The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, August 14h, 2016

Garden of Eatin' Update: **186.2 lbs.** of produce to date.

Riverblenders Chorus—TODAY!

We are honored to have the Riverblenders with us in worship today. We thank you so much for your ministry of music!

United Church at the Mankato Moon Dogs—TODAY!

Come cheer on the Mankato Moon Dogs and enjoy some summer fun and fellowship with your church family on **Sunday, August 14th at 6:05 p.m.!** All are welcome!

Church World Service

It is the time of the year when we help Church World Service meet the escalating demands for **School Kits and Hygiene Kits**. We will not be assembling Baby Kits this year. We will be assembling Kits from now until mid-August. Take advantage of all the sales. A list of Kit materials can be found in the foyer and in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Call Pat John. Thank you!

Call to Ministry and Ministry Table

If you would like to share a **Call to Ministry** at the beginning of worship, please contact Marissa Pfeffer or the church office no later than Wednesday evening before that Sunday. The same timeline is requested for bulletin or Ministry Table information. The Call to Ministry time will be reserved for one announcement that is both informational and a call to action and should be directly related to The United Church of Mapleton's mission and ministry. The Ministry Table in the entryway has information about church ministry opportunities and community events. **Check it out today!**

Please consider helping by signing-up to be a **Lay Leader, Hospitality Team Leader, and Communion Servers** for Sunday worship services. Sign-up sheets are on the Ministry Table. Thank you in advance for your service!

The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, August 14th, 2016
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*The * symbolizes an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude
Welcome

If you are a visitor today, please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service so that we can get to know each other!

Call to Ministry
***Call to Worship**
Based on Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
One: Hear us, O God our Shepherd!
Many: Almighty God, save us, we pray!
You are the One who has planted us where we stand
and provided that we may have deep roots in this place.
So take notice of us now, O God of hosts,
and remember us, your people and your creation.
Let your strong right hand protect us, we pray.
All: Let your face shine upon us, and we will be saved!
***Opening Hymn**
"The God of Abraham Praise" #16
***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!

***Sharing Grace and Peace**
One: God's Word is a word of forgiveness, assurance, and grace.
Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
One: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Many: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
One: The peace of Christ be with you.
Many: And also with you.
One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.
Message for God's Children

After the Message for God's Children, all children may return to their pews, use the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or use the Nursery if they are younger than Kindergarten age. Worship Bags, "The Sunday Paper" coloring pages, and Ministry Card making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Invitation to Worship Through 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 momentarily and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (*Moment of Silence*)
Prayers of the People
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**
"Take Time to Be Holy " #483
Scripture Hebrews 11:29-12:2 (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 "Forerunners for Runners"
***Closing Hymn**
"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord" #573
***Benediction**
Postlude

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Preacher—Karen Swenson
Lay Leader—Carolyn Becker
Hospitality Team Lead—Jola Walker, Ruth Cumming
Organist/Pianist—Jan Lange
Coffee Hour Host—Women's Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Worship *(Sanctuary)*
9:00 a.m. Nursery/Toddler Care *(The Nursery/Toddler Room is at the north end of upstairs hallway)*
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship *(Fellowship Hall)*

Today's *Call to Worship* is by Rev. Ashley Whitaker and is posted online at praxisandpraise.wordpress.com.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 14th, 9:15 a.m. Riverblenders
Sunday, August 14th, 6:05 p.m. Mankato Moon Dogs Church Outing
Tuesday, August 16th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, August 16th, 7:30 p.m. Pianist/Organist meeting
Wednesday, August 17th, 7:00 p.m. **Church Council**
Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, August 30th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, September 6th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Sunday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service and Fall Fling Celebration at Daly Park**
Monday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, September 13th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Friday, September 16th, United Church at Brat Wagon (Kits)
Saturday, September 16th, United Church at Brat Wagon (Kits)
Sunday, September 18th, 10:00 a.m. **Congregational Meeting**
Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Wednesday, September 21st, 7:00 p.m. **Church Council**

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Maple River Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf, Meals on Wheels, Jackson Foster Care Home
- 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
- Those affected by mental illness, including anxiety and depression

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Kathy Cramer, Janie Firstbrook, Mary Beth Fritz, Marian Mallory, Sean Mallory, Lloyd Mitchell, Stan Solie,
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Jack Madsen
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East
- Phyllis Lindemann, who has been undergoing evaluation testing for a double lung transplant at the University of Minnesota. She has been cleared to join the transplant list, but faces potential problems with finding a match to avoid rejection.

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- Of happiness and love and God's blessing for Ty and Jeanne Shuck as they start a new life together
- Of joy at having family from Florida for the weekend for a family picnic

Thanksgiving:

- For good vision test results for Kathy Cramer

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. Colossians 3:2

Sunday:

When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Luke 14:13–14

Gracious God, your boundless love for us and your gifts of abundance far exceed our needs. Lord, make us servants of your bounty so that we will sow seeds of faith, hope, and love in the world around us! Amen.

Monday:

I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Matthew 25:35

Holy Father, thank you for our many blessings. Help us, Lord, to share our gifts and our talents with the world around us. Give us strength to use our hands and feet to show the love of Christ to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Amen.

Tuesday:

Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:11

Gracious Savior, you have given us the blessings of minds to think and hearts to love. Lord, please forgive us our shortcomings, and strengthen us to do your will. Help us to remember to forgive, as we are forgiven. Amen.

Wednesday:

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever. Revelation 11:15

Dear Lord, Provider of our every need, help us to be grateful for all of your many gifts and remind us that we must also give back to you. Make us cheerful givers, Lord, generous with our gifts, sharing with those in need. Amen.

Continue

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near. Isaiah 55:6

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 2 Corinthians 6:2

Dear Jesus, Friend to all, help us to mirror your ways. Lord, help us to understand that our actions, no matter how small, affect others. Jesus, we ask that you guide our ways and help us to follow your example to love others. Amen.

Friday:

May the God of peace make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will. Hebrews 13:20–21

Holy Redeemer, we call to you in times of trouble and praise you in times of joy. Lord, help us to always be in your service, to stand fast to those in our lives. Lord, strengthen our congregations so that we may grow your kingdom on earth. Amen.

Saturday:

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Psalm 32:10

Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete. John 16:24

Gracious Lord, you have given all for our sins. The world needs you; and we, your humble servants, are tasked with sharing your love and grace. Lord, help us not only to be grateful, but also to share your love with those we encounter. Amen.

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