

The United Church News and Announcements

Sunday, August 28th 2016

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 are willing to 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.

Youth Center Salad Luncheon will be held

Tuesday, August 30th, 11:00-1:00 p.m.; \$5 for all you can eat.

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!

The United Church of Mapleton

Order of Worship

Sunday, August 28th, 2016
Fifteenth 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 112

One: Praise the Lord, righteous ones!

Many: Blessed are those who delight in the Lord!

Those who serve the Lord will be called blessed,
for their lives are marked by justice.

They serve as a light in the midst of great darkness,
for they are gracious and merciful.

Their hearts are steady and unafraid,
so the desires of the wicked come to nothing.

They share freely and serve those in need,
and so their righteousness endures forever.

Praise the Lord, righteous ones!

All: Lord, may we serve you forever!

***Opening Hymn**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" #111

***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**

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #440

Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (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

“A Sacrifice of Praise”

***Closing Hymn**

“Hidden Christ, Alive for Ever” #104

Verses 1, 3, 4, 5

***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—Pam Foster
Hospitality Team Lead—Darlene Fezler
Organist/Pianist—
Coffee Hour Host—Christian Education

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.weebly.com.

Church Calendar

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 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**

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections: Next Sunday, September 4th

Garden of Eatin' Update: 311.5 lbs. of produce to date

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.
- All those affected by the flooding in Louisiana, which killed at least 13 people and left at least 20 parishes as disaster areas.

The prayer requests and praises from worship last week were:

Prayers:

- For a 24 year old grandson who is struggling with life
- For Jim Brandt, who is seeking treatment in Rochester for vision problems

Thanksgiving:

- For the blessing of a healthy four day old grandson, Hunter
- For an end to radiation therapy next Wednesday

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: : Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1–2

Sunday:

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name. Psalm 66:4

God, our Creator, mighty are your works. You breathed the universe to life, formed us in the womb, and have made a place for us at your right hand. Help us to delight in the knowledge that we are your children. Lord, help us to live in fellowship with one another, lifting each other up. Amen.

Monday:

The kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind. Matthew 13:47

All-seeing Lord, you know all of our transgressions, and yet you still love us. God, forgive us our sins and draw us closer to you and give us strength. Guide us as we strive to love our neighbors, and do not let us yield to our weaknesses. Amen.

Tuesday:

Jesus said, “I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.” John 10:16

Loving Father, you are so good to us. You comfort us during times of loss, pain, and sickness. You freely give your grace even though we are so undeserving. Lord, help us to accept your love, and to share it with those in our lives. Amen.

Wednesday:

Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. Revelation 22:17

Trusted Rock, faithful Savior, thank you for offering shelter to our weary souls. Thank you for healing our brokenness. You have called us by name. We hear your voice, and we will follow you. Amen.

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

Paul proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance! Acts 28:31 (NIV)

Light of the world, you are our beacon in the darkness. Lord, teach us to discern your will for our lives. Strengthen us to show others your truth. Guide us, Jesus, to love as you have loved. Amen.

Friday:

Paul wrote: Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:7

Faithful Lord, we know you will not forsake us in times of trouble. We are crying. We are suffering. We are in need of your salvation. Let us remember to always seek you out. Come by here, Lord. Thanks be to God for his saving hand. Amen.

Saturday:

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. 1 John 3:1

Holy Spirit, please come upon us—fill our lives with your peace. We are redeemed by your sacrifice. We are saved from our sins because of your love. God, help us to be all that you created us to be. Amen.

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