Local Missions

Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf is open Tuesdays from 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Volunteers are always welcome! Please bring donations to church on the first Sunday of each month.

The Well Youth Center hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The mission jar will be in the back of the Sanctuary on the third Sunday of each month.

The United Church of Mapleton

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

Order of Worship

Sunday, February 15th, 2015
Transfiguration Sunday

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
***Call to Worship**
Based on Psalm 50
One: The Mighty One speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Many: Keep not your silence before us, O God, but let the heavens declare your righteousness.
One: "Gather to me my faithful ones, all who have made a covenant with me."
Many: We offer you our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving as we call on your name.
One: Praise God's name!
All: Let us worship God!

***Opening Hymn**

"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding" #245

***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!

***Moment of Fellowship**

Message for God's Children

Children are invited to attend Sunday School after the Message for God's Children or return to their pews. Children's Worship Bags are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

Mission Moment Karen Stanton

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Adult Choir

****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 by the ushers in a moment and shared with the congregation anonymously before our Preparation for Prayer.

Preparation for Prayer (*Moment of Silence*)

Pastoral Prayer

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**

"Be Thou My Vision" #502

Scripture Mark 9:2-9 (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 "Something Is Coming"

***Closing Hymn**

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #248

***Benediction**

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

Postlude

****Please rise in body or spirit.****

Serving Us Today: Sunday, February 15th, 2015

Pastor—Ava Adams-Morris
Lay Leader—Jeff Gerdts
Organist—Jola Walker
Greeters—Mabelle Larson
Head Usher—Wally Johnson
Coffee Hour Host—The Well Youth Center

Today's Worship & Fellowship

9:00 a.m. Morning Worship with The Well Youth Center
Collections (*Sanctuary)*
9:00-10:40 a.m. Nursery Childcare *(Babies-Toddlers),*
Crib/Toddler Room, upstairs
10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship *(Fellowship Hall)*
10:00 a.m. Choir Practice
9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School *(PreK-5th Grade)*
Classroom A, upstairs
10:10-10:40 a.m. Youth Sunday School *(6th-12th Grade)*
Youth Lounge, upstairs

The **Call to Worship** is from *When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship* by James G. Kirk

The **paraments** are green following Epiphany to signify the theme established on Epiphany Sunday: the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ to all nations on earth. The theme of this season continues in the season after Pentecost, so both seasons together can be called the "Ordinary Time of the Church." The traditional liturgical color for this season, green, is the color of growth. *Information from ucc.org.*

Worship & Care Connections

Children's Worship Bags with creative supplies are available at the back of the Sanctuary for children during worship.

The **Nursery/Toddler Room** for infants and toddlers is available throughout the morning worship service and is located at the north end of the hallway opposite the Sanctuary.

The **Family Space**, located in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, is for our families with infants and small children. This space is available for families in addition to the nursery so that families can both see and hear what's going on in worship.

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.

If you or a family member would like a **pastoral care visit** for any reason, or would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please let the church know! **Feel free to contact Ava Adams-Morris, a Deacon, or the church office so that we may serve you. The church phone number is (507) 524-3141. Ava's phone numbers are (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233 and her email is kreolelady@aol.com.**

If you have a prayer request for the **Prayer Chain**, please call **Karen Stanton at 327-8168 or Joyce Johnson at 524-3727**. Please let them know your prayer request, including the name of the person to pray for, and whether 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. There is also a prayer request submission form available on the United Church website under the "Ministries" tab.

In Our Prayers

- The ministries of The United Church, including our local missions: The Well Youth Center, Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf
- 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

Our church prayer list includes:

- Those with ongoing health concerns: Norma Baack, Shirley Bowen, Benjamin Brockmann, Hutch Cramer, Kathy Cox, Dawn Dietz, David Keller, Stan Solie, Alberta Samuelson, Marge Walters, Jonathan Ziert,
- Family members and loved ones who are ill
- Traveling mercies for our members, family, and friends
- All who are grieving and mourning
- The 2015 American Baptist Churches, USA Biennial Mission Summit, to be held June 26-28 in Overland Park, KS
- The 2015 United Church of Christ General Synod 30, to be held June 26-30 in Cleveland, OH
- Hutch Cramer, who is at the Mapleton Community Home
- Dawn Dietz, who continues in chemotherapy treatments.

The prayer requests and praises shared during last week's worship service include:

Prayers:

- For our friends and their unborn baby who has many deformities and challenges. We pray for God's healing touch for this family and for the doctors who will serve this child.
- For victims of human trafficking, may they be treated as slaves no more, but like brothers and sisters with dignity, respect and love through Christ Jesus.
- For a cousin who is suffering from an infection following surgery last week. May he wake up soon!
- For all drivers and a teenager from our congregation who takes his drivers test on his 16th birthday!
- For Dan Prenzlow who had hip surgery on February 11th

Thanksgiving:

- Joy and thanksgiving for my father's cancer-free diagnosis. God is great! Prayers are amazing!

