



**covenant with you. How can we ask for a word of forgiveness or seek your gracious healing? Yet we must, for we cannot continue the way we are. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response** "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: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another in fellowship.

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*All adults are invited to share any spare change with the children so they may participate through the offering. Children are invited to place their offering in the offering basket or the jar. For the month of February, the Mission Jar offerings (for both front and back jars) will go to Loaves & Fishes Food Shelf.*

**\*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.*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Generous and Patient God, we bring our offerings with thanksgiving and our sacrifices with joy. We dedicate these offerings to your glory and ourselves to your service. Amen.**

**Message for All of God's Children**

*The Children are now free to attend Sunday School.  
For children PreK through K please go to Classroom A.  
For those in 1st – 5th grades please head to the Youth Room.  
Both classrooms are found down the hall upstairs.  
Children of any age are invited to remain in worship with their parents in their pews, in the Family Space in the Overflow Room in the back of the Sanctuary, or in the Nursery (if they are younger than Pre-Kindergarten age).  
Worship Bags, "The Sunday Paper" coloring pages, and Ministry Card*

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*making kits are available in the back of the Sanctuary.  
The Service is piped into the Overflow Room and the Nursery.*

**Scripture** *Isaiah 43:18-21, 2 Corinthians 1;18-22  
& Matthew 9:1-8*

**Song** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" #405

**Message**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

*You are invited to take a "Prayer Requests and Praises" card 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.*

**Prayers of the People**

**The 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.***

**\*Song to Send Us Forth** "How Firm a Foundation" #411  
(verse 1—4 only)

**\*Blessing**

One: Rise up from all that weighs you down.

Walk confidently into God's future.

**All: God is doing new things among us.**

**We seek to live as God's chosen people.**

One: Trust in God and in one another

Know that God is ever with you to sustain and heal.

**All: We feel God's welcome and hear God's call.**

**All around, we see evidence of God's activity.**

One: Receive the Spirit in your hearts.

Say "Amen" to the glory of God through Christ.

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, to enliven us.**

**Go with us, O Christ, to make us whole.**

**\*Postlude**

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

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**The United Church News and Announcements**  
**Sunday, February 19th, 2016**

**Odd Fellows Pancake Brunch**

“Pancakes with a Purpose” will be held on **Sunday, March 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of The United Church of Mapleton. You can enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes and more from our Mapleton Odd Fellows! All proceeds will go to help sponsor our local youth’s attendance at Camp FaHoCha, (Faith, Hope, and Charity) located at German Lake, southeast of Cleveland MN. What a wonderful and delicious way to help out some of our local youth!

**Maple River Loaves & Fishes**

It’s time to gear up for the largest statewide food and fund drive to help restock MN food shelves. The MN FoodShare March Campaign is the annual food and fund drive involving the 300 food shelves around the state.

The March Campaign is the only statewide food and fund drive that raises more than half the food distributed by the 300 food shelves. The “**Pack the Pews**” event will be the weekend of **March 24-26**. You are encouraged to bring a grocery bag of non-perishables to your worship service to be donated to Loaves and Fishes. The March campaign also matches the dollar amount donated throughout the month of March. **Remember, for every dollar you donate, we can buy \$10 worth of food** using our network which includes Second Harvest, Dietz Foods and other organizations.

**What to collect:**

***Food Donations*** – Food shelves need all types of food, personal hygiene and cleaning products.

***Cash Donations*** – Easier to collect and deliver.

Cash also gives us more flexibility to acquire perishable items like fresh produce, meat and dairy products.

Thank you! Maple River Loaves and Fishes

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**Maple River Dollars for Scholars**  
**February 27th 4:30-7:30 pm**

A fundraiser for the Maple River Dollars for Scholars with proceeds going to the class of 2017

Location: Maggie J’s

Cost: \$9.95 (age 13+) and \$6.95 (12 & under).

Menu: Burger with fixings and French fries.

Come have a burger before the basketball game or watch the BBB game against USC streamed live at Maggie J’s.

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***In Our Prayers This Week***

***Members living in Care Facilities:***

- *Norma B., Kathy C., and Alberta S.*

***Others to hold in our prayers:***

- *Happy Birthday Hugo as he turns 88 this week.*

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***If You have a Pastoral Emergency or Need***  
***You can contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at***  
***pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org***  
***Please check your weekly bulletin***  
***for Pastor Cindy’s office hours.***

***This week Pastor Cindy will be in the office from***  
***10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Friday.***

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