

Local Missions



Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon.



Volunteers are always welcome! Please bring donations to church on the first Sunday of each month.



The Well Youth Center hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.



The United Church of Mapleton

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Our Mission:

The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated to the Maple River community.

Order of Worship

Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Second Sunday of Easter

Easter Service of Stories and Songs:

The Appearances of the Resurrected Christ

Prelude

Praise and Worship Songs

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

***Call to Worship**

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

Many: but we see him in the lives

of those transformed by his grace.

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

Many: but we have seen him in the faces

of everyone whose love encourages us.

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

Many: but we have been called

to bring healing to the wounded of the world.

One: Let us worship the Lord together,

Many: for it is through us that Christ is visible today.

One: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

***Hymn**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” #295

Moment of Fellowship

Introduction

The Resurrection

Mark 16: 1-8: The Empty Tomb

First Reading

Luke 24: 1-12: The Women Share the Good News

***Hymn**

“Thine Is the Glory” #310

Message for God’s Children

Children are invited to attend Sunday School after the Message for God’s Children or return to their pews. Children’s Worship Bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Second Reading

John 20: 11-18: Mary and the Gardener

Third Reading

Luke 24: 13-35: On the Road to Emmaus

***Hymn**

“With the Body That Was Broken” #691

Mission Moment

Pat John

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“He Lives”

Adult Choir

***Doxology**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” #34

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!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Fourth Reading

Luke 24: 36-49: Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Fifth Reading

John 20: 19-31: Jesus and Thomas the Skeptic

***Hymn**

“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” #299

Sharing Prayer Requests and Praises

You are invited to take a Prayer Requests and Praises sheet from the pew rack in front of you to write your prayer requests and praises.

These will be collected by the ushers in a moment and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (Moment of Silence)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Sixth Reading

John 21: 1-14: Jesus Prepares a Meal

Seventh Reading

John 21: 15-19: The Restoration of Peter

Song

The Summons

Marissa and Sheila

Eighth Reading

Matthew 28: 16-20: Jesus Commissions His Disciples

***Hymn**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission” #592

***Benediction**

Please be mindful of others who continue to worship through the Postlude.

Postlude

Please rise in body or spirit.

Serving Us Today: Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leaders—Marian Mallory, Sheila Samuelson

Organist—Jola Walker

Guitar & Vocals—Marissa Pfeffer and Sheila Samuelson

Greeters—Stan and Linda Whitney

Head Usher—Dave Byram

Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship



Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship (*Sanctuary*)

9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare (*Babies-Toddlers*),

Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (*Fellowship Hall*)

10:00 a.m. Choir Practice

9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School (*PreK-5th Grade*)

Classroom A, upstairs

10:10-10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School (*6th-12th Grade*)

Youth Lounge, upstairs

This **service outline** was designed by Rev. Kelly Boubel Shriver, Pastor of Peoples Presbyterian Church, Milan, Michigan, and is used with her blessing.

Today's **Call to Worship** was written by Thom Schuman and posted online at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca.

All **Scripture readings** today are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of The Bible.

The **paraments are white** during the Easter season (which is from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday) to invite the church to remember that, instead of finding a sealed tomb, the women who came at dawn on Easter Sunday were surprised by an angel who announced astonishing news: "Jesus has been raised from the dead!" (Mt 28:7) The heavenly messenger invited the mourners on that day as well as Christians of all time to see the empty tomb and then go and tell the world that the Crucified One is alive!

Information from ucc.org

Worship & Care Connections

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary.

The **Family Space**, located in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, is for our families with infants and small children. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship.

If you are in need of **wheelchair assistance** on Sunday mornings, please let us know by calling the church office at (507) 524-3141 ahead of time to make arrangements *or* you may have an usher assist you on Sunday morning when you arrive at the church. There is a ramp located on the east side of the church which can be utilized by parking in the east parking lot.