Welcome to The United Church of Mapleton!

This announcement insert includes information about upcoming church, community, and area events. Please also take advantage of the many opportunities listed here to serve our community!

This Week at The United Church of Mapleton

Sunday, February 15th, 2015

Tuesday, February 17th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, February 17th, 5:30 p.m. Ambience-Lent decor work day
Wednesday, February 18th, 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m. Trustees

Planning Ahead

Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Tuesday, February 24th, newsletter articles due into the office
Wednesday, February 25th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
Tuesday, March 3rd, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Wednesday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
Monday, March 9th, 7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
Tuesday, March 10th, 6:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast in GT
Wednesday, March 11th, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m. Deacons

Contact Information

While Pastor Ashley Whitaker is on Family Leave and you are in need of or would like pastoral care, please contact **Ava Adams-Morris at (507) 243-3891 or (507) 380-7233; email: kreolelady@aol.com.**

You may reach the Secretary/Administrative Assistant at the church office by calling (507) 524-3141 or email secretary@unitedchurchmapleton.org.

The best time to visit the church office is Tuesdays through Thursdays 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Reminder: Bulletin items are due to the church office **by 8:00 a.m., Thursday mornings**. Thank you!

The United Church News and Announcements
Sunday, February 15th, 2015

The Well Youth Center

Today, Sunday, February 15th, our Mission Jar and Coffee Hour collections will go to support The Well Youth Center.

The United Church supports this mission in this way each month.

Newsletter Articles

Please submit your newsletter articles and reports into the church office by Tuesday, February 24th. Thank you!

Heifer International

Posted on the bulletin board is a certificate of recognition of the contribution the United Church sent to Heifer International.

Adult Bible Study

An Adult Bible Study will be held on Sunday mornings through this Lenten season from **February 22nd - March 29th**. More details to follow.

2015 Mission Summit

Volunteers are needed for the 2015 Mission Summit being held June 26-28, 2015 in Overland Park/Kansas City. Areas of need are: Childcare, Youth Program, Ushers, Communion Servers, Registration and at the Prayer Wall. Some volunteer areas need an early registration! Please refer to the February newsletter (page 10) and flyer posted on the bulletin board which includes more information.

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Maple River Coaches Pancake Breakfast

Maple River Coaches Association will be hosting a Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 1st, 2015 from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

The cost will be: age 6—adult $6.00 and under age 6 eat for free. Take outs will be available. Matching funds from Blue Earth Co. Thrivent.

The money raised will help fund two scholarships that are offered to Maple River students and to facility upgrades in places used by the students such as the weight room.

Service to Mankind

You have the opportunity and are invited to send a letter of nomination to Sertoma for the "Service to Mankind Award".

Please send your letter, which gives information about the person you are nominating to receive this award to: Louise Webb, PO Box 93 **by Sunday, March 15th**.

Minnesota Lake Ambulance Service

The Minnesota Lake Ambulance Soup and Pie Supper will be held **Sunday, February 15 from 4:00—7:00 p.m.** at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Minnesota Lake.

This fundraiser helps to defray some of the expenses that the ambulance has in getting new and better equipment and training to make our service better for the patient.

Kindness is more than deeds. It is an attitude, an expression, a look, a touch. It is anything that lifts another person. ~ C. Neil Strait

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Scripture for the Week: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. Psalm 111:10

Sunday:

Daniel went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God. Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of prayer. You have all the answers! Let us always remember to give you the praise you deserve even in our times of pain. We can get through all things with you by our side. Amen.

Monday:

If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. 2 Timothy 2:13

Faithful Lord, let us never forget all you have done for us! Continue to be our Guide and Sustainer. Throughout the rest of this year may we strive to be as faithful as you are! Amen.

Tuesday:

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you. Revelation 15:4 (NIV)

Heavenly Father, you are our strength. Without you we are helpless. You negotiate for us in our trials, showing us the way and giving us peace. We praise you with great thanks, God, for your mercy and grace. Amen.

Wednesday:

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

Great Pioneer and Perfecter, help us to keep our eyes on the prize of your love and grace. You make this race worth running; guide us as we reach for you. Amen.

Continue

Weekly Scriptures for Prayer and Devotion

Thursday:

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 11:2

You are the one true God. Take away all of our doubts and shower us with the knowledge of your presence. Lord, overwhelm us with your awesomeness and keep us close all of our days. May we never cease to revel in your glory. Amen.

Friday:

I will set my eyes upon them for good. I will build them up, and not tear them down; I will plant them, and not pluck them up. Jeremiah 24:6

Heavenly Builder, you have created a foundation of love and a garden of life. You give us the strength to grow and thrive, to do your will and seek your kingdom. May we never stop reaching. Amen.

Saturday:

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge. Psalm 57:1

Great Creator, we are your chosen. How did this come to be? Your blessings are immeasurable; let us build your kingdom here to bring you the glory that is rightfully yours. Remind us that we are not our own, but yours. Amen.

Source: Moravian Daily Texts