



***“The Voice”* Newsletter of The United Church of Mapleton**

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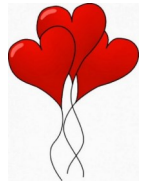
THE UNITED CHURCH OF MAPLETON

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9:30am Sunday Worship
10-10:30am PreK—5th Grade Sunday School
10:30am Coffee & Fellowship



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 9:30am Worship with Communion and Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf Collection 10:30am Lay Reader mtg.	6	7 6:30am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00pm Quilters	8 7:00pm Council (NOTE: Change of date)	9	10 RECYCLE!	11 8:30—10:30am Community Breakfast at St. John Lutheran
12 9:30am Worship	13 7:00pm Women's Fellowship	14 Valentine's Day! 6:30am Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder 1:00pm Quilters	15 7:00pm Congregational Relations	16	17	18
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Contact Information

If you have a **pastoral emergency or need**, please contact **Pastor Cindy Mueller**. **Please check your bulletin each week** for Pastor Cindy's office hours.

Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer request, please call **Karen Stanton at (507) 327-8168** or **Joyce Johnson at 524-3727**. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for if applicable, and whether or not 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.

Local Mission Jars

During the month of **February**, the mission jar donations will go towards the **Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf**.

Daily Devotions Online

You may visit the following website for daily devotions: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

Worship Lay Reader Meeting

On **Sunday, February 5th at 10:30 a.m.** there will be a meeting for Lay Readers with Pastor Cindy in the Overflow Room. Thank you for attending!

Quilters Group

Please join us every **Tuesday from 1:00—3:00 p.m.** You do not need to know how to sew as someone is glad to teach you, or you can tie quilts.

Worship Time Change!

Sunday, February 5th, 2017
The United Church of Mapleton
Sunday Worship
will begin at **9:30 a.m.**
Please mark your monthly
2017 calendars !

Sunday Morning Wheelchair Assistance

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.

Mapleton Community Center

Please stop in for coffee at the Mapleton Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. beginning January 31st. There will be a Sertoma member here to greet you. We have puzzles and games or a great new 70 inch TV which was donated by the Town and Country Leisure Board. The coffee pot will be on. If you would like to stay for lunch with Darlene, give her a call the day before at 5245-4868.

In Our Prayers

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma B., Kathy C., Janie F., Jeannie J., Phyllis L., Tyson Mc., Marian M., Lloyd M., Stan S., Donna W.
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All those who are grieving and mourning
- Those affected by mental illness, including anxiety and depression
- Those recovering from recent health concerns or procedures: Eli A., Larry B., Jack M.,
- All those affected by the ongoing crisis in Syria and the hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing the Middle East

The prayer requests and praises shared with the congregation during last month's worship services include:

Prayers:

- Of healing for Chris's baby, Tyson Mc.
- For all who travel daily during our Minnesota winters
- For peace to a nephew and niece in their final days
- For healing for Mary A., who has a broken shoulder blade
- For Rod in healing from being treated for a blood clot on the brain
- For Donna W.
- For our country to become united in God's love
- For Joyce J. and family in the loss of their beloved Wally
- To God to help us amid the chaos of our nation to find our way to peace and unity in the love of Christ
- For a friend's granddaughter's premature birth

Thanksgiving:

- And praise to God for sending Pastor Cindy as your servant.
- And praise to God for a new granddaughter, niece and cousin, Eliana Grace.

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church are extended to the family and friends of Rev. William (Bill) Brice, father of Pam Foster. Who passed away Friday, December 9th, 2016. Rev. Brice served The United Church of Mapleton from March 1961—September 1965.

The prayers and sympathies of The United Church are extended to the family and friends of Wally Johnson, long-time member of the United Church, who passed away Sunday, January 15th. Funeral and visitation was held at The United Church of Mapleton.



Senior Dining/Meals on Wheels of Mapleton **(LSS Senior Nutrition—Meeting the Nutritional Needs of Minnesota Seniors)**

On-site meals available

Mapleton Community Center

Meals served daily M-F at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$4 suggested donation for those 60+

Cost of \$7.25 for anyone under 60 years

Call Darlene at Senior Dining (507) 524-4868 to reserve your meal!

Meals on Wheels available

Meals are prepared by Maple River School. When school is not in session, Maggie J's will prepare the meals.

Find and "Like" us on Facebook @

www.facebook.com/seniornutritionmapletonmn

Free Community Breakfast

The community is invited to a free breakfast held at St. John Lutheran Church
Saturday, February 11th from 8:30-10:30 a.m.

The Community Closet

The Community Closet is moving to a new ground floor location at 201 Main Street, Mapleton. Our new hours are Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. We are currently taking donations at these times. The opening day at our new location will be February 14th, 2017. Any questions may be directed to Gay Rice at (507) 524-4040.

Journey through Grief

Journey through Grief is an eight-week group for adults who have lost a loved one. Participants connect with others, share their stories, explore the process of grief and healing, and find comfort in knowing they are not alone.

This winter session will be held Thursday mornings from 10:00—Noon, February 9th to March 30th, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street in Mankato. There is no cost to participate, but pre-registration is required. Please call (507) 385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989.

Caregiver Support Group

This support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Catholic Church in Mapleton. Please use the north entrance at the parking lot. Next session starts February 7th, 2017. Questions? Call Joyce Kolbet at VINE Faith in Action (507) 386-5583.

Women's Fellowship

January 9th, 2017

President Louse W. called the meeting to order. There were ten women present, including our Intentional Interim Pastor Cindy Mueller.

Devotions: Darlene Fezler read devotions.

Secretary's Report: Given by Darlene F. and accepted as read.

Sunshine Report: Mabelle L. sent out two greeting cards.

Business: Discussion was on the annual meeting brunch and getting everything in order. Prayers were said for Donna Webb and Wally Johnson.

Joyce Johnson sent a lunch to our meeting.

Kathy Cox will be bringing a lunch to our February meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Darlene Fezler, Secretary

United Church of Mapleton

Council Meeting: January 18, 2017

Attendees: Robert Shubert, Hugo John, Darlene Fezler, Keith McCutchen, Dick Dietz, Chad Kunkel, Pastor Cindy Mueller, Gary Fritz

Devotional & Prayer: Hugo; February Devotional: Pam

Secretary's Report: Read: *Motion to approve, Keith, seconded Chad, Approved.*

Treasurer's Report: Motion to check on updating Pay Pal church donation account, and the Treasurer's Report. *Motion, Chad, seconded, Darlene, Approved.*

“Pay It Forward” feedback/response: No responses have been received.

Parsonage thermostats (3) replaced.

Rejected was a notion to establish a church credit card so as to perhaps glean savings for church expenses.

On a related note, Cindy cellphone isn't functioning properly. Dick will investigate and remedy.

The start time for Sunday services is now 9:30am, which will begin in February.

Job descriptions for church employees, and others, will be reviewed.

The Church Constitution, with approval, will be rewritten so as to rename the Deacon's Fund to the “Assistance Fund”. Along with renaming the fund, it will also be stated that the church pastor can distribute said funds on their own discretion (and then inform the council) so that disbursement can be facilitated in a timely manner to those in need.

Pastoral Search Committee: Tangibly the committee will be formed in one month. The Council is to start the process of Search Committee selections.

February Council meeting will be on the 8th.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Darlene

Respectfully Submitted,
Clerk, Gary Fritz