

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, August 21st 2016

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Louis Fritz

Garden of Eatin' Update: 254.6 lbs. of produce to date.

Girls Foster Care Home—School supplies and backpacks!

Jeannie Jackson contacted me about the need for backpacks and school supplies for the foster care girls. They have just recently received three (3) more girls into the foster care home, which brings them up to eleven (11) girls. An “items of need list” can be found in the entryway, underneath the Ministry Table. Please leave donated items in box provided. Thank you so much for your generosity in helping out this home. Most of all, please keep praying for these girls and their families. Thank you!

Help!

The church is looking for help with painting the walls and doors of the Fellowship Hall. We are also looking for someone to place adhesive tile onto the Nursery rest room floor. Please contact the church office at 524-3141, or contact Dave Byram if you can help. Thank you!

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!**

The United Church of Mapleton
Order of Worship

Sunday, August 21st, 2016

Fourteenth 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 103:1-8

One: Bless the Lord, people of God!

Many: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Do not forget all the Lord has done:

**forgiveness and redemption,
satisfaction and renewal.**

The Lord grants mercy to the oppressed and heavy-laden,

and the Lord is gracious to all.

Give thanks, for the Lord abounds in steadfast love!

All: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

***Opening Hymn**

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above” #56

***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**

“Lord, Be Glorified” #465

Scripture

Hebrews 12:18-29 (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

“An Unshaken Kingdom”

***Closing Hymn**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” #591

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

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Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker

Lay Leader—Louise Webb

Hospitality Team Lead—Warren and Cindy Allevan

Organist/Pianist—Nancy Croce

Coffee Hour Host—Youth Center

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

Tuesday, August 23rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

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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 17th, 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:

- For healing of hearts and to bring them to a church to call home
- For all those struggling with the impact of natural disasters in our nation and around the world

Thanksgiving:

- That both of my sisters and their husbands are here from Florida and Colorado

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: Jesus says, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”
Luke 12:32

Sunday:

You have one instructor, the Messiah. Matthew 23:10
O merciful Savior, thank you for your grace. Dear Lord, help us to live in joyful praise of all your mighty works. Help us to see your trustworthy hand at work in our lives, in our church, and in the world. Amen.

Monday:

A king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. Psalm 33:16
Now, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? Galatians 4:9
God, our Sustainer, help us to run the race you have set before us. Help us to live each day anew and look for new opportunities to share your truth with those in our lives who may not have heard the good news. Amen.

Tuesday:

You say, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” You do not realize that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. Revelation 3:17
Ruler of all creatures here below, let us see miracles in our common lives. You have provided food, shelter, warmth, health, friendship, and so much more. Help us to always remain humble in the sight of your glory. Amen.

Wednesday:

Jesus said, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. Luke 19:5–6
Welcoming Savior, you will never leave us or forsake us. Lord, help us to be loyal and faithful to those in our lives who are in need. Help us never to be separated from your love. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:19
Loving Redeemer, you will never leave our side—we are never alone. You are our dear friend, Jesus. Lord, help us to be better friends to those who are suffering in our world. Amen.

Friday:

His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness. 2 Peter 1:3
Kind Shepherd, you lead us to life-giving water, to paths of righteousness, and to everlasting life. Strengthen us so that we may bring others into the fold. Amen.

Saturday:

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
God of fire and flame, ignite in us a renewed spirit. Give us loud voices to sing your praise. Cleanse our hearts so that we may love deeply and forgive, as you have forgiven us. Amen.

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