

Community Closet

The Community Closet is having a Winter Clearance Sale of all Women's and Men's clothing for \$2.00 a bag during the last two Saturdays in March. We have to make way for all the Spring and Summer wear that we have ready for the next season. Thank you!

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.



Through You, I am free.
I am free to run,
I am free to dance,
I am free to live for
You!
I am free!

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 5th, 2015

Easter Sunday

Prelude

Praise and Worship Songs

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Based on Psalm 118

One: O give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever!

Many: God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

One: This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it.

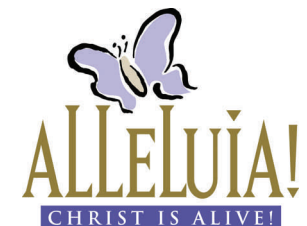
Many: I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

One: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

Many: This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

One: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let us worship God!



***Opening Hymn**

“Lord of the Dance” #118

***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

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory “Amazing Love” Marissa and Sheila

***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**

“What Wondrous Love is This” #257

Scripture Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8 (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 “Roll Away the Stone”

Communion Service Bread: “The Lamb” Cup: Instrumental

*At the United Church of Mapleton, the Communion Table is
open to all without restriction. This is not our table, but it is God’s and
it is open to all of God’s children.*

*Today, we will participate in communion by passing two sets
of plates that contain the elements of bread and juice. Please hold
each element until all have been served so that we may celebrate
communion together after each element has been shared.*

***Closing Hymn**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” #288

***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 5th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris

Lay Leader—Ginny Kinzie

Organist—Jola Walker

Greeter—Mabelle Larson

Head Usher—Dave Byram

Coffee Hour Host—Diaconate

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

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

The **Call to Worship** is from *The UCC New Century Hymnal*.

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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 Ava Adams-Morris, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Ava's phone numbers are (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233 and her email is kreolelady@aol.com.**

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 our granddaughter who had a minor health problem yesterday and our daughter who is bringing her home from Bemidji
- For the family of Bob Nienow who died this week
- For Kelly Johnson whose father died this past week
- For Pam and Don Foster recovering from the flu
- For our granddaughter Devin, who is dealing with a medical issue

Thanksgiving:

- Thank you for all the love and support bestowed upon my father during the recovery and recuperation period after his surgery
- Thanks to all the volunteers at Loaves & Fishes as we serve this week. Our hands are doing God's work.
- Thanks be to God for our choir.



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 5th, 2015

Tuesday, April 7th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Wednesday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Planning Ahead

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

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

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

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

Contact Information

While Pastor Ashley Whitaker is on Family Leave and you are in need of or would like pastoral care, please contact **Ava Adams-Morris at (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233; email: kreolelady@aol.com.**

You may reach the Secretary/Administrative Assistant at the church office by calling (507) 524-3141 or email secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

The best time to visit the church office is Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Reminder: Bulletin items are due to the church office **by 8:00 a.m., Thursday mornings**. Thank you!

The United Church News and Announcements
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Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf

Today, Sunday, April 5th, 2015 we will collect donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf. Please consider giving monetary gifts and/or non-perishable items to this meaningful mission.

The United Church supports Loaves & Fishes in this way on the first Sunday of each month.

Need for Lay Readers and Ushers

The Deacons are in the process of updating their list for Lay Readers and Ushers. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please contact Marian Mallory or any member of the Diaconate. There will be a **sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the main office**. Thank you in advance for your service.

Easter Season Plants

Thank you to everyone who brought in a plant to decorate our Sanctuary for the Easter season!

Hugo and Pat John

Wally and Joyce Johnson

Kathy Kunkel

Sean and Marian Mallory in (M) of Casey and Zechariah

Joe and Sheila Samuelson

Louisa Belle Shuck

Jola Walker



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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 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.

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.

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".

Registration and information sheets are posted on the bulletin board and are **due by April 11th**. Please pick up one today!

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

Sunday:

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20

Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us today. Dwell with us in our homes, at school, at work, and everywhere we find ourselves. We pray that we may worship and serve you in our communities and honor you in all our actions. Amen.

Monday:

Paul wrote: I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings. Philippians 3:10

Dearest Lord, let us never forget your life, sufferings, death, and resurrection that offer us the unending grace we receive in this world. Continue to give us the comfort of one day sharing that grace with you in heaven. Amen.

Tuesday:

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised. Psalm 113:3

Loving Creator, we sing your praise this day with all our brothers and sisters, united together in spirit to proclaim the love of God for all. All praise and thanksgiving be yours. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus answered, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them." John 14:23

Most holy Lord and God, help us to keep your word in our lives, and to be willing, obedient, and caring examples of your divine love for all people. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven." Matthew 7:21

Christ our Savior, help us to follow your path, to take up your cross, and to lift it up high for others to see. You suffered for us so that we could receive the blessing of everlasting life in you, our heavenly Host. Amen.

Friday:

Paul wrote: I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him. 2 Timothy 1:12 (NIV)

Blessed Provider, you send us out, armed with your word and protected by your mercy. Let us seek to do your will and strive to be blessings to others as we move through your world this day. Amen.

Saturday:

Who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Romans 9:20

Our Father, we come before you this day on bended knee asking for your strength and forgiveness to reign over us in all we do. Hear us as we pray. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts

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