If you or a family member would like a **pastoral care visit** for any reason, or would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please let the church know! Feel free to contact Pastor Ashley, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Pastor Ashley's phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please call **Karen Stanton at 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727**. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for, and whether you would like your request included in the church's public prayer list or if you'd prefer the request be kept privately within the prayer chain. There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Well Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- The local, regional, and national leaders of the church, including all ministers and missionaries
- Those anticipating surgery, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical procedures, tests, or treatments
- Those living in assisted living, a nursing home, or who are homebound, and all those who are caregivers
- Those who are grieving and mourning

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cramer, David Keller, Stan Solie, Marge Walters, Lloyd Mitchell
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS
- The 2015 United Church of Christ General Synod 30, to be held June 26-30 in Cleveland, OH
- Jack Madsen, who had surgery on March 11th
- Lloyd Mitchell as he heals from brain surgery

The prayer requests and praises shared during last week's worship service include:

Prayers:

- For a world that ignores the message of love and peace and continues in the way of war, and pain and suffering
- For the family of Geneva Bruegger of Minnesota Lake, who passed away last Tuesday
- For a speedy recovery for my dad, Jack Madsen

Thanksgiving:

- Praise to God for the spiritual leadership of Pastor Ava



Welcome to The United Church of Mapleton!

This announcement insert includes information about upcoming church, community, and area events. Please also take advantage of the many opportunities listed here to serve our community!

This Week at The United Church of Mapleton

Sunday, April 12th, 2015

Monday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, April 14th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, April 21st, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, April 21st, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles are due

Wednesday, April 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Foundation/Trustees

Tuesday, April 28th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, April 29th, 7:00 p.m. Official Board

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Wedding Congratulations!



Wedding congratulations from the United Church go out to Karson and Amber (Mackove) Duncanson, who were married on Saturday, April 11th, 2015!

The Well Youth Center

Next Sunday, April 19th, our Mission Jar and Coffee Hour collections will go to support The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports this mission in this way each month.

Sign-Up for Lay Readers and Ushers

Please sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office. Thank you in advance for your service.

If you would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate.

Church World Service Kits

We are collecting items for **Hygiene Kits and Baby Care Kits**. Please consider purchasing all the items for a kit, or purchase one or more items needed for kits. Cash donations are also needed to cover the cost of handling (\$2.00 per kit) and postage. Shopping lists are provided in the narthex area. Please bring items back to the church **by today, Sunday, April 12th**.

Kit items will be packed **Monday, April 13th at the Women's Fellowship meeting**. All are welcome to attend and help with this much needed mission project! Please feel free to contact Pat John for any additional information.

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Mid-American Baptist Women's Ministries

You are invited to attend our one-day ABWM conference to be held on **Saturday, April 25, 2015**, in Johnston, Iowa, at First Baptist Church of Greater Des Moines beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. Our theme is "Uniting to Serve".

Spring Fest

Jackson Lake Lutheran Church of Amboy will host their 40th Annual "Spring Fest" on Sunday, April 12th from 10:30 a.m. —1:00 p.m.

Menu includes: hot beef and turkey sandwiches, wide variety of salads and many Scandinavian goodies. Take outs are available. There will be a large bake and craft sale.

Luncheon buffet cost for Adults is \$8; children ages 6-11 \$4; children 5 and under are free.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Sunday:

When God had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Christ. Colossians 2:15 (NASB)

Almighty God, let us magnify your name in our labor and in our rest. We will praise you and know you are present with us this day and every day, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Monday:

If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Heavenly Father, we come before you with contrite hearts this day confessing our many sinful and selfish acts. Help us to better follow the example you set for us to make us free from sin. Amen.

Tuesday:

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:29 (NIV)

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it before our God. Let us worship and bow down before him! Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus said, "I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." Mark 2:17

Lord Jesus, have mercy on us sinners. You, and only you, are the source of our comfort and protection. Redeem us, your people, and lead us not into temptation. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

It is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. 1 Corinthians 4:2

Lord our God, all good gifts are given to us through your word and grace. Let us never forget our duty to be stewards of all that you have given and to share it for your glory. Amen.

Friday:

From the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." Matthew 17:5–7

Most kind and heavenly Father, we thank you this day for the blessings of heaven and the assurance of your calling to us. If we follow you we need not fear in anything that we do. All praise to you, our God. Amen.

Saturday:

Do not be afraid, but speak and do not be silent; for I am with you. Acts 18:9–10

Prince of Peace, your protective spirit watches over us in all our comings and goings. Never let us be silent in offering our joy and hope in a life with you, in this world or the next. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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