8 AM. We will be participating in youth-lead Sunday worship on July 16th. We will be meeting at 6 PM 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, and a special super hero will visit each night to encourage us. VBS is for children aged 3 through 11. Look for the registrations on the Welcome table. If you can help with VBS, PLEASE contact Alex or Sue. We need more adults. **The lock in will be special this year as there will be a Bible murder mystery to solve.** The lock in is for kids who are 8 through high school age. We need to know by Sunday July 9th if your child or youth plans to attend. We will take late registrations but want to make sure we have supplies for all if at all possible.

OUTREACH: We are *still* collecting pairs of shoes. This is for the **SHOEMAN MINISTRY**. The group working with **HOPE SEEDS MINISTRY** meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM packing seeds. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and have fun, fellowship, and a light meal for lunch. In June, we packed 1,680 packages of mustard seeds. Please join us on July 18th at 10:30 AM for our next packing. We have such a good time. For the month of May we collected for the **CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT** in the form of Hygiene kits and food boxes. Pastor Bryan and Alex transported 10 hygiene kits and 4 food boxes to annual conference. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.** During the month of June, the Blessings Basket was 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. We collected \$290.25. We will be collecting **school supplies in July for Central Middle school**. Look for the barrel to stuff. The want lists for school supplies is on the Welcome Table. We will be working with **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES** in October.

FISH PANTRY: We are still collecting foodstuffs for the Fish Pantry.

WITNESS: Thank you greeters and ushers. We could not do it without you. Dave Schaffner will be doing 5th Sunday services at the Chateau Girardeau in July and on 5th 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 28th, 2017; Sept 29th, 2017; Nov 17th, 2017; January 26th, 2018; March 30th (Good Friday) 2018; May 25th, 2018; July 27th 2018; September 28th, 2018; November 30th, 2018.

Fifth Sunday Dinners: **July 30 (cancelled) October 29th (pending theme) and December 31st (fun, fun, fun—New Year)**

HOPE SEEDS: 10:30 to 1:30--3rd Tuesday of each month. Upcoming dates: **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: August 25th, 2017; 10/27/2017.

Pastor Jeff's welcome dinner is July 23rd after church. Carry in dinner.

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

November 26th 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, JUNE 10, 2017
6 MEMBERS PRESENT

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



No Old Business

New Business

Fish & Chicken Fry is on Friday, July 28, 2017 from 4-7:00 PM. Help is requested.
 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 July 8th, 2017 at 7:30 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
6-4	55
6-11	50
6-18	64
6-25	78
AVERAGE	≈62

WIRED WEDNESDAY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
6-7	20
6-14	38
6-21	28
6-28	26
AVERAGE	28



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!!!

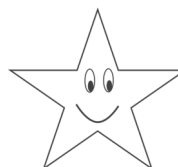
SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Sunday School Classes: June 2017

LOYAL AIDERS: Frances, Juanita, Ethel, & Ann

BIBLE MONKEYS: Isiah & JJ

REJUVENATION: Terry & Ruth Ellen



<u>DATE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
6-4	21
6-11	19
6-18	26
6-25	17
AVERAGE	≈21

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

August

BIRTHDAYS

August 3	Dennis Kinkead
August 5	Dave Puchbauer
August 6	Julie Kinkead
August 6	Brian Matysik
August 6	Dave Schaffner
August 7	Frank Crites
August 7	Terrie Welch
August 8	Rick Smith
August 10	Joshua Campbell
August 10	Carolyn Whitesides
August 18	Flossie Leggett
August 19	Adam Morton
August 19	Darryl Pannier
August 20	Paula Haas
August 20	Robert Daugherty
August 24	Jason Freeman
August 25	Harriett George
August 26	Ruby Morton

ANNIVERSARIES

August 1	Tom & Flossie Leggett
August 4	Josh & Heather Campbell
August 9	Owen & Sandy Elfrink
August 16	Dale & Mary Spell
August 30	Ron & Julie Wilson

USHERS

Rodger & Diane Mouser

WORSHIP

LEADER

Sue Batchelor

COMMUNION

Gary & Jan Roth

GREETERS

Larry & Harriett George



FISH PANTRY

1 box pancake mix, 1 bottle syrup, 1 jar peanut butter, 1 jar jelly or jam, 1 box crackers, 1 can fruit

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

July 2017

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2 COMMUNION Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM JEFF'S FIRST SUNDAY	3	4 Prayer Group-9:30 AM	5 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	6	7	8 Men's Club Breakfast-7:30 AM
9 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	10	11 Prayer Group-9:30 AM Day Circle-2:00 PM One Church Council Meeting-6:00 PM	12 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	13	14 VBS 6:00-8:30 PM	15 VBS 6:00-8:30 PM
					VBS Overnight Lock-In 8:30 PM-8:00 AM	
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23 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 A M WELCOME MEAL FOR PASTOR JEFF	24	25 Prayer Group-9:30 AM	26 Wired Wednesday Worship-6:00 PM	27	28 Fish Fry 4:00-7:00 PM	29
30 Small Group-9:00 AM Worship Service-10:15 AM	31					

August 2017

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