

**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, August 7th, 2016**

**Garden of Eatin' Update:** 141.2 lbs. of produce to date.

**Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collections:** Today!

**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!

**Community-Wide Vacation Bible School**

Community-Wide VBS (children who finished Kindergarten, those going into 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and those who finished 5th grade) will be held from **6:30-8:30 p.m., August 8th, 9th and 10th**, between the churches of St. John Lutheran and St. Teresa Catholic.

**United Church at the Mankato MoonDogs!**

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.!** Please sign-up at the Ministry Table for your tickets! All are welcome!

**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 7th, 2016  
Twelfth 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**

Pat John

**\*Call to Worship**

*Based on Psalm 33:12-22*

One: Blessed are all those who worship the Lord,

**Many: all those who are part of the people of God!**

God has created the hearts of all people

**and knows the actions of all creation.**

O soul, wait for the Lord;

**wait for the help of God.**

O heart, be glad in the Lord;

**trust in God's holy name.**

Let us praise the steadfast love of the Lord,

**All: and may our hope be in the Lord alone!**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #501*

**\*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**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" #419

### **Scripture**

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (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**

"By Faith"

### **Communion Service**

*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 intinction.*

*Intinction is the practice of coming forward to the front of the Sanctuary, taking a piece of bread from the loaf, dipping it into the cup of juice, and receiving the elements at that time. The piece of bread you will receive is intentionally large to allow for sanitary dipping into the common cup.*

*If you request that the elements to be brought to you in your pew, simply let a Hospitality Team member (usher/greeter) know during the Communion Service and the servers will come to you. All of our Communion elements are gluten free. A pastoral blessing is available if you or your child(ren) choose to not receive Communion today.*

### **\*Closing Hymn**

"I Then Shall Live" #372

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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

## The United Church of Mapleton

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### Today's Worship & Fellowship

Pastor—Ashley Whitaker  
Lay Leader—Sean Mallory  
Hospitality Team Lead—David and Roberta Ward  
Organist/Pianist—Joanne Cramer  
Guitar/Vocal—Laura Fritz, Marissa Pfeffer  
Sound System—  
Coffee Hour Host—Council

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](http://praxisandpraise.wordpress.com).

### Church Calendar

Monday, August 8th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community-Wide VBS

Monday, August 8th, 7:00 p.m. **Women's Fellowship**

Tuesday, August 9th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT

Tuesday, August 9th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community-Wide VBS

Wednesday, August 10th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Community-Wide VBS

Sunday, August 14th, 9:15 a.m. Riverblenders

Sunday, August 14th, 6:00 p.m. Mankato Moon Dogs

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

## 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 's 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 Mary Ann Jenkins, facing health problems

#### Thanksgiving:

- For continued positive test results
- For dedicated Loaves & Fishes volunteers

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church of Mapleton are extended to the family and friends of Marlin Kunard, former United Church member, who passed away on Wednesday, July 27th, 2016.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

**Scripture for the Week:** Lord, teach us to pray. Luke 11:1

### **Sunday:**

God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named.

Ephesians 1:20–21

Savior of the world, how comforting it is to know that you are our Savior at all times. Your name, Jesus, is worthy to be praised above all creation, for you, Lord, offered up yourself for the sins of all the world! Amen.

### **Monday:**

God is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. Acts 17:25 (NIV)

Creator God, Lord of all the living, fill our hearts with the abundant warmth of your abounding love. Light up our contrite hearts so that we will remain faithful and ablaze for you until your return! Amen.

### **Tuesday:**

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced. Isaiah 50:7

On him we have set our hope that he will rescue us again, as you also join in helping us by your prayers. 2 Corinthians 1:10–11

Lord Jesus, your word reminds us that no servant of yours will ever be put to shame. Help us to be mindful of your anointing upon us as we journey our pathways of life in this dark world. Amen.

### **Wednesday:**

Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail. Psalm 9:19

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Luke 18:7

Redeeming Savior, Lord of all hope, we come before you with contrite hearts; hear our cries for healing and cleansing. Be our safe and secure Refuge; restore us to the wealth of our eternal salvation. Amen.

## Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

### **Thursday:**

Return to your God, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God. Hosea 12:6

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12

Mighty God, as your chosen people, let the mind of Christ richly dwell in us. Grant us the power to surrender ourselves to your leading as we look beyond this earthly home toward our heavenly home. Amen.

### **Friday:**

Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. Revelation 3:11

Gracious Savior, teach us your ways so that we will never forget your greatness or go astray. Plant seeds of your holiness and righteousness within us so that we will yield good fruit for your kingdom. Amen.

### **Saturday:**

Jesus says, "For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you." John 13:15

Master of our souls, be present with us, your feeble servants; lead us on your pathway. Refresh and renew our hearts and minds in service to you. We reach out to all those in the world around us! Amen.

*Source: Moravian Daily Texts*

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