

## Local Missions



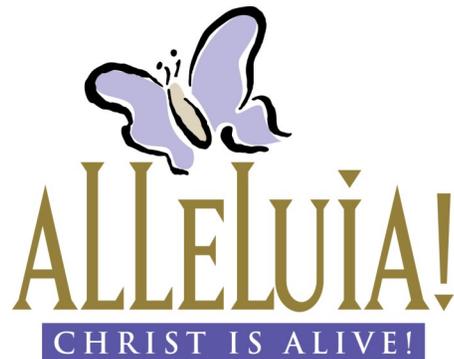
**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf** is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon.



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 19th, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter

### Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

*Based on Psalm 4*

One: "When I call, give me answers, God take my side!"

**Many: We are calling you, O God!**

One: "Why is everyone hungry for *more*?"

**Many: In God I have more than enough,**

**For you, God, have put my life back together.**

One: Praise God's name!

**All: Let us all worship God!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation ” #544

**\*Prayer of Invocation**

**\*Gloria Patri**

*Sung a whole step lower than printed in hymnal*

“Glory Be to the Father” #734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen!

**\*Moment of Fellowship**

**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.*

**Mission Moment**

Dawn Dietz

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*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**

**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.

**\*Hymn**

“Abide With Me” #521

**Scripture**

1 John 3:1-7; Mark 1:9-14 (NRSV)

One: For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God among us,

For the Word of God within us,

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

“Children of God”

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” #712

**\*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 19th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Joyce Johnson

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeters—Randy and Linda Cumming

Head Usher—Dave Byram

Coffee Hour Host—The Well Youth Center



### Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with The Well Youth Center

Collections (*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

Today's **Call to Worship** is based on, *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*.

The **Prayer of Invocation** is from *The New Century Hymnal*.

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](mailto: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, Jack Madsen
- 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

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

#### **Prayers:**

- To help open the hearts of those who need a church home. May they find one to bring them closer to God in faith
- For friends who lost a daughter to cancer this week
- For a niece who broke her leg
- Remember Lauren Hill, who succumbed to her glioma. She was a real inspiration, not just in basketball.
- For the victims of tornados



## **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 19th, 2015**

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

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

Thursday, April 23rd, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles are due

### **Planning Ahead**

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

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

Thursday, April 30th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Thursday, May 7th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Monday, May 11th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

Tuesday, May 12th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Wednesday, May 13th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons**

Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

**Wednesday, May 20th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees**

Thursday, May 21st, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, May 26th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, May 26th, 8:00 a.m. Newsletter Articles/Reports are due

Thursday, May 28th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Bible Study

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, April 19th, 2015**

**The Well Youth Center**

Today, 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.

**Giving Statements**

The First Quarter giving statements are available. You may pick them up in the back of the church following the worship service. Please contact the Financial Secretary with any questions.

**Newsletter Articles and Reports**

Please submit your newsletter articles and reports into the church office by **Thursday, April 23rd**. Thank you!

**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.

**Bible Study: *Blessed Are You***

This spring, our Thursday afternoon Bible Study group will be learning more about the Beatitudes through the Kerygma study, *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes of Jesus in Scripture and in Life*. This study has six sessions which will be held from 2:00—3:00 p.m. (please note the earlier time!) on these Thursdays: April 30, May 7, May 21, May 28, June 4, and June 11. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ashley or the church office. As always, all are welcome!

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**How to Contact Pastor Ashley**

Pastor Ashley's cell phone number is (507) 381-8199 and her email is [pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org](mailto:pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org). Her usual weekly schedule includes these times and places. *Monday* Sabbath. *Tuesday* 9:00 -11:00 a.m. church office, noon-1:00 p.m. Preaching Text Study Group, 3:00-5:00 p.m. The Well Youth Center. *Wednesday* 9:00-10:30 a.m. The Windmill Restaurant (Location for Community Office Hours will change occasionally and be announced here). *Thursday* 9:00 a.m.-noon church office, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Church Bible Study. *Friday* Sermon writing. At other times, she may be making pastoral visits or be serving elsewhere in the community. Please feel free to contact her for a visit or meeting!

**Beauford United Methodist Garage & Bake Sale**

The Beauford United Methodist church will hold a Garage & Bake Sale on Friday, May 1st from 2:00—7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd from 8:00—11:00 a.m. with a Saturday Sack Sale for \$5.00. See the posted flier for more information.

**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".

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Jesus said, “you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” Mark 14:62

### **Sunday:**

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 1 John 2:1

Compassionate Lord, we offer our thanks to you for your power of forgiveness and the grace which meets our needs. Help us to be witnesses for your kingdom in all the places you would have us go. Be with us all. Amen.

### **Monday:**

I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. Psalm 40:1

Hear our prayers, O Lord; incline your ear to us this day and let us prepare ourselves to listen for your leading. Grant to us your peace. Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist. 1 Corinthians 8:6

Dearest Jesus, blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord. Let us humble ourselves before you and be always mindful of what you suffered, with great love, for us sinners. Hosanna in the highest. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. Luke 1:68 (NIV)

King of Kings, your love for us can never be repaid. Let us praise your name and try to live the life that you offer us through the merits of your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Everything exposed by the light becomes visible. Ephesians 5:11,13

O Glorious Lord, free us from the blindness to your everlasting light shining before us, and never let us hide in darkness from the wondrous love and grace that you offer to us, your children. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Revelation 19:1 (NIV)

God of life and salvation, make your home in our hearts. Lead us to walk in your ways that we might become a people of peace. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Come; for everything is ready now. Luke 14:17

Lead us, O God, to live by the gentle whispers of your Holy Spirit. And as you relieve the heaviness that we so often carry, give us the strength to become helping hands and listening ears. In your name we pray. Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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